

## SACEUR recognizes Component members' hard-work



By Staff Sgt. R. Michael Longoria

The Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, presented the SACEUR Recognition Award to 12 NATO members during a brief ceremony Feb. 9, 2015, at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Casteau, near Mons, Belgium.

Family members, co-workers and supervisors of those being recognized crowded around the conference room as the SACEUR talked about their "excellent performance and contributions" to NATO.

"You've earned this special recognition," the SACEUR explained. "NATO is busy operating around the

world and that work is falling on your backs. I really appreciate the things you do. Your efforts reflect great credit upon yourself, your nation and the Allied Command Operations."

With five personnel from the E-3A Component and a few more from Force Command, the majority of the individuals honored were

from the NATO AWACS community.

"I've never seen a more motivated and spirited unit during my career," said Maj. Gen. Jochen Both, the NAEW&CF commander. "As the spearhead for many operations, you deserve this credit. This acknowledgement is proof of just how important AWACS is to NATO."

The E-3A Component recently participated in an exercise in Gran Canaria. For more information and pictures see page 7.

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One year ago the E-3A Component increased our operations tempo to provide Airborne Early Warning and Control Capability along the eastern border of the Alliance. At the time, I was extremely impressed with the speed and flexibility every member of the Component demonstrated in taking on this additional mission, while sustaining operations in Afghanistan. Now, one year later, these missions, supporting the Assurance Measures of NATO's Readiness Action Plan, are the focus of the E-3A Component effort.

During the NATO Wales Summit in September 2014, the leaders of the NATO Nations approved the Readiness Action Plan to ensure the Alliance is ready to swiftly respond to the new security challenges. In November 2014, Secretary General Jen Stoltenberg stated implementation of this plan in full

and on time is his "top" priority. Be certain, the E-3A Component is a key component to this plan and you have already delivered more than 400 sorties in direct support of this plan. To be clear, in 2014 the E-3A Component flew more hours within the territory of the NATO Alliance than in Afghanistan.

I recognize the increased operations tempo related to these missions has only placed more burdens on the same number of people within the E-3A Component. Overall, Component manning remains just over 80 percent. Nevertheless, meeting the operational tasking of the Assurance Measures is our mission.

Through experience, each of you knows what it takes to sustain an increase in our operational tempo. Make no mistake - each

one of you has a role in our mission success. I need everyone focused on our mission to sustain both our remarkable record of operational success and equally important, our safety conscious culture.

Recently, I had the privilege of recognizing one of our Component members for the work he and his team did in support of these Assurance Measure missions. Senior Master Sergeant Klaus Rudzki was awarded the NATO Meritorious Service Medal for his team's efforts which increased aircraft phase production last March. These efforts increased our aircraft availability enabling the Component to generate the sorties needed to meet SACEUR's taskings. I was proud to recognize Sergeant Rudzki with this outstanding award.

Last March our team was ready to deliver reliable and relevant airborne

command and control capability to support the NATO Alliance. Now, one year later the E-3A Component is an integral part of the NATO Alliance Readiness Action Plan, providing a large contribution to the Assurance Measures and also maintaining a readiness posture to support the Adaptation Measures related to the NATO Response Force. We remain, a ready, reliable and relevant Force for SACEUR. What you are doing each day is important and key to NATO's plan for meeting the new security challenges facing the Alliance.



MAJ GEN ANDREW M. MUELLER

## Component member presented NATO medal

On Feb. 13, 2015, the E-3A Component Commander, Maj. Gen. Andrew M. Mueller, presented Senior Master Sgt. Klaus Josef Rudzki with the NATO Meritorious Service Medal. In recognition of his achievement, the Public Affairs office conducted a short interview with Sergeant Rudzki.

**PAO: When did you start working at the Component?**

SR: I started working here in 1993.

**PAO: Where have you worked within the Component?**

SR: During the years I did have different positions: I started as a Crew Chief, from

*there I went to the phase dock as an aircraft inspector and later I fulfilled the duties as an Dock Chief before I became the Phase Branch Chief under the old structure. Form the Branch Chief position in the Phase Dock I moved to the Flight line on a Flight Chief position. In 2003 I left the component for 5 month to start the training as an air refuelling system operator on the airbus A310 MRTT in the German air force. In 2004, I came back to the component and started working in the Log Wing Training Management Branch. In 2009, I came back to the Phase Inspection Section as a Dock Chief. Now I am the NCOIC in the Aircraft Inspection Section.*



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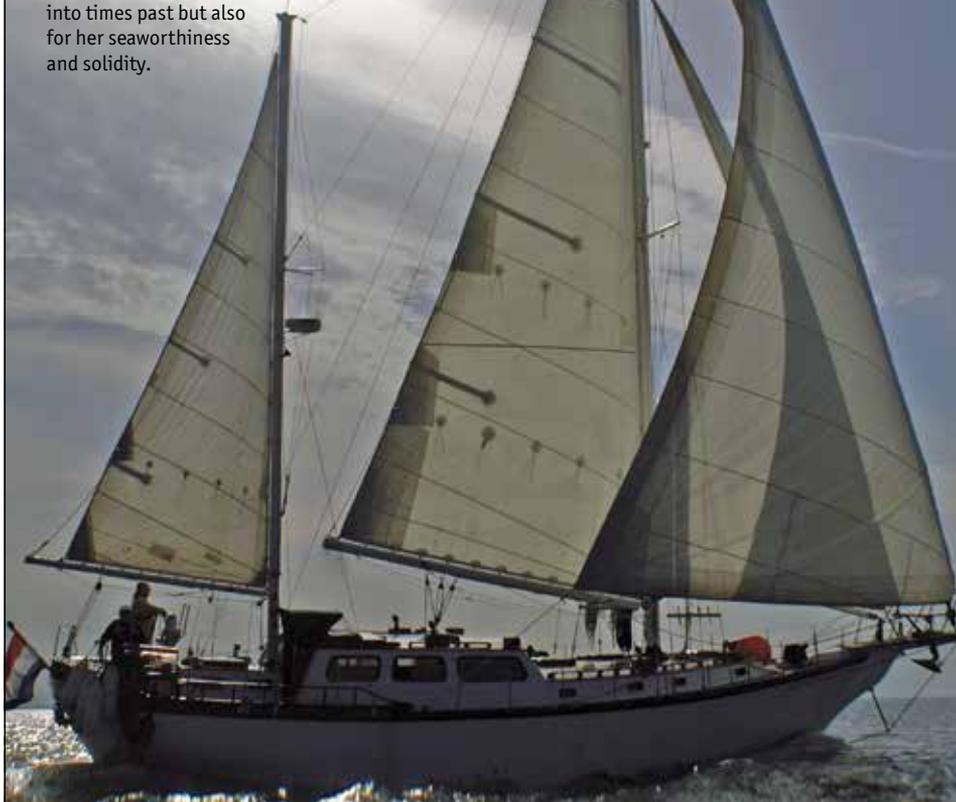
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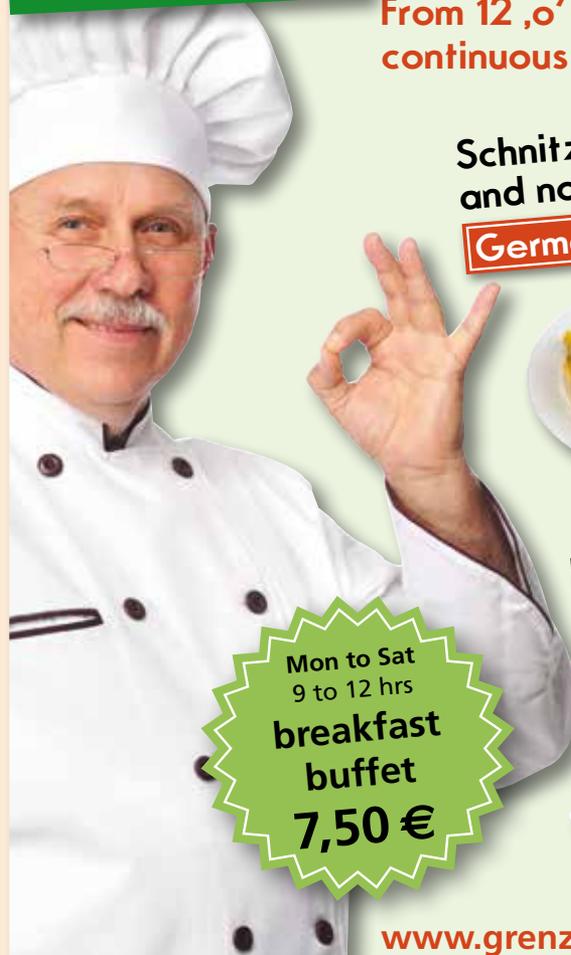
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A group from the **Resource Policy and Planning Board** visited the E-3A Component on Jan. 29, 2015. The 31 visitors received briefings by Maj. Gen. Andrew Mueller, Component Commander, Maj. Gen. Jochen Both, Force Commander, and NAPMA Deputy General Manager Mr. G. Riebling. After lunch the group visited the flight line and was split up afterwards where each group visited the simulators and received a walk-through of an E-3A jet.



**Brig. Gen. Jan K. Toft**, Danish NMR visited Jan. 27.



**Mr. Patrick Auroy**, NATO Assistant Secretary General for Defence Investment, and his staff visited Jan. 27.



**Lt. Gen. Manuel Mestre**, Chief of Personnel Management Spanish Air Force, visited Feb. 19.



**Mr. Pierre Moreau-Péron**, Deputy Assistant Secretary General, Human Resources Director, visited Feb. 4.



**Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Roosevelt Allen**, Commander, 79th Medical Wing, Joint Base Andrews, visited Feb. 19.



**Ambassador Marriët Schuurman**, NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security, visited Jan. 28.

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# NATO AWACS conducts air combat training

Story and photos by  
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The NATO E-3A Component deployed one aircraft to take part in the Dissimilar Air Combat Training Campaign (DACT) 2015 held at Gando Air Force Base in Gran Canary, Canary Islands, from Feb. 2 to Feb. 13, 2015.

The DACT (Dissimilar Air Combat Training) Campaign was developed and coordinated by the Spanish Air Force Combat Command. The main goal of this exercise is the advanced training of fighter pilots in air combat tactics by using mock up air combats with dissimilar fighter aircraft.

Aircrafts deployed and involved in the exercise included EF-18 Hornets, Eurofighter Typhoon, C-101 Aviojets, C-130 Tanker and Super Puma. In total more than 35 aircraft were participating.

The aim of the exercise was to prepare units for operations in a deployed location as part of the alliance, in other terms, gain and maintain air superiority.

The role for AWACS was to support command and control for various airframes and roles including fighter-, tanker-, and electronic warfare assets as well as jammer aircrafts and helicopters.

Aircrews took advantage to perform and train under realistic scenarios for air to air missions in

stable weather conditions and a large airspace.

“One of the greatest advantages of being deployed to Gran Canary is the face to face coordination during mission planning and debriefings with all the participants,” the Deployment Commander, Maj. Javier G. Ortiz said. “Overall, an excellent training was provided to all crewmembers during the whole exercise.”

During the exercise, the NATO AWACS conducted nearly all sorties and called always on station, which is credited by the great proficiency of all logistic and maintenance personnel.



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# To Print or Not to Print, that is the Question!

By Theo Collijn

During the last century, the E-3A Component started plans for the paperless office – a digital environment! Despite all efforts, there are still endless hard copies of reports, forms, presentations, etc. Even with all the computer workstations, notebooks and mobile devices, printers will not disappear from the workspace anytime soon.

Nowadays, with many digital features available, staff members have fortunately re-thought their printing process. In fact, in some areas, hard-copy output has already become completely obsolete. Through awareness and more consideration, people are not pushing the print button as often as they used to! Print volumes have therefore steadily declined over the years and this has a rippling effect throughout organizations.

This has not gone unnoticed by Component staff managing print assets, consumables and budgets. The Administration Services Section with subject matter experts from the Information Technology Wing and Logistics Wing, discussed the establishment of a cost-effective printing environment including printer related budgets. These meetings resulted in a process review event conducted in 2014 under the

umbrella of the DCOM-T office on print, copy and scan assets. Using Lean Six Sigma techniques, the current and future states were mapped, which lead to a good understanding of the Component's print needs. Also, the present costs for the organization's print/copy/scan habits were unambiguously made transparent.

In our office environment, multifunctional printers have become the core of content creation. They bundle printing, copying and scanning within a single device. They have a built-in Ethernet network capability and can therefore reduce the number of personal printers and scanners connected to individual desktops. Now that the Component understands its printing requirements, the right balance of shared multifunctional devices and individual printers or scanners needs to be found.

Formulating a strategy requires Command direction and the E-3A Component Commander issued a printing strategy in CPL 2/14. The criteria laid down in this Policy letter forms the basis for a cost-effective print, copy and scan

asset allocation as the Component transforms into its new structure.

Keeping print costs low is of course also an individual responsibility. Below are a few tips which help to reduce print costs for the E-3A Component.

- Print 'current page' or 'selected' items or document segments.
- Print required selections only.
- Print multiple pages on 1 sheet.
- Print double sided.
- Print only in colour if the colour is critical to the requirement.

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- Private printing is not authorized.

The best tip is to go digital. Avoid printing documents and sending them via traditional mail but scan and distribute them electronically.

E-3A Leaflet 11.3 on Multifunctional Photocopiers is available from the Publication Services Leaflet Index and provides information on economical printing, but also security, safety and other printing related matters.



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# Air Traffic Controllers work from mobile tower

By Capt. Sebastian Barten

From Jan. 26 to Feb. 17, 2015, E-3A Component Air Traffic Control (ATC) services were provided from a mobile tower out of the northern area of NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany.

Prior to starting the work out of the FSA90 (mobile tower), all ground communication lines had to be mounted nearby the designated location. All these lines had to cross the runway subterranean. Braving cold temperatures and heavy-winds, the technicians had to install this equipment.

On Jan. 17, the ATC late shift occupied the mobile tower and, the next day, they were fully serviceable. Although it's a transferable tower, it is fully equipped with four radios, a connection to our crashnet and all necessary landlines. The stay of the ATC personnel lasted three weeks. Even one day, the controllers had to fight against seasickness due to gusts of wind swinging the tower so much that it finally had to be lowered.

While the ATC worked out of the mobile tower, the Component's primary tower and radar communication equipment was renewed. According to the base's technicians, it was an improvement from a wireless telephone to smartphone generation.

The ATC is looking forward to more renovations before the end of 2015. The next upgrade will replace the surveillance radar equipment, which has been in use since the early 1980s.



Photo by Capt. André Bongers



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# International Children Festival 2015 in need of volunteers

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**TEAR DOWN/REMOVAL – April 18 between 1800 and 2000 hrs.** Teardown starts on Saturday after completing the festival. Based on

our experience, it takes less than two hours. This includes removing decorations, cleaning, packing equipment, etc.

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If anyone is hesitating to volunteer, don't think! The more helpers we have, the faster and the more attractive it will be in the end! It is also a great opportunity for all Component members to meet personnel from other areas of the base.

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# Danny's returns from his last TDY after more than 33 years in the EMS Commshop



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By Leo Lauvenberg

Him or her, who's been working on the E-3A Component for more than 10 years should seriously consider visiting a doctor when you don't know Mr. Danny Stiller. Danny was nearly always up front on any picture taken on many occasions. He is a very social man and would never skip any party or event. After more than 33 years in the Electronic Maintenance Squadron's Communications Shop (Commshop), he returned from the Norfolk deployment on his final TDY on Jan. 30, 2015.

The Fire Brigade gave Danny together with our also (nearly) retiring Shop Chief, OR-9 Rudi Slot, a serious hose-down. The firemen were assisted by Lydia Slot and Isabelle Stiller; they ensured their husbands

got wet to the bone even though the outside temperature was about 3 degrees.

Danny will miss his deployments and temporary duties (TDY). We could call Danny during leave in his beloved Spain, where he owns a mansion with pool in Murcia, the birthplace of the love of his life Isabelle, to go TDY somewhere and he'd say yes. Not being asked would 'slightly' upset him. The born in Indonesia Dutch, NATO international civilian has temperament, a lot... We all know that in the shop.

He leaves our shop as record holder in nearly everything; longest serving Commshop member in the history, all time number one in repairing HF system parts at intermediate level maintenance and, last but not least

on the edge of retirement on April 1, he overtook Klaus Lietzmann on the shop-tdy-list, who retired nearly two years ago.

Danny's long career has seen many ups and downs. As it happens, Danny was always present at times of interest, it being good or bad. He was working outside on the flightline near spot 7 when the KC-135 crashed in January 1999, being an eyewitness of this disaster is one of the darkest days of his life.

Danny started in the Commshop in January 1982 and has seen/ experienced/ witnessed all changes over the years, even the move of the squadron from Hangar IV to building 217. Being a constant member of the Commshop, he went through an immense amount of changes in the

system. He 'survived' the NATO Mid Term implementation on our fleet which did not start all that smooth for the communications troops. Danny was also a Mission Simulator I & II 'part-timer' for years, even in the days that it was referred to as the 'SSTF' in building 216.

The Communications Shop never gets boring.

We know he will miss us, and we will miss him! Danny, thanks for all the fun we had together and enjoy your retirement living in two worlds, Selfkant and Murcia. I hope to come over to Murcia in not too long from now. He keeps on saying that everybody is welcome and the flights from Maastricht to Alicante are cheap, and he would know... he's Dutch.

## Dolly Parton visits the Component

*Not the actual Dolly Parton but a very nice picture of her was used as nose-art on one of the two KC-135 tanker aircraft from the Tennessee Air National Guard, which was recently deployed to NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany.*

Photos by Capt. André Bongers





# MWA INFORMATION March

Visit the Services Branch WSS Web Page for the latest program information and upcoming events.

## Upcoming Events & IYA Activities

(Open to all US and NATO identification card holders)

Points of contact: IYA Events: Mrs Neuhalfen, ext. 4954; Sports Events: Mr Stelten, ext. 4920; Food Services: Mr Peeters, ext. 4990.



Buy an MWA Card and take advantage of up to 30% discount at all Component MWA activities!

All newcomers purchasing an MWA Card will receive discount vouchers for use at the NATEX and various MWA areas.

### IMPORTANT NOTICES!

#### Restroom Renovation Work at the Rotodome throughout March until mid-April

Refurbishment of the restrooms at the Rotodome commenced on 23 February and will continue on throughout March and possibly until mid-April. The east entrance (NATEX side) of the Rotodome will be closed during this renovation period so please use the south and west entrances to the building. Noise disturbance will be kept to a minimum during the lunchtime period (1100-1300). Services Management apologises for any inconvenience.

#### E-3A Club CLOSED

05 Mar: Due to preparation for Official Function  
11 Mar: Official Function  
19-20 Mar: Official Function incl. preparation and tear down  
24-27 Mar: Official Functions every day

#### Starting 04 Mar: IYA Swimming Courses for Beginners and Advanced

Beginners: for ages 5 and up at the Hallenbad in Heinsberg start on 4 March: Wednesdays, 1800 to 1900. Our certified instructors speak English and German, and work with the children in small groups. Cost for 8 lessons is € 60, pay only € 44 with your valid MWA Card. Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, x 4955.

#### Starting 04 Mar: IYA Dance for Kids

At the IYA Multi-purpose Room under the experienced and certified instruction of Ebru Cantürk: Wednesdays, 1515 - 1600 for ages 3 to 6, and 1615 - 1715 for ages 7 to 10. Cost is € 20 per month. The first class is free. Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, x 4955.

#### Starting 05 Mar: IYA Latin Dance for Ladies

At the IYA Multi-purpose Room under the experienced and certified instruction of Ebru Cantürk: Thursdays, 1330 - 1430. You are welcome to bring your babies and children. Cost is € 5 per class or € 15 for 4 classes. The first class is free. Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, x 4955.

#### 9 Mar: Badminton Tournament

Participation for E-3A Component, JFC Brunssum, USAG Schinnen and ZVBW Niederheid You can register for an event by contacting the Sport Department! Ofc-bpws@e3a.nato.int or Call ext 4946. Deadline Registration: 06 Mar. Event Day: 09 Mar 11.00-14.00, Old Gym.

#### 18 Mar: Basketball Tournament

Participation for E-3A Component, JFC Brunssum, USAG Schinnen and ZVBW Niederheid You can register for an event by contacting the Sport Department! Ofc-bpws@e3a.nato.int or Call ext 4946. Deadline Registration: 17 Mar. Event Day: 18 Mar 16.15-18.00, New Gym

#### 20 Mar: Viking Night at the E-3A Club

Tickets on sale at the Norwegian Support Unit.

#### 26 Mar: Indoor Soccer Tournament

Participation for E-3A Component, JFC Brunssum, USAG Schinnen and ZVBW Niederheid You can register for an event by contacting the Sport Department! Ofc-bpws@e3a.nato.int or Call ext 4946. Deadline Registration: 24 Mar. Event Day: 26 Mar 11.30-14.00, New Gym.

#### 27 Mar: 80s Party at the E-3A Club

Let's rock the E-3A Club with 80s music! FREE ENTRANCE! Doors open at 1930. Prize for best 80s outfit. Music by DJ Patrick. Available food items: Hamburger, French Fries, Chili con Carne with Bread. For further information, please contact Mr Peeters on ext. 4990 or email: rpeeters@e3a.nato.int

#### 30 Mar: IYA Easter Egg Hunt & Games

On Monday, 30 March, at 1430 the IYA is sponsoring a big Easter Egg Hunt on the IYA Playground behind Building 95 for children up to the age of 12. Make sure to join the fun, meet the Easter Bunny, hunt for eggs and enjoy seasonal games and attractions. There is no fee. Rain delay date is Tuesday, 31 March. Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, x 4955.

#### 07-10 Apr: Bilingual Easter Soccer Camp

Bilingual soccer camp for soccer playing kids aged 7 to 15 at the NATO Airbase Stadium. Registration: 2 Feb - 27 Mar 2015 at the New Gym (Bldg 206/Room 118). For more info contact: Stephanie Chalmers, Tel. +49-(0)2451/634946 or email: ofc-bpws@e3a.nato.int

#### 11 Apr: IYA Trip to Keukenhof Flower Park and Gouda

Enjoy famous Keukenhof Park with its colorful gardens and pavilions filled with tulips, daffodils and hyacinths on Saturday, 11 April, 0730 - 2030. We will travel on to the beautiful cheese city of Gouda with its typical market, historic buildings and picturesque canals. Our luxury bus departs from outside the Main Gate. Cost for guests without MWA-Card is € 43 for ages 12 and up, € 31 for ages 4 to 11, and € 19,50 for ages 3 and under; with your valid MWA-Card pay only € 29 for ages 12 and up, € 21 for ages 4 to 11 and € 12,50 for ages 3 and under, including entrance fee to Keukenhof.

Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, x 4955.

#### IYA EASTER BREAK TRIPS

For children aged 5 and older; the children can be dropped off from 0745. 1 April, 0830-1800, Chocolate Museum Cologne with kids' choco-school tour and Explorado Interactive Technical Exhibition and Play Park with lunch stop at the Food Court of the Centro Mall, cost is € 19 with MWA Card, € 28 without.

8 April, 0800-1800, Movie Park Germany - huge amusement park with a wide variety of attractions for different age groups, cost is € 23 with MWA Card, € 34 without.

Our luxury bus leaves from the IYA. Chaperones go free. Parents with children of all ages and individual guests are welcome to join IYA field trips for a fun day out. Inquire at the IYA Office about individual rates. Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, x 4955.

#### IYA EASTER BREAK PROGRAMME

For children aged 5 and older: 30 March to 10 April, 0745 to 1745. Enjoy fun games, exciting contests, egg hunt, arts & crafts, sports & hikes, free play, special projects, movies and much more.

Session I - 30 March to 2 April, including field trip to Chocolate Museum Cologne with kids' choco-school tour and Explorado Interactive Technical Exhibition and Play Park with lunch stop at the Food Court of the Centro Mall on Wednesday and lunch on Thursday. Cost: € 61 per child with MWA Card, € 88 without.

Session II - 7 to 10 April, including field trip to Movie Park Germany - huge amusement park with a wide variety of attractions for different age groups on Wednesday and lunch on Friday. Cost: € 65 per child with MWA Card, € 94 without. Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, x 4955.

#### YOGA @ THE IYA

Under the certified instruction of Veerle Dandoy: IYA Multi-purpose Room, Thursdays, 1630 - 1730, registration for new students at 1615. Classes for all levels are designed to build strength, flexibility and endurance. We focus on developing the essential yoga postures and sequences while honing proper technique and alignment. Intermediate and advanced modifications are available for experienced students. There is no cost, the instructor is volunteering her time. Registration and further information at the IYA Office in Bldg 95, x 4955.



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