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LESI Young Members Congress:

Outlook 2018



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YMC: WHAT IS IT AND **HOW DOES IT SERVE LESI**

- YMC is organized as a committee of LESI for young members (under 40) and members that are young at heart
- Attracts Young Members.
- Engages Young Members.
- Retains Young Members.



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YMC – BY THE NUMBERS

- Members that represent every region of LESI
- 5 YMC-dedicated Pan-European Conferences
- 3 YMC-Dedicated Pan-American Conferences
- 1st YMC-Dedicated Pan-Asian Conference coming this year



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Chair Natalie Raffoul (LES USA/Canada)	Chair-Elect Thomas Gaunt (LES Britain/Ireland)
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YMC 2017 Budapest (Incoming) Georgina Busku (LES Hungary)	2018 YMC Asia (Hong Kong) David Swain
	2018 YMC America (Cancun) Roxana Aispuro



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LEADERSHIP & SUB-COMMITTEES

- **Monthly Int'l YMC Leadership Call** – YMC
Committee Chair
- **Monthly Subcommittee Call** – YMC
Conference Chair
 - Zurich – 6-8
 - Cancun – 6-8
 - Hong Kong – 8-10



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RECAP OF 2017 YMC EVENTS

3rd Annual Pan American YMC Conference – Los Angeles

- More than 100 attendees
- Partnered with USC Stevens
- Distinguished speakers
- Virtual Reality demo from USC expert
- CLP course day before

5th Annual Pan European YMC Conference – Budapest

- More than 100 attendees
- Panel presentations on hot topics and a very interactive workshop regarding trade secret license agreement negotiation
- **Introduced fee for non-members → increased membership**



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MARKETING

- International/Regional/National Meetings:
 - Remind attendees to join YMC Int'l **LinkedIn Group** (337!) → **expands network**
 - Always Announce Meeting Hashtag **#YMCBudapest2017** → **expands network**
 - WhatsApp groups for leadership, social events, and picture/image sharing → **promotes retention**
 - Tweet and **Retweet** at Meetings → **expands network**
 - Ex: LES Austria/Hungary Conference
 - Ex: **@YMC_LESI** twitter handle – regularly posts information
- Highlight EVERY next event at current event! → **promotes retention**



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YMC INITIATIVES FOR 2018

- Re-invigorating the **Mentorship Program**
 - Survey Results
 - Developed plan in 2017
 - Mentor-Mentee matching has begun!
 - **Brochure at LESI San Diego!**
- Increased **Communications** to Members through formal channels
- **YMC conferences**
- **Events** at LESI Annual Meeting and regional conferences
 - Ex: Chicago – announced Sunday event at W through informal channels – **over 100!** (No funding required.)
- **Meetings Manual** is finalized
 - → do's and don'ts



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UPCOMING YMC EVENTS

4th Annual Pan-American YMC Conference – Cancun

- Friday, September 21, 2018
- Day before opening of AIPPI Annual Congress (discussion with AIPPI organizers)
- CLP to be held on Saturday (room for about ~50)

6th Annual Pan-European YMC Conference – Zurich

- Friday, July 13, 2018
- Medical/Life Science focus – in-house targeted



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UPCOMING YMC EVENTS

1st Annual Pan-Asian YMC Conference – Hong Kong

- Friday, November 30, 2018
- Committee reps: China, Japan, Australia, UK, Canada, Singapore, US

Events at Annual Conferences

→ San Diego 2018: social event tonight

→ Tonight at 9pm at concierge/lobby of Grand Hyatt

→ 4 to 5 YMC sponsored panels



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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Publicizing YMC activities
- National Societies: form or encourage YMC committees
- Encourage Young Members in your organization to become involved
- Communications to Young Members at the National level



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ACTION ITEMS

Communications to Young Members at the National/Regional level

- International → National communication?
- How to identify YMCs?
 - Cut-off age
 - Self-identify (young at heart)
- Database access
- Social media: Twitter and LinkedIn (337 members) great but not enough
- **Mentees and Mentors!**