



Just to thank you!

Sunday October 12th 2025 was a historical day for several reasons but also a special day for me personally. Saying goodbye is always emotional. Being president of the CIPC for twelve years was a long period with many beautiful moments and special memories that I will cherish for ever. I am still remembering visits to Slovakia, Japan, Ukraine, Turkey, Germany, just to name a few!

Saying goodbye to the international community of pipe smokers in my own country made it extra special. Many people had told me it would be impossible to organize a world championship because of the strict anti-smoking rules in the Netherlands but it turned out to be an enormous success: a beautiful location in Oirschot and the help of a great team of volunteers and the board members of the NFP. I would like to thank everyone who contributed! I saw so many happy faces at the end of the event on Sunday.

That day 12 October 2025 was also the day that we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the official status of pipe smoking as a national cultural heritage in the Netherlands.

Together with a new generation of pipe smokers we are going to face a great future! Thank you all again!

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