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The Jacob Smit prize

Since 1974 the Jacob Smit Prize has from time to time been awarded by the Erasmus Foundation in conjunction with the Dutch Section of the Department of Germanic Studies and Russian at the Melbourne University. The late Professor Smit was in charge of the Section for many years and was a strong advocate of the Dutch language and Dutch culture.

The purpose of the prize is to encourage the use of the Dutch language and the study of Dutch culture among the younger generation in Australia. This year the Erasmus Foundation is widening the scope of the prize and also raising it to \$250.00.

The competition will now not only be open to students of Dutch at Melbourne University, as was the case in previous years, but also to others who can demonstrate literary talent in Dutch or writing in English about Dutch culture.

The terms of entry are as follows:

- * Entrants must not be older than 30 years of age and should not have had post primary education in Holland or Flanders.

- * Entries of approximately 1000 words should be submitted in typed format and are to contain full name, address, phone number (if available) and date of birth of the author.

- * They can be written in Dutch or English, however with the proviso that submissions in English are restricted to a subject concerning Dutch culture. Entries in Dutch are free in the choice of subject matter.

- * The jury will consist of Mrs Joke Geursen, a former teacher of Dutch at Melbourne University in Professor Smit's time, Dr Wim Husken of the Dutch Section at Melbourne University and Mr. Jan Stracke, president of the Erasmus Foundation.

- * The Erasmus Foundation reserves the right not to award the prize if the judges recommend so

and to publish any entry without financial obligation to the entrant.

- * Entries are to reach the Secretary of the Erasmus Foundation, Mr. Frans Bos, 2 Valley View Court, Bulleen Vic 3105, not later than 15th October 1991 to enable the judges to reach their decision in time for the last Erasmus function of the year on 26th November 1991 when the prize winner will be announced and the prize presented.

The organisers hope to receive many entries which will demonstrate that the Dutch language and interest in Dutch culture is alive and well in Australia.



* De heer en mevrouw van Drecht met hun cadeaus