

# **Young Minds Liège**

## **Activity Report: AlumNight 2019**

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On the 13th of November 2019, the Young Minds Liège section organized an activity called the AlumNight. The goal of this event was to present the job opportunities after Physics and Astrophysics studies. We thus invited seven former students, now working in various fields (private small and big companies, university and research center, hospital and teaching). With a round-table discussion, they introduced themselves and answered questions of the current students in Physics and Astrophysics. After this, an informal drink took place to allow face-to-face conversations.

The evening was a success with more than 80 bachelor, master and PhD students (i.e, around two thirds of the (Astro)Physics students) attending the round-table discussion. The drink fulfilled also its purpose with numerous informal discussions between the speakers, the students and the Young Minds members taking place.

Students clearly told us that this kind of events was needed and was missing before we decided to organize an AlumNight. We also obtained the approval from (Astro)Physics professors who found it was a great initiative and helped us advertising the event to their students. We are thus planning to renew this activity every year and we are hoping to make it a Young Minds Liège flagship activity.

Furthermore, this event was a unique opportunity for the Young Minds Liège section to get known by a large audience and particularly by the youngest Physics students of our university. Indeed, we haven't got in touch with them yet before the AlumNight as our previous activities were intended either for the general public or for PhD students. Nevertheless, with more than 60 bachelor or master students, the AlumNight obviously achieved this objective. We thus hope gaining new members in the following weeks.

Finally, in addition to the AlumNight organization, we also used the EPS grant to create advertising material (i.e. 500 business cards with a QR code pointing towards our section's website). These cards were distributed during the two events we have organized since September : the AlumNight and the Nuit des Chercheurs (Researchers' Night) during which we presented Young Minds Liège's previous and future activities to a general audience. This event was organized in collaboration with the science outreach department of our university and its goal was to make researchers and the general public meet each other.

We join pictures of both the AlumNight and the Nuit des chercheurs as well as a copy of our new business card and the poster we made to promote the AlumNight.