

Wikimania 2010 - Amsterdam Bid
Wikimedia Nederland
Att. Lodewijk Gelauff

Amsterdam, March 24th, 2009

To whom it may concern,

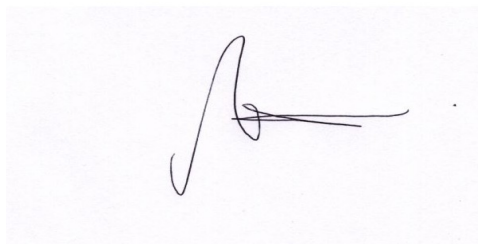
It is our pleasure to support the proposal for Wikimania 2010 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, being submitted by Wikimedia Nederland to the jury this week.

The Free Knowledge Institute is a non-profit foundation that promotes the free exchange of knowledge in four main areas: Education, Technology, Science and Culture. We are based in Amsterdam, though our actions have a global scope. The FKI aims to accelerate the adoption of Free Knowledge by working on strategic projects such as the SELF Platform, the Free Technology Academy, and other initiatives. We know the Dutch organising team of the Amsterdam bid very well and have collaborated with them in the past. This group of enthusiastic and passionate volunteers has already organised the Wikimedia.NL conferences with great success and we are convinced that they are more than capable of organising the event.

The Free Knowledge Institute embraces the initiative from the Dutch organising team to facilitate the sharing of knowledge in Amsterdam. Amsterdam is a perfect location to hold the conference at, for participants from abroad as well as for the local communities. We believe that on the one hand, the local communities have a lot to offer to the conference, while on the other hand, they will also certainly get a boost from Wikimania 2010. The community and the general public at large will benefit from the event to learn about wikis, collaboration, open content, free software, education, open access and free culture.

We will be glad to contribute with our knowledge, local contacts and organising experience to help making this event a great success. We fully support the Amsterdam bid to host Wikimania 2010.

Yours sincerely,



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