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Dear Fellow Alumnus,

This is the 2nd edition of our Alumni newsletter. This winter edition reflects on our activities of the past year, and gives a hint of what we hope to organize in the coming year.

2016 was a crucial year. We accelerated our alumni community in the Tri-State area, with several activities ranging from science to cultural highlights.

2016 was also the start of our Membership Services. We are proud and grateful to have over 35 members next our registered alumni and friends. Membership supports our organization and makes this e-mail, our membership site and our events happen. A sincere thanks to you all, especially our Patron Members!

This year, we will reach out to our friends in the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area. We hope to organize a first event for our alumni living in DC, Northern Virginia and Maryland. Volunteers welcome. Stay tuned!

The Chapter Team wishes all of you a happy and healthy 2017!

Met vriendelijke groeten,

Jan
President, US Chapter

If you are aware of other alumni in your network, please let tell them about our Chapter, and forward our website www.leuvenalumni.org.

In this newsletter

Upcoming events

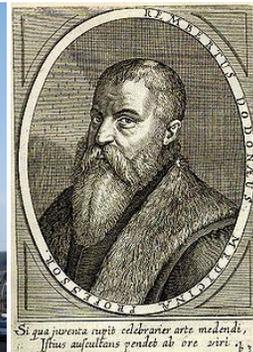
- Upcoming RSVP: Fireside chat with Alberto Vitale, ex-CEO Random House, Feb 7
- Fundraising event in NYC with Rector Torfs - June, TBD

In the News

- Alumnus in the spotlight: Ingrid Tierens
- Who made the most famous book on herbs?
- Patron members and supporting partners
- Campuskrant (Dutch)

Past events

- Utopia panel discussion at the Yale Club
- Book presentation "De race naar het Witte Huis" by Bart Deelen
- Flanders Holiday Party



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fireside chat with Alberto Vitale, ex-CEO of Random House

Feb 7, 2017 - 6pm



On the occasion of alumnus Peter Vanham's new book "Before I was CEO", we are happy to invite you to a discussion of Peter with Alberto on his experiences that led him to

Fundraising event in NYC with Rector Torfs

June 14, 2017 - TBD



Following our Utopia Event of September last year, we are planning a second in its kind signature event hosted by our Rector, Prof. Torfs in New York City.



Alberto Vitale

Alberto on his experiences that led him to become CEO. Peter, journalist and strategist at the World Economic Forum, published a unique work on the path of a number of very successful CEOs and life lessons to be learnt. We are very happy to have one of them at our New Year's Reception. This event is in partnership with the NY Chapter of Fulbright. Spaces are limited.



Peter Vanham

Feb 7, 2017 - 6pm
Flanders House, New York

For more info and registration, please visit our [website](#).



PROF. TORRIS IN NEW YORK CITY.

This time, the topic will be flowing around the University Library, but from an unexpected perspective...

Details on the event will be released in March. Please save the date, it will be a great happening!

ALUMNUS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



"I have met some alumni from Leuven in the US in the least expected way," says alumna Ingrid Tierens.

Ingrid Tierens studied commercial engineering at KU Leuven (class of '90) and lives since 15 years in the Greater New York City Area. She is Managing Director at Goldman Sachs.

[Read the full story here.](#)

WHO IS THE AUTHOR OF THIS FAMOUS BOOK?

This is a "crujdenboeck", a book of herbs. It contains 715 images and was made mid 16th century. The author divided the plant kingdom in 6 groups, and devoted special detailed attention to medicinal herbs.

He was - of course - a Leuven alumna, not difficult to guess when we mention him in an alumni newsletter: **Rembert Dodoens** (1517-1585). He was born exactly 500 years ago in Mechelen and became one of Leuven's most famous students. In his times, his masterpiece, the Crujdenboeck, was the most translated book after the Bible. That tells you something...

Visit the Royal Library of Belgium's Digital Library to take [a closer look](#).



PATRON MEMBERS

A sincere thanks to all our members who support our Chapter through their contributions, and a special thanks to our Patron Members:

Chris Burggraeve
Geert Cauwenbergh
Paul Hespel
Ank Santens
Pamela Tenaerts
Ingrid Tierens

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PAST EVENTS

[Thomas More & utopias of the Past, Present and Future](#)

Sep 14, 2016 - Yale Club, New York



Last September, during Rector Rik Torfs' visit to New York City, a panel discussion was organized on the topic of Thomas More's famous book "Utopia", printed in

[Book presentation "De race naar het Witte Huis", Bart Deelen](#)

Oct 20, 2016, Flanders House, New York



Flanders House hosted a book written by alumna Bart Deelen, long-time resident in the Washington metropolitan area. His book focuses



Leuven in 1516. The panel was outstanding: apart from the Rector, we were fortunate to have Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Columbia Professor and renowned economist, Howard Gutman, former US Ambassador to Belgium and Marianne Ammsoms, VP Global Communications at AbInbev.

The event took place at the prestigious Yale Club and received over 140 registrants. The event was also the kickstart of a project to renovate the University Library. The building was destroyed in 1914 during World War 1 and rebuilt thanks to over 300 US colleges and institutions.



on the Presidential Elections in the past 5 campaigns.

Bart gave an excellent overview of his insights in what it takes to run, and the evolutions he saw in the past 15 years.

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