

Still going strong

GeNeYouS can be proud. Only one year after the official foundation, the overview of activities under GeNeYouS flag is extensive. Most importantly the number of members has increased to over **300**, but that's not all. Here's a pick of the 2003/2004 highlights:

Official registration

On **May 21, 2003** GeNeYouS became officially registered as an association

Website

Since the launch of its restyled version in August 2003, between **2000** and **3000** people visit the website each month

JobReport

The GeNeYouS job search machine was launched in **December 2003**. Find the job of your dreams on one of the numerous vacancy sites where this tool has access to

Education database

Launched in February 2004, and continuously updated since. It gives an overview of genomics related **workshops** and **courses** within the Netherlands

International

The Committee Internationalisation was installed in **July 2003**. In December 2003 GeNeYouS became partner of the **Young European Biotech Network**



Symposium

The first GeNeYouS symposium took place on **January 20, 2004**

Events

GeNeYouS has been present at a number of (inter-) national events, including **Biotech 2003 (France)**, **Genomics Momentum 2003 (Netherlands)**, **ESF-JSPS Frontier Science Meeting for Young Researchers (Spain)**

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The achievements of GeNeYouS have been numerous in their first year. But it doesn't stop here, because GeNeYouS has a number of activities coming up:

GeNeYouS café

Catch up with other GeNeYouS members in an informal atmosphere.

International study trip

Join a tour around foreign institutes, organised by the Committees Education and Internationalisation. The trip will take place in the spring of **2005**

Theme related workshops

Proteomics, **microarrays** and **bioinformatics** are some of the potential workshop themes that take place several times a year. The first workshop on bioinformatics is planned for the beginning of **June**

European congress

Young European scientists will join at a large European congress in the beginning of **2006**, which GeNeYouS is preparing

Industry

Some of you have already registered, but GeNeYouS likes to welcome more young scientists working in industry

Are you interested to help in organising one of these events? Send an email to info@geneyous.nl

One year later

The route to the future is set. With approval of the General Member Meeting of the plans for 2004, we are ready to extend the basis we established in the first year of the existence of GeNeYouS. Most importantly, GeNeYouS will show more. Study trips, workshops, congress visits; it's all planned for the coming year. The first page of this newsletter gives an overview of past and future.

May 21 is the date of our *dies natalis*, and we'd like you to join all. Take a look at www.geneyous.nl to see how you're going to spend this day.

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GeNeYouS symposium

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 100 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. Join us in organising the next GeNeYouS symposium and send an email to info@geneyous.nl.

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Career switch

Only ten months after the official foundation, GeNeYouS has proven its value. Two of the board members have recently started new jobs, which they got through contacts of GeNeYouS. The first is Terry Vrijenhoek, who started as the Netherlands editor of *Science's Next Wave* last March.

He thus left the science on the bench and traded it for journalism. *Science's Next Wave* is the career information website of Science Online.

The other is Christine Bunthof. Recently she has been installed as project coordinator at the Netherlands Genomics Initiative. She has two projects, the first being the coordination of the European Research Area Plant Genomics.

The second one is the organization of a programme for Young Researchers at Genomics Momentum 2004.

These two examples show the opportunities of GeNeYouS. We expect that a lot more will follow.

International

GeNeYouS is working on the organisation of international study trip in the spring of 2005. This trip takes you along famous foreign institutes and gives you a look into their kitchens. In the last year GeNeYouS also became partner of the Young European Biotech Network (YEBN). This network brings together young researchers in biotechnology and stimulates European collaboration. If you want take actively part in one of GeNeYouS' international activities, send an email to inacom@geneyous.nl

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Every member is invited to come over and celebrate the first anniversary of GeNeYouS. On 21 May 2004 the Leiden University Medical Center opens some of its doors to welcome the future in genomics. A special programme is waiting for the active members. Other members can join for a drink and buffet from 4pm on. Look at www.geneyous.nl for more information.

General Member Meeting

Big discussions and close votes were not expected, looking at the agenda of the second General Member Meeting (ALV) of GeNeYouS. The annual report and the policy programme were the only documents up for votes. The nearly 20 people who had come to Utrecht to decide about GeNeYouS in the next year had no large objections against both documents and thus approved them both. After approval the meeting became more of a brainstorm session, leading to a variety of ideas for workshop themes, speakers and company visits. The drinks afterwards gave the attendees an opportunity to meet or catch up. The board is pleased to have the confirmation that the first year of GeNeYouS has been successful. We therefore continue to follow the route we set a year ago.

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