YEAR
Young European Associated Researchers

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What is YEAR?

- A growing network of young researchers from RTO's and industrial organisations
- Not-for-profit organisation
- Founded in 2007 in Udine, Italy
- Consists of 10 members with over 13 000 employees

YEAR aims at facilitating the exchange of ideas, best practises and people.

The Official Members

Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia

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Every European research and technology organisation (RTO) and industrial research body (IRB) that has young professionals as part of the staff is a potential YEAR member.

Young Professionals & Technology Transfer

- Challenges
  - Experience and networks,
  - Scientific and economic performance
- Marie Curie Actions: “Technology transfer and entrepreneurship are part of the initial training activities of young researchers”
- Motivation:
  - Young professionals have strong potential for enhancing technology transfer activities

What does YEAR have to offer?

- Networking - also within your own organisation
- News and information about member activities
  - Newsletters consisting of information about members, member activities, past and forthcoming events, etc.
- Mobility
  - Research exchange through international project activities

What does YEAR have to offer?

- Training courses
  - CREATE- A Marie Curie supported project (2007-2010) consisting of four training courses; provides theoretical insight and practical training regarding how to successfully participate in multicultural projects on a European level.
  - Last course in Trondheim in June 2010, Human resource management in teams

- Conferences and other events
  - Annual Conferences
    - Brussels, Belgium 2008: “Making Money out of Research”
    - Graz, Austria 2009: “The Recipe of Being a Smart Researcher”
    - Sevilla, Spain, 12/2010: “Getting your research funded by private companies” (TBC)
  - Open Innovation workshop 2009
  - Otaniemi Forum (2009, 2010)

Summary

- YEAR supports young professionals in technology transfer activities through:
  - Information distribution
  - Training courses and other events
  - Possibilities for networking and mobility
- Beneficiaries: Young professionals and their employers; RTO's and industrial research bodies
- Supporting activities (both internal and external) are required to enhance technology transfer adoption
  - Contribution of senior researchers and other professionals to improve the scientific performance
  - RTO commitment for long-term development

YEAR takes care of your young researchers!

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