



YOUNG RESEARCHER'S DIVISION

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Young Researchers Meeting ENMIX – YRM 2016

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 – Stuttgart, Germany

Following the 1<sup>st</sup> Young Researchers Meeting, the ENMIX Young Researcher Division (YRD) met up for a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at the Institute of Chemical Technology in Stuttgart. The meeting was linked to the 5<sup>th</sup> ENMIX workshop and the FASTCARD General assembly, which took place from 19.01.2016 to 21.01.2016. The YRD aims on connecting young scientist, building up their scientific network, enabling future collaborations. Such collaborations give access to otherwise not available methods and technologies. Furthermore, possibilities to discuss the own research from a different point of view arise.

### Agenda

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Young Researchers Meeting brought together 10 PhD students and Post-docs, representing groups from Alicante, Antwerp, Bergen, Delft and Stuttgart. After an introduction to the research at the Institute of Chemical Technology, the participants learned about the available methods, technologies and analytical equipment available in Stuttgart. The following presentations on current research of the participants were the basis for discussions on possible collaborations. Afterwards, Vera Meynen (University Antwerp) joined the meeting and reported on already established collaborations within the ENMIX- and YRD-network. Vera pointed out the large benefits of collaborations for all participants, allowing knowledge transfer as well as in depth discussions on interdisciplinary topics. At the end of the meeting possible future collaborations as well as future work of YRD were discussed.

### Outcomes

The group discussed possibilities to increase the degree of integration of the YRD within ENMIX. As one possible approach, the foundation of a Young Principal Investigator Division was suggested, which might help to bridge the gap between the YRD and the network of established principal investigators. This will be discussed with the Board of Directors in the future.



**Figure 1: Participants of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Young Researchers Meeting.**

The frequency of meetings was found to be too low (almost 1.5 years between the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting). Since 1.5 years correspond to a significant part of the time available for a PhD, the group agreed to have meetings every 9 months. Every second meeting shall be linked to other ENMIX activities, like the 6<sup>th</sup> ENMIX workshop (July 2017; Athens, Greece), to reduce travel expenses. Hence, the next meeting will be in October or November 2016. Inne Michielsen (University Antwerp) agreed on organizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> YRD workshop in Antwerp with help of the rest of the YRD.

To simplify the organization of future events and to stimulate discussion on research and collaboration, a LinkedIn Group was created (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8464803>). Interested young researchers are invited to join the group!

The YRD agreed, that company visits will be part of the YRD meetings in the future.

*The organizing committee would like to thank all the participants for their contribution to this fruitful meeting.*

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