

# YE NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME

Dear Young EPIZONE members,

We are proud to present to you our first YE newsletter of the year. This letter is intended to inform you about all news concerning YE and its meetings. As you already know, this year's YE meeting will take place in **Brussels (Belgium)** on the **1<sup>st</sup> of October 2013** preceding the 7th EPIZONE Annual Meeting. Don't forget to register at the website ([www.epizone-eu.net](http://www.epizone-eu.net)). We hope to see you all there!

Cheers,

The YE core group



- Aims to integrate young scientists into the network of EPIZONE ERG
- Provides a platform for young scientists working on epizootic disease, where they are able to meet and discuss with peers from all over the world
- Organizes workshops and panel discussions with senior scientists

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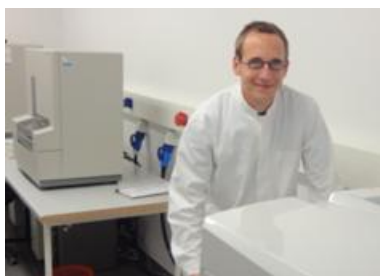
**DRAFT PROGRAM YE MEETING 2013**

Welcome
Get to know each other
Special <b>workshop</b> on <u>“Working in a project environment: the art of success”</u> . This interactive workshop will give a clear insight in the structure and processes of working in projects with ample opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas and experiences. The workshop will be given by a <b>professional trainer</b> .
The YE day will be concluded with 5 testimonies from experienced <b>senior scientist</b> . They will <b>share</b> some of their <b>experiences</b> on project & conflict management with you in a less formal setting. The senior scientist will be introduced in our next newsletter.
Welcome drinks and canapés of the main EPIZONE meeting

**WHO ARE THEY, THE YE CORE GROUP MEMBERS?****TOON ROSSEEL**

I'm working at the Belgian Veterinary and Agrochemical Research Center (CODA-CERVA) and in September I will start the third year of my PhD. My research is focused on viral genome sequencing

as tools for virus identification and genomics. Both aspects of the work, with various types of animal viruses and the exploration of next generation sequencing platforms, attract me very much. I've already attended two YE meetings in the past. From the start of this year I became the chairman of the Young EPIZONE network. I hope to get to know you all better at the next YE meeting in lovely Brussels.



The program promises to be very interesting!

**FEMKE FEENSTRA**

My name is Femke Feenstra and I am in the second year of my PhD at the CVI in Lelystad, the Netherlands. I am working on Bluetongue virus vaccine development using reverse genetics. Last year I was asked to become a member of the YE core group and I helped organize the annual meeting in Brighton and started the YE LinkedIn group. I really enjoyed organizing the last year annual meeting! It felt like I knew the YE members already for a long time. Hopefully the 7th annual meeting in Brussels will be just as much fun. See you all there!



**JOSIE GOLDING**

I've been lucky to be part of Young Epizone (YE) since 2011, and this will be my second year (and final!) in helping to organise the YE day, held alongside the annual Epizone meeting. Being part of YE has been fantastic, I have met some wonderful people that I consider to be friends, and I have broadened my network of scientists that will definitely help me in my future career. I'm just about to finish my Ph.D. at The Pirbright Institute, UK, where I have been researching the innate immune response generated after infection with African Swine Fever virus. In particular, the role Interferon alpha, and interferon stimulated genes! Yes...immunology!! I hope to continue working in pig immunology so there's a good chance you'll see me at a Epizone meeting in the near future!

**TOM WILLEMS**

Hello everyone, thanks for joining Young Epizone.

Of all five core groups members I've probably been to the most Young Epizone meetings and I have enjoyed every single one of them. I am a biologist working at CODA-CERVA (Belgium) where my research focuses on development of serology based vaccine quality tests for Foot-and-Mouth disease. This means that I've developed a probably bizarre interest in immunology and statistics. Don't worry I am not just a number cruncher, I also like to get my hands dirty in the laboratory.

**SUSANNE RÖHRS**

Since 2010 I have been working as a veterinary on avian Influenza viruses at the FLI on the island "Riems" in Germany. My project focuses on the interaction between influenza viruses in poultry, mice, as well as ferrets and we try to find the role of the neuraminidase - an important surface protein of influenza. Therefore, we use a neuraminidase negative escape mutant, which serves as a good model. Since 2011 I have been member of the core group of Young Epizone and I am very happy to be a part of such a nice and useful network.

For sure there are a lot of additional things I am interested in. For example my 12 years old Dalmatian "Pongo", travelling around the world, photography, playing "Kubb", or walking on the slackline...

See you on the next Young Epizone day 2013!!!

## YE ALSO OPEN TO YOUNG SCIENTIST OF NON-EPIZONE MEMBER INSTITUTES

The Young EPIZONE network is not only open for institutes with an EPIZONE membership. Also young scientists of non-EPIZONE member institutes could become a member and attend the Young EPIZONE and EPIZONE annual meetings. However people from EPIZONE member institutes get a discount on the meeting registration fee.

“the YE network  
is open to ALL  
young scientist”

## DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE YE DAY

We want you to remind that the **early registration deadline** for the Young Epizone day and main meeting is on the **14<sup>th</sup> July 2013**. If you register before this date, the registration fee is **€100 cheaper!**

**We are on Linked **