Dear reader,

We hereby present you the first of hopefully a long series of bi-annual UYA newsletters. Established in March 2017, UYA strives to be an independent forum for the exchange of ideas on academia, science policy and society. But it's not just ideas: UYA has initiated and by now finished several projects concerning academic research, outreach, and teaching. We are pleased to be able to present a selection of these UYA projects in this newsletter. A full list of past and ongoing projects and initiatives is available on the UYA website.

Please let us know what you think of the newsletter and what you'd like to see in future editions.

Yours,

Susanne Knittel
Chair of UYA

UYA expresses concerns over embedding guarantee for Vidi grant

In order to reduce the amount of Vidi grant applications, the NWO introduced the embedding guarantee. However, the UYA believes this is not the right measure for this problem, and will actually cause more harm than good in the long run. Throughout the past year, UYA has expressed their concerns over this new rule and has taken action to promote its reconsideration.

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True or False: An outreach project

In collaboration with Wetenschapsknooppunt Utrecht, the UYA presents True or False? an educational programme that gives primary school students the opportunity to interact with science and research. In the first edition, over 400 primary school students in the Utrecht region conducted experiments on humour.

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Erik van Sebille and Niko Wanders share Publiprijs

Erik van Sebille, an expert in the area of plastic soup and ocean currents, and Niko Wanders, a drought expert, have both won the UU Publiprijs, a prize awarded to academics that have been most prominently featured in the media the past year. Never before has the UU Publiprijs been awarded to two winners at once.

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Etched into our Memory

On November 27th of 2018, Studium Generale and Utrecht Young Academy collaborated on an end-of-the-year overview. We remember 2016 as the worst year ever, but was it really?

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Road to Open Science

What is open science, and what could it mean for research practices? The Road to Open Science podcast explores the opportunities and difficulties arising in the transition to Open Science.

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Voice of UYA Podcast

What insight can UYA members give on science and their respective fields? The Voice of UYA podcast invites UYA members to share anecdotes and recent developments within academia.

WHO IS THE VOICE OF UYA?

Columns in DUB

Utrecht Young Academy members regularly write columns for the Digital University Newsletter, with topics ranging from public engagement to critique of academic policy.

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From Parochialism to an Inclusive City

Despite the density of the city, Utrecht houses a lot of social groups that do not interact much with each other. Is there a way to cross the gap and have them connect with each other? This is the question that inspired Madelijn Strick and Lars Tummers to embark on a journey to combat social segregation in the city. The result is a mini-film and valuable research data.

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UYA appoints eleven new members

The Selection Committee finalised the admission procedure for the new UYA members in January. Eleven members have been selected to be officially installed during the University’s Dies Natalis in March.

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Agenda

15 March 16:15 - 17:15
Inaugural Lecture Lars Tummers

26 March 13:15 - 14:15
Dies Natalis Utrecht University; Installation new members

27 March 20:00 - 21:30
Studium Generale: What you don’t know

1 April 17:00 - 21:00
Stichting Taal Doet Meer Cultural Dinner

18 April 14:00-18:00
Outreach and Valorisation Event @ Universiteitsmuseum Utrecht