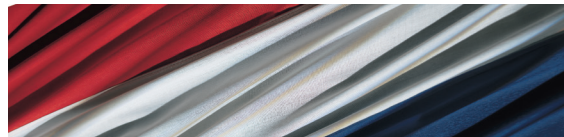


# Local Report

## Vereniging Smeerolieondernemingen Nederland, the Dutch Lubricants Association



The Vereniging Smeerolieondernemingen Nederland (VSN), the Dutch Lubricants Association, represents the oil industry in the Netherlands. The members are multi-national oil companies (majors), public and privately owned national oil companies (foreign and local), refiners, blenders, traders and associated industries.

Like all national lubricants associations the VSN advises, stimulates and defends the interests and issues of its members in the oil industry to create added value for their businesses. Not only in the Netherlands but also in Europe (Brussels) and worldwide. Main issues are legislations, (fair) competition, environment and taxes.

The VSN was founded in 1952 and celebrated its 60th birthday last year on the annual general meeting. The office is very conveniently based in the Malie Tower in the heart of The Hague (Den Haag) with the Dutch Government and Ministry buildings all around.

### UEIL

Although the Netherlands is a small country, the VSN has just over 60 members, the Dutch oil industry plays an important role in the world of crude, refineries as well as the import and export of lubricants. The UEIL membership guarantees that VSN direct lines to the European Commission in Brussels only one hour away from The Hague and access to the European network of the oil industry.

### VSN People

Jos Jong, since 1991 chairman of the VSN became president of the UEIL in 2008 and is honorary president since 2012. Today many members of the VSN fulfil functions in the UEIL Competition, Technical and HSE (Health, Safety and Environmental) Committees and also in other 'lubricants' organisations such as ATIEL and CEC (Coordinating European Council).

Cynthia Lock, secretary of the VSN, plays an important role in the organisation of the VSN. She informs the members about the endless flow of information from the VSN legal department, the government, the EU and so on and offers a helping hand with the organisation of the annual general meeting, the Benelux Lubricants Seminar and the technical training courses. And she is a member of the editorial committee of the Smeeroliekronek, the magazine of the VSN.

### VSN training courses

The VSN has two training courses, Tribology for the lubricant engineers and chemists and a Basic Lubricants Course for office people (reception, sales and marketing assistants ) and for workers at refineries as well as truck drivers. Both courses have separate training days with hands-on support from experienced lubricants specialists.

### VSN magazine

De Smeeroliekronek, the VSN magazine is published eight times a year. The editorial committee consist of four lubricants

specialists with a long and wide experience in various disciplines and Cynthia Lock, the VSN secretary. They meet monthly and make a selection of editorial articles, in Dutch translated and edited articles (from international lubricants magazines and additive companies publications), articles about technical developments, general news , press bulletins and interviews with companies and/ or people in the oil industry.



### VSN and LAB, the Benelux Lubricants Seminar

The VSN has worked for many decades together with the LAB, the Belgian Lubricants Association organising the yearly Benelux Lubricants Seminar alternately in the Netherlands and in Belgium.

### VSN and the future

The VSN is continuously looking for (close) cooperation with UEIL and other European Lubricants Associations to tackle the complicated dossiers, such as BER (Block Exemption Regulation), REACH, the Eco label and all kind of Tax regulations.

Jos Jong, chairman: The VSN is aware of the growing influence of Brussels (EC) and the UEIL, but is also convinced that there will always be a need and place for the VSN.

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