



## Invitation to IFHOHYP Conference & AGM in Groningen, the Netherlands

SH-Jong, the Dutch organization of hard of hearing young people welcomes the current and future member organisations of IFHOHYP to participate in the Conference & **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** in the beautiful town of the Netherlands, Groningen!

The Conference & AGM will be held from **1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2010** during the Easter holidays. SH-Jong provides the accommodation and meals in Groningen. The participants have to pay for their own trips to/from Groningen, the Netherlands.

### Participants of the AGM

Each member organization is allowed to send only **1 delegate and 1-2 observers**. Any youth, youth hard of hearing organization or other organization, which is not a member of IFHOHYP, can send its representatives as **observers** to the Conference & AGM. Since places are limited, the amount of observers can be discussed directly with the organisers. We will reply as soon as possible if you can participate in IFHOHYP Conference & AGM.

Please note that only those delegates from member organisation have a right to vote who paid their membership fees before or at the AGM. You will be notified on this soon by IFHOHYP Board. For membership in IFHOHYP and membership fees, please see [www.ifhohyp.org/php/page.php?page=members](http://www.ifhohyp.org/php/page.php?page=members). You can also contact the IFHOHYP Board if you have questions regarding membership.

Unfortunately we are obliged to ask a small fee of **30 euro** per person for the whole participation at the Conference & AGM.

### Preliminary Programme & Arrival / departure

Thursday is the arrival day and with no other activities than dinner and icebreakers. On Friday and Saturday we will have several presentations, workshops about 'Communication & Empowerment' and/or group works on specific topic related to IFHOHYP matters. Saturday afternoon is reserved for sightseeing and having some time to yourself to discover Groningen. The AGM itself is planned for Sunday, the whole day. Departure is on Monday after breakfast.

### The Location

Groningen is the capital city of the province of Groningen in the Netherlands. With a population of 185,000, it is by far the largest city in the north of the Netherlands. Groningen is a university city, inhabited on average by about 50,000 students.

The Martini Tower is the highest church tower in the city of Groningen. The tower is located at the Main Square, is part of the Martini Church. The carillon within the tower contains 62 bells. The citizens of Groningen call their tower *d'Olle Grieze*, meaning



*the old grey one* in the local dialect. It is considered one of the main tourist attractions of Groningen and offers a great view over the city and surrounding area.

Also Groningen has been awarded the title Best city centre in the Netherlands. A good reason to find out whether this title is merited!

So Groningen is more than worth a visit!

### **Accommodation**

Bud Gett Hostels is founded in 1924 by Bud Gett, world traveller and forefather of a legendary family – [www.budgetthostels.nl](http://www.budgetthostels.nl)

The hostel is situated in the centre of the city. With the Main Square around the corner!

From the railway station it is 10 minutes walking to the Bud Gett Hostels.



### **Airports and trains**

Groningen can be reached by train from different airports. The International Airport Schiphol (AMS) is about 2½ hour away by train. The Groningen Airport (GRQ) and the Bremen Airport (BRE) in Germany are also the possibilities. So please check by yourself the suitable time and the way to Groningen and back. For train connections in the Netherlands please have a look at [www.ns.nl](http://www.ns.nl) (in English available!) or [www.dbahn.de](http://www.dbahn.de) if you have a flight to/from the German airport. **Note: At night there are no trains!**

### **Application**

Deadline for the applications is **January the 25<sup>th</sup> 2010** and send it to:

Christi Oost-Menheere [christi-ifhohyp@home.nl](mailto:christi-ifhohyp@home.nl)

But if you need visa, please give us the possibility to help you. That means we must have your application as soon as possible.

More information about the hostel, how to get there, what to bring, detailed program and IFHOHY documents will be sent to you before the AGM in March. Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

### **WELCOME!**

The AGM team and the members of SH-Jong

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