

We are working hard to open the centre late October and to offer full access in 2012. This newsletter informs you about some of the work that has been done. The construction of the new building is progressing rapidly. The exterior was ready in April and the whole building will be delivered before June.

## Taskforces

Setting up a facility like NeCEN requires more than science. That's why small teams have been formed to ensure a smooth startup of the centre. These 'taskforces' are each responsible for a well-delineated set of deliverables.

At first a 'building' team will make sure the building and lab infrastructure facilitate optimal use for external users. Once the microscope rooms are delivered, a second taskforce can start. They will get the microscopes ready to perform the desired functions in time. At the same time a third taskforce will deliver supporting software packages.

Furthermore, three groups have been formed that address issues not directly related to setting up the microscopes. These groups will work on the access procedures, logistics, communication and a scientific and technological program.



Photos: left: overview of the building, the lighter grey part shows the location of the microscopes. Right: construction worker makes a wall for the microscope control room.

## Opening on October 27th

During the festive opening, NeCEN will offer a meeting place for research institutes, companies and governments. We are working on a program that will be of interest to all stakeholders. Festivities and networking opportunities will be combined with substantive information and workshops. On October 30th, NeCEN opens its doors to the public during the science day in Leiden.

## Movies of NeCEN

Two movies are available: one movie is a time lapse of 'building NeCEN in 2.5 minutes'. The other movie shows the interior of one of the microscope rooms. The movies are available on the website <http://www.necen.nl>

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