

## TRAININGWEEKEND 5 & 6 SEPTEMBER 2008

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- Check the website of SIFE the Netherlands to stay updated
- New students need to register at [www.sife.org](http://www.sife.org)

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The kick off of coming SIFE year will be held during a two day training weekend on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of September. The entire weekend will be held in Amsterdam at two different locations and there is lodging being provided to all SIFE student participants in a hotel in the downtown Amsterdam. The first day will be held at the headquarters of Ebbing & Company at De Cuserstraat 87, while the second day will take place at the Dialogues House of ABN Amro at Foppingadreef 22 in Amsterdam, where earlier in the year we had a training day. The opening will be at 10.00 on Friday morning and the entire weekend will be concluded the following day 16.30 in the afternoon.

The final schedule of the weekend will be provided to you through you team leader in the beginning of the first week of September. During the weekend SIFE the Netherlands will be sharing with all SIFE students its strategy and goals for the coming year. Moreover, the new Program Manager, Marjolein Schaftenaar, will be present and will have the opportunity to meet you all in person. Also the teams travelling to European Symposium and World Cup will be holding their presentation. Some external partners will be giving interesting trainings and we will help you to start off the year. We are very much looking forward to welcoming new and experienced SIFE students to the first SIFE the Netherlands training weekend. See you on 5<sup>th</sup> of September.

### Introduction of MARJOLEIN SCHAFTENAAR, new Program Manager SIFE the Netherlands

Dear SIFERs,

The 1st of September I will start working as Program Manager for SIFE the Netherlands and I am happy to take this opportunity to introduce myself. After finishing high school in Rotterdam, I first studied for one year in Groningen and then moved to Amsterdam, where I have been living now for seven years. Last year I finished my Bachelors' degree in History and Masters' degree in International Relations at the University of Amsterdam. Next to my studies I have been active within the *Foundation for Mutual Students Support*, which owns five students' business projects in Amsterdam. Its basis was laid in 1945, when a group of students set up a cinema with the aim to enable students to finance their studies during the post World War reconstruction years. The basic values were mutual support, independency from the state and equality. These ideals are still elements present in all projects, including a cinema, a baby-sit agency, a gas station, a students' restaurant and a cultural centre. Students manage the businesses by themselves, but as a group. This gives them a unique responsibility, which offers great learning opportunities.

I greatly support the SIFE philosophy. What I like so much of the SIFE concept is that the projects create opportunities for students as well as for people with other backgrounds. Since I am very thankful to have had the opportunity myself to participate within students' business projects during my studies, I know how valuable such chances are. Next to increase your theoretical knowledge in classes and from books, it is essential to develop practical skills and to find out what kind of person you are and what you like.

As Program Manager I hope to make a positive contribution to SIFE the Netherlands, to strengthen the organization and to assist all SIFE teams in order to realize as many beautiful projects as possible. I am looking very much forward to meeting you all!



- ⇒ Training weekend on the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of September in Amsterdam
- ⇒ SIFE European Symposium held in London 15 & 16 September
- ⇒ SIFE World Cup held in Singapore 1-3 October 2008
- ⇒ Submit your alumni list to SIFE the Netherlands by sending an email
- ⇒ REGISTER at [www.sife.org](http://www.sife.org)

