

Invitation UWE Conference 27 – 30 August 2015 in Utrecht, Netherlands



The Art of Networking Skills, Styles and Values



Dear all,

We are pleased to invite you to the next Annual General Meeting of the University Women of Europe in Utrecht which will be combined, as usual, with a two day conference. The conference in Utrecht, Netherlands, brings together University Women from all over Europe in a wonderful and inspiring environment.

The Conference theme is **The Art of Networking – Skills, Styles and Values**. We aim to focus on how to create opportunities and support systems for women among women and men and to find ways to cooperate with other networks. These qualities, skills and values are vital and essential to empower women and girls, as job opportunities and public opinion on parity can be strongly influenced via networking mechanisms.



How do we use those mechanisms to the advantage of women and girls? How do we create an atmosphere of support and learning among women starting in our own NFA's? Those questions and more you will be able to discuss at the UWE Conference 2015 in Utrecht.

We are looking forward to meeting you to exchange ideas and create energy and commitment!

The conference is open to all members of the University Women of Europe and their friends.



Edith Lommerse
President University Women of Europe



Jeanne Martens
President Netherlands Federation of Women Graduates

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Welcome to Utrecht

The Netherlands Federation of Women Graduates is happy to host the UWE Annual General Meeting 2015 in Utrecht and invites you to one of the most interesting cities in the Netherlands, dating back to Roman times. Utrecht is centrally located, easy to reach from Schiphol Airport by train. It is a lively city with one of the biggest and oldest universities in the Netherlands, with a beautiful old city centre, many museums, churches, restaurants and theatres. Characteristic are the wharfs along the Old Canal, the Dom Tower and the famous Rietveld Schröder House. During the conference Utrecht hosts also the Utrecht Early Music Festival. The theme of this year is England, my England.



Overall Program the Art of Networking – Skills, Styles and Values

- Thursday 27th August: Arrival and Registration. Informal welcome reception. Mayor's place or University.
- Friday 28th August: Introduction of the Conference Theme, keynote speeches and workshops, followed by a Dutch Evening, starting at the Dom Tower with the opening sounds of the Utrecht Early Music Festival.
- Saturday 29th August: Conference, workshops and Annual General Meeting
 - UWE Action Plan, Reports on activities by NFAs, reports, elections, date and place next Conference.
- Saturday 29th August: Festive dinner in the historic surroundings of the wonderful world of self-playing musical instruments, Museum Speelklok, including Tombola.
- Before and after the Conference: Optional Tours see next page.

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Workshop proposals

We welcome proposals for workshops on (aspects of) the conference theme. Submit your Proposal to boarduwe@gmail.com ultimately 15 July including 10 lines as a summary and a maximum of 300 words on the content of the workshop. Workshops should last no longer than 75 minutes, with approximately 20 minutes presentation. A comparison with at least one other European country is preferable. Deadline for workshop proposals: 15th July 2015.

Conference venue and hotel

The conference will take place just outside the city centre in the comfortable modern Mitland Conference Centre, located opposite the old Fortress De Bilt, part of the Dutch Waterline.



Hotel Mitland (www.mitland.nl) offers comfortable rooms, including breakfast, use of swimming pool/sauna/Turkish steam bath/fitness, excluding 5% city tax, per night:

- Single room 95 Euro
- Double room 112 Euro
- Triple room 150 Euro

Star Lodge Hotels (www.starlodge.nl) offers comfortable rooms, including breakfast, excluding 5% city tax, per night:

- Single room 60 Euro
- Double room 70 Euro

Reservations

- Mitland Hotels: email: info@mitland.nl or by telephone +31 (0)30 2715 824
- Star Lodge Hotels: email reception@starlodge.nl or by telephone +31 (0)30 8000 401
- Reference: UWE Annual General Meeting 2015

Excursions

One-day and two-day excursions post and pre conference. Price approximately 75-150 Euro. Further information will follow soon on the website: www.uweboard.wordpress.com and Facebook.



Option 1. Visit Amsterdam and surroundings including a visit to Muiderslot, Pampus - a small island - and Muiden.

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Option 2. Trip to Rotterdam with one of the largest harbors in Europe, The Hague the seat of the Parliament and of course the Mauritshuis, a museum famous for the girl with the pearl earring.



Option 3. A visit to Utrecht with its famous castles in the surroundings, Slot Zuylen (birthplace of the famous writer Belle van Zuylen), Kasteel Haarzuilens and of course a boattrip on the river Vecht.



Cultural Utrecht Early Music Festival

During the UWE Conference the Cultural Utrecht Early Music Festival is on. You might wish to take advantage of the opportunity to book tickets for great concerts. It takes place in the City centre of Utrecht from 28th August – 6th September 2015. For information and tickets go to <http://oudemuziek.nl/festival/festival-2015>. The opening concert is on Friday 28th August in the concert hall TivoliVredenburg by the famous Jordi Savall, Hespèrion XXI.

Participation Fee Conference

Early bird (paid before 15th July 2015): 195 Euro; one day 100 Euro

Fee (paid after 15th July 2015): 220 Euro; one day 120 Euro

Non-members will pay 220 early bird and 250 after 15 July. The conference fee includes conference registration, all lunches, coffee/tea and conference, Dutch Evening, documentation.

For participants of the festive dinner there is an additional fee of 35 Euro.

If you would like to join us only for the festive dinner at a special location the fee is 50 Euro.

Payment to: Account number: NL 89 RABO 0107226618 in the name of VVAO Utrecht, stating full name participant, reference UWE 2015.

Further information and registration

Registration:

Send an email stating your name and email to Boarduwe@gmail.com. You will receive a code for the special email address for the conference in which you will find additional information and can add information once available. Also you will be able to upload workshop proposals and pictures.

General Information

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