

Dear AESIS Members,

Welcome

It is a privilege and honour to welcome you on May 11 – May 12, 2023, in Amsterdam for the Annual Meeting of AESIS Network on behalf of AESIS in close cooperation with Raetsheren. Or as we say: We Love to Welcome You.

We found a great hotel in the city centre of Amsterdam, in the close proximity of the Beurs van Berlage. For almost 100 years, from 1884 till 1982 the building was a place that was used to meet, greet, network and underwrite insurance on the co-insurance market.

Insurance exchanges initially originated in central places where trade was conducted. Buyers and sellers who invested a lot of money in goods became in need of insurance because of the high risks involved in transporting those goods. Hence, it was the brokers and wholesalers who were the first to take goods and stock under cover under a company's power of attorney. The first insurance emerged in the 16th century in Italy, then the cradle of European trade. As Italy's economic importance declined, the centre of trade moved north. In the Golden Age, trade began to develop in both Amsterdam and Rotterdam. At the same time, the need for trade and transport-related insurance increased. Initially, ships and their cargoes were insured. Only in the second half of the 19th century did property insurance make its appearance on the co-insurance market. Still later, various forms of insurances emerged and accepted and underwritten in the Beurs van Berlage. Nowadays it is a location for events, museum, restaurant and many other interesting things.

The City

Amsterdam has a rich architectural history that is dominated by water. Amsterdam was founded at the mouth of the Amstel River that was dammed to control flooding. The city's name derives from the Amstel dam. Amsterdam's main attractions include its historic canals and buildings, museums like the Rijksmuseum and Van Gogh Museum, the Dam Square (where the Royal Palace of Amsterdam and former city hall are located) and Anne Frank's House. The canals of Amsterdam are on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

If you would like to go to one of these places during the weekend, feel free to contact us so that we can assist you with any queries.

Program

The program on Thursday the 11th and Friday morning the 12th of May will be held in the Victoria Hotel Amsterdam:

Thursday May 11, 2023

- 09.00 > 16.30 – Meeting in Hotel Victoria
- 16.30 > 19.00 – Network opportunities
- 19.30 > 22.30 – Dinner

Friday May 12, 2023

- 09.00 > 13.00 – Meeting in Hotel Victoria
- 13.00 – Network opportunities

During the meeting we will have many interesting topics to discuss and to address, like Cyber, Flood, Sustainability & insurance, but feel free to inspire us with other important topics as well so that we can create together a fantastic meeting.

Victoria Hotel

This hotel is one of the oldest modern hotels in the Netherlands and was opened in 1890. It's located across the central station that was built around the same time. The hotel, created by architect J.F. Henkenhaf, is revered as an architectural masterpiece thanks to its palatial facade and stone reliefs glorifying Amsterdam's industrial and commercial prowess.

For this intensive construction project, the architect and his team had to buy and tear down all the surrounding properties on the Damrak and Prins Hendrikkade. Two house owners didn't want to sell and until today it is unclear why. As the architect ran out of time for the project, they decided to build around the two houses. As can be seen clearly in the hotel's facade, they are still standing proud. Make sure you take a good look outside.

Nothing really changed! Victoria is still an elegant 4-star hotel on a superb location in the heart of Amsterdam. The central station is even now across the street, and it is easy to reach by public transport from Schiphol airport. For your relaxation it has a gym and swimming pool. For AESIS we arranged a special price including breakfast. There are possibilities to extend your stay to further explore our beautiful city. For general hotel information: <https://www.parkplazavictoriaamsterdam.com/>



Travel

Victoria Hotel (Damrak 1-5, Amsterdam 1012 LG, Netherlands) is easily accessible, especially by public transport:



By train from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport: walk to the train station, which is located in the hall of the airport. You can buy a ticket at one of the machines or desk. Take the escalator down to the train platforms. Get onto a regional train heading to Amsterdam Central Station. Travel time is approximately 15 minutes and the price of a one-way ticket is approximately €5,-. The hotel is right in front of the station and a five-minute walk. For travel directions from other locations, please visit www.9292.nl



By taxi: The hotel can arrange a 'meet and greet', pickup at the airport by taxi. Ask the hotel concierge for arrangements. Or you can take a taxi directly at the airport. Always follow the signs for taxis so you know you are getting into an approved taxi. The price will be approximately €60,-. For more information: <https://www.schiphol.nl/en/page/by-taxi-to-and-from-schiphol/>



By car: The Q-Park Amsterdam Central is the closest to the hotel. Costs are €55,- per 24 hours. If you book in advance online, you will get a discount. Alternatively, you can pre-book at Q-Park Nieuwendijk. This parking is only 400 metres from Q-Park Amsterdam Central. Hereby the link to the website: https://www.q-park.nl/en-gb/parking/amsterdam/2020-ams-park-plaza-victoria-amsterdam/?utm_source=hotel&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=hotelpass

Additional colleagues and guests

We encourage you to bring additional colleagues and guests, understanding that your firm will pay an additional 400 Euros for each additional colleague attending the conference and 150 Euros for each guest that you bring to the dinner, this will cover the dinner and beverages.

AESIS will invoice you each additional colleague and or guest, before the meeting. The cost will be fully earned and not refundable after the 26th of April 2023.

Raetsheren Group

AESIS and Raetsheren partnered up for this edition of the AESIS Global Meeting. Raetsheren Group is an insurance broker with 250 people divided over 5 entities and 7 offices from north to south in the Netherlands. Raetsheren is an independent and autonomous, internationally operating, insurance broker. We are specialised in insurance solutions. Employee benefits and risk management for both companies and organisations in the (semi)public sector: municipalities, housing associations, healthcare, and educational institutions. We also focus on advice and procurement of insurance for the food, packaging, and plastic processing industries.

This will be a fantastic conference and we strongly encourage you to book your registration and hotel room by the 28th of March 2023, while after this date the rooms are no longer guaranteed.



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