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Dear readers of FTMK

In this case I will tell you a bit about the situation in The Netherlands. We have here a "men's group" with 150 members. Every three month's there is a meeting, somewhere in the country. On this meetings 70 to 80 members get to gether, some with their wives, others alone or with their family.

Twice or three times a year, we have a theme, various from hormonal treatments, side-effects, social problems or operation-technics. There are several speakers, and one of them once was Walter Bokting. So it was very amusing to read he had also spoken on your last meeting.

The most important reason for the people to come to our meetings, is the possibility to meet others, change information, hear the news about operations technics and be available to the new generation of transseksuals. They have a long road to go, and it's easy for the older ones to give some warnings and attention. We don't have a magazine especially for our members. Our meetings are based on charity, this means that I will send letters to our people. They who will come to the meeting, pay me back for the stamps. If somebody wants something to eat or drink, they will bring it with them.

There is no real difference in our group, between transseksuals or transvestites. The most cross-dressers are not sure enough about themselves. After some talkings with others, there are sure about the life they want. If it is only crossdressing, they don't need our group anymore. It is for a woman easy to dress men's clothes in this world. Some of them sometimes will return, just because they like it to meet friends.

There is also a special group here for transseksuals of both directions and transvestitisme. This group has 200 paying members and is named TenT (transvestitisme and transseksualisme). I also am the chairman of this group. Not all people can stand transvestitisme. This group gives out a magazine, named Transformation. Perhaps one of you would like it to wrigt a letter in this?

One of your members wrote in this magazine about the differences between here and The States. His experience with hormone shots I have never heard before, although I have met around 150 FTM's, during the last 10 years. The lump where the injection had been given is only painfull if it not has be done well. It's an oil-based substention, and it's very important to give the injection very slowly. It's trough that there are many people here with just a little hairgrowth. The hormones wich are used here, are Andriol and Sustenon. Wich are used in The States? Perhaps we can change information about this?

For so far my writing about our men's-group. I'm waiting for your response.

With kindly regards,

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