



Invitation

**Inauguration
of Jeroen Rijke,
Professor in
Sustainable River
Management**

14 June 2017

Prior to the inauguration the
Science-Policy Debate 'Flood Protection
Asset Management' will be held.

Sustainable River Management

The Netherlands is a world leader in the development of integrated approaches in which flood protection and spatial quality are inextricably linked. These approaches often rely on smart combinations of 'grey' and 'green' infrastructure. The projects recently completed as part of the 'Room for the River' programme (Ruimte voor de Rivier) are a perfect example of this.

However, the Netherlands is facing an enormous challenge in the years ahead. As part of the National Flood Protection Programme (HWBP), billions have been invested in reinforcing our flood defences. Through the Delta Programme, long-term strategies are being developed and the projects are monitored in order to better anticipate changing circumstances and as part of various regional initiatives, work is taking place to capitalise on the untapped potential of the river landscape for environmental development.

The HAN University of Applied Sciences and Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences have taken the initiative to form a collaborative professorship in Sustainable River Management (SRM), in respect of which they combine their knowledge about civil engineering, land and water management, (aquatic) ecology, and development studies.

The SRM professorship focuses on ensuring that sustainable river manage-

ment is practicable and on developing the associated competences for professionals in the professional field. In doing so, this contributes to the development of knowledge and competences of students, tutors and professionals in the professional field. Through practical research, this then helps to educate professionals from different disciplines to work together, so they are better equipped to continue to shape and implement river management appropriately in the future.

The Science-Policy Debate 'Flood Protection Asset Management' will be held prior to the inauguration. The Department of Public Works and Waterways (Rijkswaterstaat - RWS) is organising this symposium in conjunction with the professorship as part of the Interreg North Sea Region project FAIR.

We look forward to welcoming you to the symposium and/or to the inauguration of Dr. ir. Jeroen Rijke on the 14th of June 2017.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. ing. Diana de Jong
Executive Board, HAN University of Applied Sciences

Drs. Peter van Dongen
Executive Board, Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences

Programme

Van Hall Larenstein, Larensteinselaan 26a in Velp
Wednesday 14 June

Science Policy Debate on Flood Protection Asset Management

10.00 h Welcome

10:05 h About the FAIR Project

Remco Schrijvers, Project Leader FAIR, RWS

10:20 h A need for asset management

Jenne van der Velde, Top Advisor Asset Management, RWS

10:50 h International perspectives

Paul Sayers (UK), Prof. Chris Zevenbergen (Asia) and Kristin Gilroy (US - to be confirmed)

12:00 h Lunch

13:00 h Interactive discussion I: Saving Cost

Hosted by Frank den Heijer, Deltares

13:30 h Interactive discussion II: Adding value (multiple functions)

Hosted by Prof. Peter Fröhle, TU Hamburg-Harburg

14:00 h Coffee Break

14:15 h Interactive discussion III: Optimising lifespans

Hosted by Wouter Jan Klerk, Deltares

14:45 h Reflection

Erik Kraaij, Director of National Flood Protection Programme (HWBP)

15:00 h End of Debate

Inauguration of Jeroen Rijke as a Professor in Sustainable River Management

15:30 h Welcome

Peter van Dongen, Chairman of the Executive Board, Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences

15:35 h Introduction

Henk Nieboer, Director of Ecoshape

15:50 h Formal inauguration

Diana de Jong, Member of the Executive Board, HAN University of Applied Sciences

16:00 h Inaugural address

Jeroen Rijke, Professor in Sustainable River Management

16:30 h Formal close

Peter van Dongen

16:35 h Reception

18:00 h End



Dr. ir. Jeroen Rijke

Dr. ir. Jeroen Rijke is a Professor in Sustainable River Management at HAN University of Applied Sciences and Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences. He is also a visiting researcher at IHE Delft Institute for Water Education and a Board Member of the Royal Netherlands Society of Engineers (KIVI), section Land Use and Water Management.

Signing up

Please let us know if you can attend the inauguration. You can register via www.hvhl.nl/inauguration. If you have any questions, please contact us by e-mail: inauguraties@hvhl.nl.



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