

The 41st European Underwater and Baromedical (EUBS) conference in Amsterdam.



EUBS Auditorium



Sunset Over Amsterdam

The 41st EUBS conference was held at the Academic Medical Centre (AMC) in Amsterdam from 19th through to 22nd August 2015 with a DAN Diver's day being held on Sunday 23rd August.

As always there was a very wide variety of presentations covering aspects of not only diving and general hyperbaric (pressures above atmospheric) medical issues but also other subjects of general interest to the assembled delegates. These lectures were given by a diverse group of experts from many countries around the world. Not all of the subjects covered related to our day to day work but were nonetheless of great interest, such as a keynote lecture given by the notable Dutch astronaut Andre Kuipers. Andre gave an extremely interesting talk on "The Physiological Extremes of Being an Astronaut"; his talk gave a tremendous insight into life as an astronaut living and working in space on the International Space Station. Andre undertook at the time the longest spaceflight in European history at a total of 204 days in space. He used wonderful photographs to help him described some of the issues he encountered when using extremely diverse equipment from all over the world from the Soyuz spaceship to the International Space Station itself.

Delegates generally use these conferences as an aid to their continuing professional development; there is always a plethora of new information made available in the presentations, poster exhibition and numerous trade stands. Peter Atkey also used the opportunity to meet with colleagues from the European Baromedical Association (EBAss) to discuss issues specifically likely to affect Nurses and Technicians working in the field of hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

As is normal with the EUBS conferences there were a number of evening receptions and organised events which are always a great aid to networking with our European Colleagues. Each delegate was given a voucher to enable them to experience a cruise around the canals of Amsterdam during which the boat skipper told us a good deal of the history of Amsterdam. The crowning glory of the laid on entertainment was a banquet held on Friday evening at the

very impressive Science Centre “NEMO”; where we were treated to good food, wine and of course to the magnificent view across Amsterdam from the wonderful roof terrace.

Finally we bade farewell to our hosts in Amsterdam thanking them for looking after us so well and promising to meet again at the next EUBS conference to be held in Geneva, Switzerland 13th to 16th September 2016.