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Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology/Nautical Archaeology Society (AIMA/NAS) Training

invite you to:

“Dutch shipwrecks and the early explorations of the Mythical Southland”

A lecture by Dr Robert Parthesius

To celebrate the handover of the Dutch ANCODS Collection to Australia

On Thursday 11 November 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

At the Donkey Wheel House
673 Bourke Street (upstairs)
Melbourne VIC 3000
Just across from Southern Cross Station

R.S.V.P. 5pm by 8 November 2010
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In the 17th and 18th Century, ships of the Dutch East Indian Company (VOC) travelled extensively through Asia. The exploration of Australia formed an extraordinary part of this tradition.

Four ships were wrecked off the coast of Western Australia: the Batavia (perished in 1629), the Vergulde Draeck (1656), the Zuytdorp (1712) and the Zeewijk (1726). Artefacts recovered from these wrecks tell a fascinating story of life onboard these ships. Together, these objects form the so-called ANCODS collection.¹

This lecture explains the importance of the ANCODS collection in the context of the early contact between The Netherlands and Australia.

To what extent was the encounter with Australia and its inhabitants the result of a planned search for the mythical Southland? Or was it just a logical step in – or even a 'side effect' of – the expansion of the Dutch into the Asian trade and shipping network?

Robert Parthesius (1962) is a maritime historian and associate professor at Leiden University, where he lectures in Historical Archaeology of the European Expansion. He is also Director of the Dutch Centre for International Heritage Activities and author of *“Dutch Ships in Tropical Waters: The Development of the Dutch East India Company (VOC) Shipping Network in Asia 1595 – 1660 (2010)”*.

Between 1995 and 1999, he coordinated the research for the reconstruction project on the VOC-ship the Batavia. This work formed the basis for a fruitful cooperation with the Western Australian Maritime Museum. In 1997 he organized the exhibition: ‘From Hartog to the Vlamingh’ covering the Dutch explorations of Australia.



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¹ ANCODS stands for Agreement between Australia and the Netherlands Concerning Old Dutch Shipwrecks.