

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> August: Arrival and Registration. Informal welcome reception. Mayor's place or University.
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August:
  - Welcome Remarks: Edith Lommerse, President UWE, Jeanne Martens, President VVAO, Cathryn Bell, President GWI (former IFUW)
  - Keynote speeches: Bercan Gunel, director WomenCapital, one of the biggest recruiters for women in top positions, Catherine Royle, advisor at NATO, former ambassador for the UK in Venezuela en Afghanistan, Claudine Hermann, Honorary Professor of Physics at Ecole Polytechnique and Vice-president of the European Platform of Women Scientists.
  - Workshops (Professional Flirting, Intercultural Networking - Crossing the boundaries, Code of solidarity - Business and Professional Women Europe, Istanbul Convention - Alliance Violence against women, The Network Game).
  - Dutch Evening, starting at the Dom Tower with the opening sounds of the Utrecht Early Music Festival.

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Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August:

- Opening: Professor Kamelia Assenova (Bulgarian Association of University Women)  
**Public spending, empowering women' education and health care in Central and Eastern Europe.**
- **AGM: Future of UWE** Action Plan, Reports on activities by NFAs, reports, elections, date and place next Conference.
- 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.

### Excursions

The excursions are all one day excursions. Price approximately 50-75 Euro (depending on the number of the participants) includes transfer, entrance fees and lunch, to be paid at the conference. Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> of August most participants are going to Utrecht and surroundings (option3)

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

9.30 Departure from Hotel Mitland by bus  
10.30 Visit Muiderslot  
12.00 Lunch in Muiden  
14.30 Amsterdam  
15.00 Visit Rijksmuseum  
18.00 Return to Hotel Mitland

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

9.30 Departure from Hotel Mitland by bus or train  
11.00 Arrival at Rotterdam/sightseeing at Rotterdam  
12.30 Lunch  
14.00 Departure for The Hague  
15.00 Houses of Parliament  
15.30 Visit Mauritshuis  
18.00 Return to Hotel Mitland

### **Option 3: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of August Utrecht, castles and boatrip**

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 boatrip on the river Vecht.

9.30 Departure from Hotel Mitland by bus  
10.45 Visit Kasteel Haarzuilens  
12.00 Lunch  
13.30 Visit Slot Zuylen  
15.00 Boatrip on the river Vecht  
18.00 Return to Hotel Mitland



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### 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 28<sup>th</sup> August – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015. For information and tickets go to <http://oudemuziek.nl/festival/festival-2015>. The opening concert is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August in the concert hall TivoliVredenburg by the famous Jordi Savall, Hespèrion XXI.

### Participation Fee Conference

Early bird (paid before 1<sup>th</sup> August 2015) : 195 Euro; one day 100 Euro  
Fee (paid after 1<sup>th</sup> August 2015): 220 Euro; one day 120 Euro

Non-members will pay 220 early bird and 250 after 1<sup>th</sup> August. 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.

### Special price for young members and students:

Born after 1980 or still studying? A reduction of 25 euro is for you. Combined with the early bird option a perfect deal to get to know the UWE Network.

### Payment to:

RABO, Bankaccount number (IBAN): NL 89 RABO 0107 2266 18 in the name of VVAO Utrecht, stating full name participant, reference UWE 2015. BIC code: RABONL2U. Address RABO: N.C.B.-laan 45, 5462 GB Veghel, Netherlands.

### Further information and registration

#### Registration:

Send an email stating your name and email to Edith Lommere, [boarduwe@gmail.com](mailto: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

Ms. Eileen Focke-Bakker (CIR/CER Netherlands): [cer@vvao.nl](mailto:cer@vvao.nl)

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### 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.

It is easy to reach from the airport: a direct train will take you to the heart of Utrecht in approx. 50 minutes. A bus ride of 10 minutes or a taxi is easily available and will bring you to the conference hotel.



- Hotel Mitland ([www.mitland.nl](http://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](http://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](mailto:info@mitland.nl) or by telephone +31 (0)30 2715 824

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