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COURSES / LECTURES

The Basiscursus Wob, in 20 years attended by about 3,000 participants, is complete redressed. Till the launch of the new/amended Wob this course is available in the in company option only, after that he is available for colleges/universities and in free registration courses organized by me in Utrecht.

As soon as the new/amended Wob is approved the Handleiding Wob will be published.

Next to the Basiscursus Wob there is a whole range of courses and lectures. Second most popular are the ones on tactics. These are available in Dutch and in English. I lectured on tactics among others in Belgium, Bulgaria, Mexico and South Africa.

Above all, do you want a course which is not presented here, do you want customized versions or do you want other kinds of freedom of information support, please contact me.

General FOIA course

Code: C 01

Basiscursus Wob

Duration, etc 4x3 hours - Groups up to 15 - Hand-out included in the price
Content All basics & Introduction in tactics
This course includes filing one request per participant
Language Dutch only
Entrance level No requirements
Options In company; free registration; law/journalism courses at colleges/universities
Price 4x3 hours € 2200,00 for the whole group [in company] or € 400,00 per participant [free registration] [These prices are for the standard version; customizing is possible]
Certificate Those who finalize the course successful receive the Certificate Wob [bachelor level]
Remarks A skimmed version [3x3 hours] or customized versions are also possible as well as all kinds of follow ups.
Till the new/amended Wob is approved this course is based on the present Wob and accompanied by a hand-out. Till that moment this course is available in company only. Within weeks after the approval of the new/amended Wob, expected in the second halve of 2014, the course will be based on the new situation and will be available for in company; in free registration form and for universities and colleges also [announcements in Fringe Spitting]. The hand-out will be replaced by the Handleiding Wob which will be not included in the price.
For those interested in the upcoming changes in the Wob there will be special courses in February 2014, see C 05.

Advanced litigation tactics

Code: C 02

It is all about Tactics

Duration, etc 1x3 hours - Groups up to 15 - Hand-out included in the price
Content For successful litigation: Tactical skills are decisive; technical ones are only basic
Universal litigation tactics - 15 tactical tools
Language Dutch and English
Entrance level Certificate Basiscursus Wob or demonstrable litigation experience

Options In company; free registration; law/journalism courses at colleges/universities
Price € 600,00 for the whole group [in company] or € 100,00 per participant [free registration] [These prices are for the standard version; customizing is possible]

The FOIA in a Bird's Eye View

Code: C 03

De Wob in vogelvlucht

Duration, etc 1-3 hours - Groups up to 60 - Hand-out included in the price
Content Introduction in FOIA
Language Dutch and English
Entrance level No requirements
Options In company; law/journalism courses at colleges/universities
Price In standard version € 120,00 per hour

FOIA: Do's and Don'ts

Code: C 04

Wob: Tips en valkuilen

Duration, etc 1-3 hours - Groups up to 60 - Hand-out included in the price
Content Some of the most common pitfalls and remedies
Language Dutch and English
Entrance level No requirements
Options In company; law/journalism courses at colleges/universities
Price In standard version € 120,00 per hour

The New Wob 2014 : A Missed Opportunity?

Code: C 05

De nieuwe Wob 2014: Een gemiste kans? - Eendaags seminar

Expected This brand new course will be launched in the January 1 issue of Fringe Spitting
Duration, etc 1x3 or 2x3 hours - Groups up to 60 - Syllabus included in the price
Content An update on all the debates on misuse [by requesters and by government bodies]; request volumes, costs, and on the GL/D66 draft for a new Wob. In the syllabus all major changes between the new law and the present one, compared article by article.
Language Dutch only
Entrance level No requirements
Options I will organize several courses in February 2014. In company courses are also possible
Price, etc **The price and all kinds of details in Fringe Spitting January 1, and in separate mailings and leaflets**

FOIA Clinics

Wob Clinics

Examples Follow up Basiscursus Wob Code: C 06
Exemptions Code: C 07
Advanced litigation Code: C 08
Request Topics Brainstorm Code: C 09
Remark The clinics are all custom build.

Lectures

Code: C 10

Lectures

Duration, etc. Duration, content, etc are all open.
Language Dutch and English
Price More or less standard lectures are charged per contact hour. If the lecture is customized or on a new topic for each contact hour 1-3 develop hours can be added.

The price for contact as well as for develop hours is € 120,00 per hour, or € 2,00 per minute with a minimum of € 120,00.

LITIGATION

As acting lawyer I represent clients in FOIA litigation: filing requests and complaints, appealing in court en high court, summary proceedings, mediation, etc.

All steps have the same fixed price of 280,00 euro's regardless the number of client contacts, the complexity, the level of obstruction or duration, etc. The price includes vat and excludes travel costs.

In the past 25 years I filed for or with my clients 4,500 requests, 2,500 administrative complaints, 800 court appeals and 100 high court appeals. Most of my clients are mainstream Dutch press organizations. Among my clients are also special interest groups, NGO's, researchers and private persons.

SHORT & LONG READS

<u>Code</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Publication date</u>	<u>Price</u>
	<u>Intelligence Articles</u>		
I 01	AIVD spioneert VIA en IN de pers	2012	Free
I 02	10 Tinten grijs: De pers en de AIVD	2013	Free
I 03	Opvragen van je AIVD dossier [model Wob-Wiv-enz-verzoek]	2013	Free
	<u>Freedom of information and Wob Articles</u>		
F 01	We mogen steeds minder weten [NRC/start Wob hervorming]	2005	Free
F 02	Open de oester [samen met Wijnand Duyvendak]	2005	Free
F 03	FOIA Communities and their growing Pains	2010	Free
F 04	30 jaar Wobben – 30 jaar tobben	2010	Free
F 05	Zwartboek Wob	2010	Free
F 06	The Netherlands: A tiny Freedom of Information Country	2013	Free
	<u>Fringe Specials</u>		
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S 08	Overview of all FOI Laws worldwide	2014 [january]	Free
S 09	Syllabus: De nieuwe Wob: Een gemiste kans?	2014 [february]	€ 10,00
S 10	Handleiding Wob	2014 [summer]	€ 40,00
	<u>Back Issues Fringe Intelligence + Fringe Spitting</u>		
B 01	The first ten years	2001-2010	€ 40,00
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B 99	All issues	2001-present	€ 60,00

Red = In English

General remarks

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Fringe Colophon

About the editor/publisher: Roger Vleugels

In 1986, I started my own office and began working as a legal advisor and lecturer specialized in freedom of information and intelligence. In 2001, I added the publishing of the two Fringe journals to my activities.

I lecture on freedom of information at journalism schools, universities and corporations. I have taught students in or from Argentina, Aruba, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Iran, Ireland, Macedonia, Mexico, Moldova, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

Since 1988, I have as a legal advisor / acting lawyer filed for or with my clients more than 4,500 FOIA requests. Most of these clients are journalists in the Netherlands but also special interest groups, NGOs, researchers and private persons.

As an intelligence specialist, I research and lecture on this topic. I also comment in the press, brief members of parliament and advise journalists and lawyers.

The format of the Fringe journals

The main goal of the Fringe journals is: not being a regular magazine. The journals are purely a research tool. **Articles are not selected for their content but for the facts or trends within them. One of the consequences is that Fringe does not discriminate between information and disinformation.**

Other goals are trying to publish news in early stages, before the news is established with an overall focus on next to mainstream. After doing so Fringe will not cover such a topic further, unless there is again something special, and above all: Fringe hopes to be a bit wayward.

Surfing, searching, stringers and sources

Articles are gathered for Fringe by a small group of Dutch and foreign stringers, some of whom work covertly. Without the work of these stringers Fringe would not be possible. Additionally I do some of the gathering on my own, mainly by netsurfing and maintaining a range of subscriptions, feeds and alerts. Some of the more specialised sources are: Access Info Europe, AIP Bulgaria, Article 19, BeSpacific, Bigwobber, Bits of Freedom, Centre for Law & Democracy, Cryptogram, CFOI, Cryptome, EDRi-gram, EFF, EPIC, FOIANet, FreedomInfo, Geheim, Infowarrior, Intelforum, Intelligence Online, Memory Hole, Mother Jones, National Security Archive, NatoWatch, NISA, Privacy International, RCFP, Secrecy News, StateWatch, Terrorism Monitor and Wired.

Two Fringe journals

Fringe Intelligence gathers intelligence news from established media and outlets beyond the mainstream. The journal offers articles covering classical intelligence and counterintelligence, criminal and private espionage and more. The main focus is on forensic and operational information, and not on bureaucracy, politics and the formal/legal aspects of intelligence. *Fringe Intelligence* does not concentrate on terrorism. Special sections highlight NARINT, or Natural Resources Intelligence [dealing with energy, rare earth, water and climate intelligence], and Intelligence 2.0 [IT sector-generated private intelligence]. These sections look beyond jihad, cyber and other previous or present threats.

Fringe Spitting publishes for freedom of information [FOI] specialists, investigative journalists and other researchers, with a special focus on FOI practitioners and requesters, news on caseload, jurisprudence, litigation, tools and trends. Space is also devoted to recently disclosed "old news" on intelligence, revealed by FOI requests.

Taken together, the two biweekly journals contain about 100 articles per month selected from a variety of media sources. Almost all articles are internet downloads. Over 90% are in English. Less than 10% are focused on the Netherlands. The contents stand or fall with the quality of the source.

3,100 subscribers

In terms of circulation, both *Fringe* journals enjoy a top ranking in their sector, respectively OSINT and FOI, among the world-wide communities of independent email journals and mailing lists.

Fiftyfive percent of the subscribers are intelligence specialists, 30% journalists and 15% FOIA specialists. They live in 115 countries: 35% in NL, 25% in US, 5% in the UK and 35% in the rest of the world.

Pose questions directly or by LinkedIn or Twitter

Please feel free to mail me directly. You can also contact me by the networks I belong to. More than 2,000 subscribers have joined one or more groups managed by me on LinkedIn: **FOIA Specialists**; **Wob Specialists**; **NARINT**; **Dutch Intelligence Watch Specialists** or **Intelligence 2.0**.

I am also active on Twitter. Most of my tweets are in Dutch, but I also tweet breaking news in English: **@RogerVleugels**.

For privacy and usability reasons, I do not like Facebook. Therefore I am only passively present on that network.

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