

Young Scientists at the Assembly

This year, there's a great line-up of sessions for young scientists at the General Assembly. Not only that, but there are opportunities to meet those that represent you in the Union, get to know other young scientists in your field, and make the most of both the scientific and social sides of the conference.

First up for young scientists is the icebreaker event on the Sunday before the meeting, while this is open to everyone attending the Assembly, there'll be meeting points especially for young scientists. So, if you're coming alone, or if it's your first time, you're sure to find a few like-minded fellows! At EGU 2014 we'll also be introducing a young scientists' lounge – somewhere that you can take a break, grab a coffee and gather your thoughts away from the buzz of the conference. The lounge is also a great place to catch up with colleagues you haven't seen in a while, or start up a conversation with someone new, and it provides a great meeting point to launch your evening's activities. There will be a pin board with our top picks for places to go in Vienna, so if you haven't been before, or just need a little inspiration, you can get a good idea of where to grab a drink, bite to eat, or catch a film in the evening.

It's not all about the social stuff though, there's a veritable feast of courses where you can fine-tune your skills and grab those all-important nuggets of information to help you forge a career in academia. From Union-wide sessions to workshops and short courses, there's a lot to choose from, including division-specific sessions to hone your hydrological skills and get the most out of geomorphological data. There are also a number of science communication courses including a [workshop led by geoscience communicators](#), an opportunity to learn about [outreach in schools](#), ways to [communicate climate science](#), and suss out [how to start a science film](#). And this is just a snapshot of what's on offer! You will be able to see all sessions of interest to young scientists, which also include [two careers](#) sessions, on the [young scientists' website](#) in March, when the General Assembly programme goes online.

Like last year, we'll be hosting a lunchtime session to let young scientists know how they can get involved in the Union and gather feedback to make what we're doing even better. Since the last General Assembly, young scientist representation in the Union has grown leaps and bounds, with several divisions appointing young scientist officers whose role is to feedback from the young scientist community and make sure we do our best to act on your suggestions. What better way to tell us what you want than over a lovely lunch where you can meet your representatives?

Keep your eye out for posters that are part of the Outstanding Student Poster competition and make sure you save a space for a few talks from outstanding young scientists. The winners of the Arne Richter and division awards will be giving talks throughout the week and are well worth a listen. Finally, if you'd like to try your hand at science communication and have the chance to attend next year's



Young Scientists mingling during the EGU2013 opening reception.

conference for free, why not enter the EGU's [Communicate Your Science Video Competition](#)? The aim is to make a short film to share your research with the general public. Shortlisted videos will be showcased at GeoCinema, the home of geoscience films at EGU 2014, and the winner will be announced at the end of the Assembly.

If you have any questions about activities for young scientists at the General Assembly please contact me at mynott@egu.eu. I look forward to seeing you there!

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