
**Report of
YEE External Relations Officer 2015-2016
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Dear YEE team and members,

this mandate has been my third year in YEE Board, though once more in a different position. Consequently I had to get to know my new duties and responsibilities first, but already knew YEE well enough to start working on general issues right away.

Unfortunately I had to undergo an elbow surgery shortly before the first Physical Board Meeting which stopped me from participating and, due to intense and time consuming rehabilitation afterwards, strongly influenced my performance in the Board.

Despite those circumstances I gave my best to keep up to date with what was going on in YEE, contributed to decision making processes and the many structural changes we were all working on this year and have been in correspondence with a large number of individuals and organisations that were interested in YEE for various reasons.

Throughout the year I represented YEE at the General Assembly of the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), was in contact with the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) for forming a new partnership, followed all the organisations YEE is a member of as much as possible, contributed to their work and ensured representation at all their major events except for two meetings of UNEP for which we were lacking funds.

Since we managed to send Board Members to all the important events there was no need and possibility for sending a member of the Pool of Representatives (PoR), but we will have had a meeting by the time the Internal Audit is going to take place. At that point of time I will also have represented YEE at the European Youth Event 2016 in Strasbourg and might have had a meeting with a representative of the European Movement in Norway.

Overall this has been quite a challenging year with big obstacles to overcome and many lessons to learn. I am very grateful for the many unique experiences, the knowledge and skills I have gained and all the people I have met in YEE and am looking forward to keep contributing to YEE in the future.

Christiane Klemm, Greifswald (Germany), May 16, 2016