



Shanghai Newsletter

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On March 1st, 2013, about 41 alumni gathered for the premier University of Groningen Alumni Reception in Shanghai at the Swissotel Grand Shanghai. They were warmly welcomed by Consul General Peter Potman working in collaboration with the Ubbo Emmius Fonds.

The gathering was attended by alumni with a wide variety of backgrounds: scientists and academics that have gained the necessary international experience, businessmen representing international companies operating in China and also alumni from China that returned to their origins after their Dutch education. All had one thing in common: wanting to know how their Alma Mater is doing.

Mr. Peter Potman, in graciously welcoming the guests to this inaugural event touched on China-Dutch trade relations. He among others spoke on the work of the consulate in helping Dutch industries that do business in the Shanghai region and invited guests to continue to be proud ambassadors of the Netherlands. Also present on this occasion was Prof. Dr. Ding Chun, Director of the Dutch Study Centre at Fudan University, who was introduced by Mr. Potman to give a few remarks on his work.



The University's Academy Building

Though covering all academic disciplines, the University increasingly endeavors to become known for three interfaculty themes: energy, healthy aging and sustainable society.

Touching upon the tremendous advancement of the University in international rankings, including those on employability, he invited alumni to continually engage with the University wherever they are in the world. He specifically invited alumni to come forward as founding members of a permanent alumni chapter in Shanghai as being done in Hong Kong, Singapore and Beijing. A number of participants kindly expressed their interest to do so, indicating their willingness to reconnect to their alma mater and to generously share their time with the University's efforts to establish active and committed alumni chapters around the world.

Prince then invited Mr. Chenxi Feng, recent graduate and one of the university's International Alumni Ambassadors, to share anecdotes of his time at Groningen. He was full of praise for his alma mater and said he had nothing but fond memories of Groningen, just like the rest of the attendees.

Alumni were treated to the famous Alumni song, a youtube sensation.



Shanghai Alumni

> News from home <

Following the welcoming remarks Mr. Prince Ralph Osei, International Alumni Officer, informed the alumni of recent success stories in Groningen. He told the alumni that they are part of around 110 000 active alumni scattered around the world, with around 28 000 students currently enrolled at the University's 9 faculties.

> Alumni Chapters of the University of Groningen <

Most former students from the University of Groningen have fond memories of their time as a student in Groningen. The university has played a large part in the career of her alumni. To give alumni the chance to give back to their Alma mater, the Ubbo Emmius Fund started Alumni Chapters in four different cities and regions in the Netherlands. Twice a year, or more, members of these chapters come together for a trip down memory lane. At the same time special networks are built through supporting a research project by a scientist of international distinction.

The concept of Alumni Chapters was first adopted by the Gooische Groningers: old students of the university who now live in 't Gooi. A small group of founding alumni started the chapter by inviting their study friends to join the chapter and to support a special project or research from the RUG. These invitees, in turn, ask their alumni friends to join the chapter and subsequently the chapter grows. In this way, each meeting presents an opportunity for new members to join the network and for both younger and older alumni to mingle.

> Expanding the chapters abroad <

Because of the tremendous enthusiasm and success of the Dutch chapters, the university would now like to expand this concept and provide the same opportunity for our international alumni. Currently, our international chapters include New York city and Washington DC. Yearly, all members would donate through a specific scheme to the scientific project and pay a small fee to cover for catering expenses. There will be a few different ways to donate, customized to different tax laws. What could be better than supporting a talented scientist or special project, while reminiscing about your time as a student in the presence of old and new friends? Meanwhile a network of people that can support and coach each other broadens. An opportunity you don't want to miss!

> Attendees <

Hui Liu
Jasper van der Schaar
Kristano Reinhart
Chenxi Feng
Alex Lu
Chenxi Lu
Shuhui Lin
Decheng Ou
Li Cao
Yanqun Wu
Kun Shan
Feidan Wang
Stefanie Schwartz
Yiming Yu
Joost Feenstra
Jin Mu
Youchun Zhang
Siqin Hu
Haichun Lu
Wang Qi
Chunhai Li
Changhong Liu
Sun Xiaoxiao
Jiaying Li
Michele Westdijk
Peter Potman
Paul Bakker
Shuhui Lin
Augusta Klaarenbeek
Hedzer Kingma
Xangqin Zhou
Xin Ming Yu
Qi Ding
Qi Lu
Yiyao Wang
Cornelis de Jong
Anne Arkenbout
Miao Tang
James Zhao
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