



Expedition Wikipedia at Maastricht University

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Welcome to the project page of **Expedition Wikipedia!** This project is mainly conducted with Dutch partners and in the Dutch language; [its main information portal can therefore be found on the Dutch Wikipedia](#).

This page provides a short summary of the project's activities, with highlights relevant to English speakers.

The project **Expedition Wikipedia** takes place in 2014. Under guidance of the **Dutch Foundation for Academic Heritage** (SAE), several Dutch Universities and the [Tropenmuseum](#) donate digitized materials from their collections to Wikipedia and Wikimedia Commons. These digitized objects, mainly related to (historic) scientific expeditions, will be offered for (historical, geographical...) contextualization and for use in encyclopedic articles on Wikipedia.

A **Wikipedian in Residence** supports the participating institutions.

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1 Topics [\[edit source \]](#)

- Notable *expeditions*, most of them related to the Netherlands, and relevant contextual information: scientists, culture, geography, history of science... Examples are the [Siboga Expedition](#) and the work of [Felix Andries Vening Meinesz](#).
- Notable historical travelogues, for instance related to [Jesuit](#) missions in the 17th Century.

2 Activities [\[edit source \]](#)


- *Image donations* (digitized materials from scientific expeditions will be donated and published under a free license on [Wikimedia Commons](#))
- *Events with and for the Wikimedia community*: edit-a-thons, challenges, visits and tours 'behind the scenes'...
- *Events with and for students and staff* of participating universities: lectures, workshops, masterclasses...



The planned route of the [Siboga Expedition](#), 1699-1900



Photo made during the [Siboga Expedition](#), near the [Waiwubela archipelago](#). From the [Tropenmuseum](#) collection





The screenshot shows the Dutch Wikipedia page for Felix Vening Meinesz. The article title is "Felix Vening Meinesz". The text describes him as a Dutch geophysicist and geodesist who developed a method for measuring gravity anomalies at sea using a gravimeter. It mentions his work on the "zwaartekracht" (gravity) and "continentverschuiving" (continental drift). A photograph shows him operating a gravimeter. The article also includes a biography section, a table of contents, and a list of external links.

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The screenshot shows the Dutch Wikipedia page for "Siboga-expeditie". The article title is "Siboga-expeditie". The text describes the expedition to the Malay Archipelago in 1900, led by Max Wilhelm Carl Weber. It mentions other members like Anna Weber-van Boese, Jan Versluys, and Hugo Nierstrasz. A photograph shows the members of the expedition. The article also includes a literature section with references to "The Dutch 'Siboga' Expedition to the Malay Archipelago" and "Review: Research in the Malay Archipelago, De Siboga-Expeditie".

Examples of expeditions in Dutch academic collections



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At **Maastricht University** (NL), a bachelor research course titled *On Expedition* is organized from **February till June 2014**. In the scope of the project **Expedition Wikipedia**, Wikedian in Residence **Sandra Fauconnier** assists participating students in contributing some of their acquired knowledge to Wikipedia.

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1 Project background [edit source]

At **Maastricht University** (NL), a bachelor research course titled *On Expedition* is organized from February till June 2014. This course falls into the scope of the university's **MARBLE** programme, which focuses on research-based learning.

The course *On Expedition* is open to students from the university's Faculty of Art and Social Sciences (Cultuurwetenschappen/Arts and Culture and European Studies) and the University College Maastricht, as well as from other faculties.

During the course, students are assigned to read and analyze a travel report from the rich collection of the [Maastricht Jesuit Library](#). Goals of the course are:

1. Teaching students to **study reports of expeditions with utmost care**, taking into account
 - the heterogeneous agendas of the explorers
 - their cultural perceptions and prejudices
 - their scientific frames of reference
 - how and why they wrote about the results of their travels
2. Helping students gain a better understanding of the **exchange of knowledge in the past**
3. The exploitation of the wealths of the **Maastricht Jesuit Library**



Maastricht University Library, inner city branch. Entrance on Grote Looierstraat 17.





Your assignment (to be refined)

- **Contribute to Wikipedia, following Wikipedia's guidelines and principles, on the topic of 'your' book**
 - > The book itself
 - > Its author
 - > Its publisher
 - > Historical context
 - > Illustrations
 - > ...
- **Number of contributions to be defined**
- **In English and/or another language**



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1 From today's featured article


 On 4 December 1893, the **Shangani Patrol**, comprising 34 soldiers of the **British South Africa Company**, was annihilated by over 3,000 **Matabele** warriors during the **First Matabele War**, in **Rhodesia** (modern-day Zimbabwe). Major **Patrick Forbes** was attempting to capture the Matabele King **Lobengula**. A patrol, headed by Major **Allan Wilson** (pictured), was scouting ahead on the north side of the **Shangani River**. When Wilson's patrol moved in to capture Lobengula, it was ambushed by Matabele riflemen and warriors near the king's wagon. Surrounded and outnumbered about a hundred-fold, the patrol made a last stand as three of its number rode back to the river for reinforcements – without success as the Shangani was now in flood and Forbes was also involved in a skirmish. After fighting to the last cartridge, and killing over ten times their own number, Wilson and his men were annihilated. The patrol's members were regarded as national heroes for endeavour in the face of insurmountable odds. The anniversary of the battle became an **annual public holiday in Rhodesia** in 1895, and was an official non-work day until 1920. A film depicting the episode, *Shangani Patrol*, was released in 1970. [\(Full article...\)](#)

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2 Did you know...

From Wikipedia's *new and recently improved content*:

- ... that baseball prospect **Javier Báez** (pictured) and his brothers got tattoos of the **Major League Baseball** logo? 
- ... that the **Macedonian** folk instrument **kemanë** is usually used to accompany traditional **epic poetry** and rarely used as a solo instrument?
- ... that **Air Commodore Chris Luck**, the current **Commandant** of **BAF College Cranwell**, was the first non-American to attend the **USAF School of Advanced Air and Space Studies**?

3 In the news


- Following the passage of a **secession referendum**, the **Republic of Crimea declares independence** from **Ukraine** and begins the **process of accession** to the **Russian Federation**.
- **Anna Fenninger** (pictured) and **Marcel Hirscher** of Austria win the overall **Alpine Skiing World Cup** titles. 
- In **rugby union**, the **Six Nations** concludes with **Ireland** winning the championship.
- **Chiquita** and **Fyffes** agree to a merger that would create the world's largest **banana producer**.
- **Malaysia Airlines Flight 370** goes missing while en route from **Kuala Lumpur** to **Beijing** with 239 people on board.

Recent deaths: [Tony Benn](#) – [Bob Crow](#)

[More current events...](#)

4 On this day...

March 18: Flag Day in Aruba (1976)

- 1241 – **First Mongol invasion of Poland**: Mongols overwhelmed the Polish armies of **Sandomierz** and **Kraków** provinces in the **Battle of Chmielnik** and plundered the abandoned city of Kraków.
- 1871 – **French President Adolphe Thiers** (pictured) ordered the evacuation of **Paris** after an uprising broke out as the result of **France's** defeat in the **Franco-Prussian War**, leading to the establishment of the **Paris Commune** government. 
- 1906 – Romanian inventor **Trajan Vuja** became the first person to fly a heavier-than-air **monoplane** with an unassisted takeoff.

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3.1 Wikipedia: getting started [\[edit source \]](#)

Three great starting points for beginners:

1. By all means, do the online [Wikipedia Training program](#), which is specifically designed for students! It takes approximately one hour to complete, and gives you your first hands-on experience writing on Wikipedia.
2. You can also watch this very informative [video](#), which focuses on academic writing on Wikipedia (also one hour): <http://vimeo.com/64973792>
3. Download and print the [brochure on the right](#) and keep it next to you while you work. It is extremely concise and covers all the basics very well.

3.2 Further tips and tricks [\[edit source \]](#)

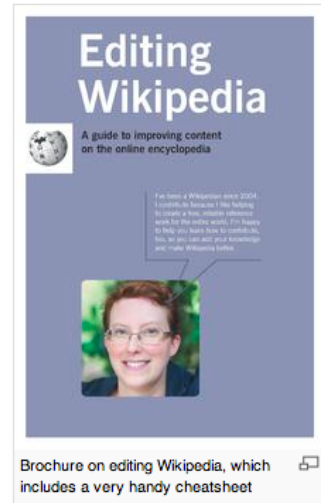
3.2.1 Five Pillars [\[edit source \]](#)

Wikipedia's [Five Pillars](#):

1. Wikipedia is an **online encyclopedia**
2. Wikipedia has a **neutral point of view**
3. Wikipedia is **free content**
4. Wikipedians should interact in a **respectful and civil manner**
5. Wikipedia **does not have firm rules**

3.2.2 Quick links to general guidelines [\[edit source \]](#)

1. [Verifiability](#)
2. Topics on Wikipedia must be [notable](#)
3. Cite [reliable sources](#)
4. No [original research](#)





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