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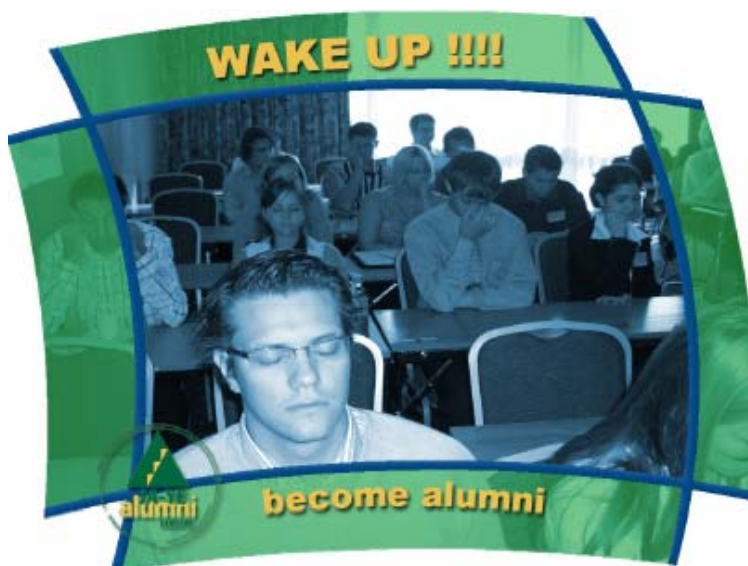
Hey all'

They say that short and sweet is better than long and dull, lets hope for this newsletter's sake that they're right...

Here you have the first summer newsletter in a special short edition. But don't let the fact that it's short foul you, there are still some great articles coming your way.

For example a story of two girls from the Netherlands networking in Brussels and the Winter Alumni Meeting between the alumnies from Latvia and Lithuania

So until next time, enjoy



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CALENDER FOR SPECIAL EVENTS IN JA-YE EUROPA

- *JA-YE Europe Graduate program competition, in the Netherlands, July 7-9, 2006*
- *JA-YE Alumni Conference, in Paris, July 11-16, 2006*
- *JA-YE Europa Company competition, in Switzerland, August 3-4, 2006*

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VISITING THE EUROPEAN BUSINESS SUMMIT

Iris van Heesch was invited by Junior Achievement Young Enterprises to come to Brussels March 15th and 16th to participate in the conference: 'Young female entrepreneurs: a new generation in enterprise'.

During a three minute session Iris had to make her "pitch" about "**Rolin Art**" the company she started up again after Junior Achievement.

She was competing against four other women from different European countries and all got the opportunity to impress investors about their own company. After the five 'pitches' the audience had chosen the venture that appealed the most!

The preceding day we were invited to the annual dinner organized by Junior Achievement Young Enterprise. Iris asked me to join her to Brussels and so I did.

Brussels....

First impression: We hate it!!!!

Driving through Belgium is one thing, finding our hotel in Brussels.. that's a different story!!! It took us two hours and a lot of asking around (of course the cabdrivers we asked only spoke French!!) but finally we made it to the hotel!!

Second impression: We love it!!!!

We arrived at the hotel where the dinner was held. Thinking of JA-YE as an organization that is totally devoted to youngsters, we expected to meet a lot of young people....Well, the age level starts at 30!!!! But what an impressive audience, among them the CEO of General Electric International, the CEO of Bata, the CEO of Citigroup Europe, Middle East & Africa and many more impressive people to meet.

On Thursday we left our hotel early, just to be sure to get to the summit in time. Of course this time we found our way without any problems. We parked the car at the parking lot and believe it or not, but there were four shuttles (brand-new Saab) ready to take us to the entrance of the European Business Summit. A mere 300 meters away...

The list of impressive people is continuing, the minister of foreign affairs of Turkey and Belgium, the CEO of Shell and Christian Weinberger, Head of Entrepreneurship, European Commission who moderates the session from JA-YE.

We met Sahin Ergec (external affairs national board Young Business Talents) at the entrance of Tour & Taxis. We were pleased to see a familiar face and he joined us to the summit. Iris was getting nervous at this point Sahin asked her to show the presentation and gave her some advice to ease her mind. He was using Erik van den Dobbelsteen as an example (Chairman of Young Business Talents), you never see him nervous but underneath the surface everybody is nervous for a presentation. If you aren't, you just don't care about it.

At 11.45 the session starts, after four good presentations by competitors from Poland, Norway, Estonia and Sweden, it is Iris' turn. She gave a very convincing presentation about Rolin'art and even had the chance to tell something about Young Business Talents (the Dutch alumni organization of JA YE) and the Global Dutch, a business lifestyle magazine and one of Young Business Talents' sponsors in the Netherlands.

Unfortunately she didn't win the contest. The girls from Sweden and Norway could tell a lot about their turnover. It was very impressive, but it also needs to be mentioned, that they started their company four or five years ago. Iris started only 9 months ago, so she still has a long road to go.

After the session the three of us talked with some people and around two o'clock Iris and I are heading home. This time without getting lost and in one hour we are back in the Netherlands.

We had two inspiring days. We met loads of people, we networked and certainly learned a lot.

We would like to thank JA-YE for giving us the opportunity to be at the annual dinner and participate in the European Business Summit. Goodbye for now and until the next time!

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WINNING STUDENTS FOR MESE GETTING STARTED IN BULGARIA

Winning students for MESE is a JA-YE Alumni event when alumni members, confident in their skills in MESE promote the simulation in educational institutions. In February 2006 JA-YE Alumni Business Club in Bulgaria organized 4 MESE trainings in different schools. Alumni members as lecturers, coaches and administrators presented MESE in their current or formal schools and made an internal 1 day competition after all trainings. More than 50 students participated and they all signed up for the national MESE forming 15 teams. It's a good start. Next year we plan to spread the trainings in more schools and make a second 1 day MESE competition, with the new top teams, preceding the national MESE. We hope that the Winning students for MESE program will become a tradition and eventually will spread outside Bulgaria.

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LV*LT ALUMNIMEETS

International cooperation, collaboration of different people sharing the same vision has been a benchmark of a JA – YE Alumni organization already from the beginning.

It is more than easy to lose a vision of one's efforts, if the whole picture is nowhere to be seen. It is important to understand or feel the scale and impact of every day's operations within JA – YE.

To empower this understanding and to broaden Alumni's horizons, youngsters from Latvia and Lithuania met in a two-day long leisure and working event LV*LT Winter AlumniMeets.

The meeting took place on 29th and 30th of January 2006 in Rīga and Jūrmala.

Always actual dilemma whether to have a day of fun and then a day of hard work or to organize activities in reverse order was resolved in favor of fun.

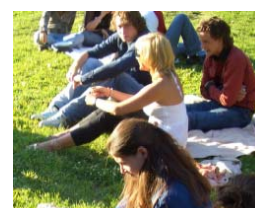
Alumni got acquainted with each other through various ice-breaking activities, played bowling as well as tasted national food in the biggest outdoors restaurant in Latvia.

On the second day, work began. Group works and discussions followed presentations of the Alumni representatives of each country. Basic agreements were made and willingness to cooperate was expressed. The aim of the LV*LT Winter AlumniMeets was to meet colleagues and to assess problems and achievements from a different viewpoint.

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