

Symposium special

2 keynote speakers - 64 propositions - 1 objective - 6 workshops

122 participants

The GeNeYouS symposium, an impression

How often do you get the chance to talk to fellow young scientists of your own research field, attend specialised career-directed workshops and have the highest word in a discussion, all in one day? GeNeYouS made it happen, on the first symposium ever organised by and for young genomics scientists. This unique event brought together more than 120 PhD.-students, post docs and young in-company scientists, all sharing the same objective: becoming tomorrow's decision maker in genomics. The success of this first symposium reassures that GeNeYouS are well on their way, making way for more activities in the future. With the encouragements and the points of criticism in mind the route to the second GeNeYouS symposium is set.

A more detailed impression of the symposium is available on www.geneyous.nl; symposium



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With their registration for the symposium, participants were asked to send in a short proposition related to 'genomics', 'young' and/or 'decision'. Below are some of the 64 propositions that were send in.

Is the new generation of young scientists taking over Genomics, or is Genomics taking over the new generation of young scientists?

Talk less, act more: create a stimulating climate for innovative companies and young scientists in this field

If you can't decide which gene/protein to investigate, join the "-omics": just do them all

Young genomics professionals will be the decision makers of tomorrow

Genomics still needs "old-fashioned biology" for efficient interpretation of data

Any career starts with a decision

There are so many decisions a young scientist has to make - and I don't even know them all

Prevent young and ignorant people from making stupid waste-ful decisions

The GeNeYouS symposium
was - among others - brought to you by:



Committee update

Interaction

- Symposium succeeded
- Evaluation of symposium
- Preparation of second symposium

Education

- Analysis of questionnaire
- Overview of education needs
- Enlarge education database
- Organisation of international study trip

Internationalisation

- New committee members
- Organisation of international study trip
- Development of YEBN country board
- Contribution to internationally set up FP6-proposal

Internet & PR

- New committee member
- Forum update
- Subscribers option
- Production business cards
- Production new publicity materials

Evaluation results

Just as many other decision makers in genomics, the GeNeYouS board sometimes needs to stand still and think about the essence of their organisation; who are the members, what do they want and are they satisfied so far? The evaluation form that was handed out at the symposium should give answers to such questions. The purpose of this query was five-fold. First we wanted to know **who** visited our first symposium (mostly PhD. Students from universities*). In addition we wanted some **course** information (95% will use the GeNeYouS course database*), **study trip interest** information (77% would join a study trip*), and information on the use of **JobReport** (68% will use it*). Finally, we were eager to have your opinion about the **symposium** (overall impression: 6.3*). The symposium was generally well evaluated. Especially the lectures and some of the workshops received high marks. This gives the Interaction Committee the motivation to improve for the second GeNeYouS symposium. There were some remarks though - especially about the lack of informal interaction - and the Interaction Committee is currently working on plans for other type of events to improve this. Thank you all!

*Total response: 62

The number of GeNeYouS members is now **333**

The number of GeNeYouS subscribers is now **18**

Subscribers option

It is well known that members of GeNeYouS are young scientists working in genomics. However, a lot of people who do not belong to the primary target group, have shown interest in GeNeYouS. The so-called '**subscriber option**' allows exactly these people - e.g. your professor or supervisor - to subscribe and stay informed. The more subscribers are registered, the larger the range of our network will be. Therefore, try to get people to subscribe at www.geneyous.nl; **subscribers**.

Networking: the art of giving

Last month I read a very interesting article in Science Next Wave about networking. The author Dick van Vlooten stated that there were 7 fundamental laws of networking, all being almost equally important. The seventh law was called 'the paradox of profit'. This one says that 'giving', and not 'getting', is crucial in building a large network. This can be 'giving' in its literal meaning, but also in the sense of giving attention: people who have a deep and earnest interest in other people, who care, who are humorous, relaxed, friendly, will make more connections as a network-node than the typical hard-studying, poor communicator nerd. And giving help: help others and eventually you will get your reward. You have to give in order to get. Not giving beer means not drinking beer. Treat others as you want to be treated. In networking you simply give without expecting to get back. Give with pleasure, and the world will give back. Givers get. That is the paradox of profit. And this is exactly what I want to say to all of you GeNeYouSes: **give some of your energy to our network and it will pay back!**

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The new forum: quick and easy

According to the feedback we got from some of you, the forum we had on the website had a good lay-out and was nice to read, but due to the registration procedure and the way the forum was split up into sub-forums it was somewhat difficult to have a real discussion.

That's why we decided to set up a new forum: no registration needed, just your name, the subject and your message! And it still offers the same possibilities, like the use of emoticons (smilies) and the automatic creation of links. The layout is built in a way that it fits even better into the rest of the website.

So please, if you have any questions, if you want to promote some course or meeting, or if you just want to start a discussion about your research: the forum is the place to be!

Look at www.geneyous.nl; **forum**

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