

SCTE Benelux Gala Dinner

Thursday 2nd February 2017



Kasteel Montfoort
The Netherlands

The 2016 Benelux Gala Dinner



The SCTE's Benelux Group, having celebrated the Society's 70th anniversary at the Tower of London in 2015, decided to select an extra special venue for its fourth Annual Dinner in February of this year. This was held aboard the ssRotterdam - a beautifully preserved 1959 ship owned by the "Holland America Line - HAL". It initially brought many passengers and immigrants from Europe to New York and served later as a cruise ship, but now permanently moored in Rotterdam, it serves as a venue for exclusive dinners and parties, including hotel accommodation. The Dinner was another great success, attracting over 80 SCTE members and guests, invited VIPs plus the sponsors, Alcadis, Divitel and Technetix who generously supported the event once again. The packed schedule included a fascinating tour of the ship during the afternoon, a drinks reception prior to the black tie dinner, the intermezzo with a "spoom" during the courses accompanied by an informative talk on the ssRotterdam and, to end the evening, drinks in the various bars of the first class lounge. A wonderful evening was concluded by over 40 of the guests staying on board the ship overnight.

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Announcing the fifth annual social event for the SCTE Benelux Group



Located in the South Western part of the province of Utrecht and surrounded by the rural Lopikerwaard lies, on the Hollandse IJssel, the town of Montfoort. Mont Fortis, translated as "strong mountain", was re-named Montfoort in 1163. This name given to the Castle, which Bishop Godfried van Rheenen built here, the bishopric – as bishopric of Utrecht was called – intended it to protect against attacks and looting by the counts of Holland. A market grew up around the Castle, where merchants established themselves under the protection of the Viscount, thus the name of "Castrum Muntford" (Mundevoorde = lock to Ford) was born and which received city rights in 1329.

During the French attack on the Dutch Republic in 1672, the Sun King Louis XIV's troops occupied Montfoort. This was only for a short duration because "Stadhouder" William III managed to liberate them. Before the French left, however, they blew up the medieval Castle Montfoort, and just the old gatehouse and an octagonal tower remained standing. The 'Castle' still exists and is called the Kasteel Montfoort. In 1837, the municipality sold the complex to the Government and in 1859, it was used as a local prison. Up to 1968, the Castle served as a reformatory for girls. Finally in 1974, the City of Montfoort purchased the entire complex and, after 2 years of restoration, the castle was reopened in late 1985.

Location

Kasteel Montfoort
Kasteelplein 1
3417 JG Montfoort
The Netherlands

Timings

Drinks Reception	17.30
Dinner	19.00
Close of Evening	22.30

Format of the Evening

To start the evening off with a swing, join us for a Drinks Reception in the “Schepenzaal”. This will be followed by a 4-course banquet served in the “Orangerie” including wine and water, followed by coffee and after-dinner drinks. Entertainment during the reception and dinner will be live music by “duo Prettig Geregeld”.

The evening will include a speaker during a break for a “spoom”, who will enthral you with details of the fascinating history of the Kasteel Montfoort.

Dress Code is Black Tie

A typically good excuse for everyone to dress up!

Overnight Accommodation

Our recommended hotel for overnight accommodation is the Stadshotel Woerden, Meulmansweg 33, Woerden, Nederland, https://www.hotelscombined.nl/Hotel/Stadshotel_Woerden.htm Please contact the Stadshotel Woerden direct to make your booking.

Parking

Parking is in front of Kasteel Montfoort; parking assistance will be available when you arrive.

Sponsorship Packages

Sponsorship opportunities are available in conjunction with the SCTE Benelux Gala Dinner. Please contact the Benelux Secretary, Rien Baan, for details.

Dinner Ticket Prices

Tickets are now available at the following prices:-

SCTE Members	€70.00
Partners/guests of SCTE Members	€30.00
Non-SCTE Members	€95.00
Partners/guests of non-SCTE Members	€30.00

As attendance at the Dinner is regarded as a benefit of SCTE membership due to the subsidies offered, we will be charging places to non-members at the slightly increased rate of €95.00. (NOTE: Non-members are, however, permitted to apply for membership where this is appropriate and, if successful, they will then be charged at the SCTE member rate for tickets booked).

Bookings & Payment

To make your booking, please complete the form below and return this to the SCTE Benelux Secretary, Rien Baan (see details below). All bookings will be confirmed on receipt. Payments for tickets are to be made to the following account of the SCTE Benelux Treasurer:-

Account Name	SCTE - H Grooten
IBAN	NL25 RABO 0121 4883 22
BIC Code	RABONL2U
Reference to be added to payment	SCTE Benelux Galadiner 2 February 2017

Please note

This Gala Dinner at the beautiful Kasteel Montfoort will be an excellent opportunity (or excuse if you need one) for the ladies to dress up and wear something sparkly! Members are encouraged to bring their partners to this very special event in the SCTE's calendar.

Please return this form by email to the SCTE Benelux Secretary:-

Rien Baan, SCTE Benelux Secretary

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Member Name

Daytime Tel No

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No of dinner tickets required

Names of guests

Dietary requirements (please specify)

Signed

Date