

Hello ITA Young Members!

We hope you all enjoyed the conference and your time in Croatia. It was fantastic meeting all of you and great to see so much interest in this important new initiative.

The ITAYm group had a couple of successful events during WTC 2015, which gives us a lot of hope for the strength of this group moving forward:

- Monday night, May 25, was our ITAYm social event, with more than 70 people joining – including 12 ITA members attending in a mentoring capacity. This event was a great opportunity for us young members to get a chance to meet each other and some of the supportive, more experienced crowd.
- We held our first ITAYm General Meeting successfully on Wednesday morning, May 27. The key takeaways from the meeting are as follows:
  - Over 40 people attended the General Meeting, with 23 countries represented.
  - The meeting started with presentations by members of the ITAYm Steering Board on items such as goals, objectives, budget, promotion and future plans.
  - We held our first election for two new members of the steering board, with the representatives from Poland (Emilia Roguska) and Singapore (Senthil Nath) being elected.
  - In addition, Liz Stone (USA) was appointed to the board to assist the ITAYm from a marketing standpoint
  - The General Meeting included informative short presentations from the member nations in attendance, and it was very encouraging to see that a number of Member Nations have already established their YM groups and are planning big things.
  - We also received short introductions to some of the Working Groups (WGs) – WG 17 and WG 11 presented their groups and encouraged all ITA Young Members to get involved in these and other working groups. Please visit the WG webpages for more information.
- ITAYm attended the ITA General Assembly and presented the activities of the group to the Member Nations. This will be a formal part of the ITA General Assembly in the coming years.

We hope everyone took home a copy of Breakthrough – the online version of the magazine can be found here <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/6db452e3#/6db452e3/1>. Please use this magazine to establish your groups –the article on “How to Establish an YM Group” and the articles from the different countries describing their journeys this far should be helpful.

With the very positive results of this WTC we have confidence that the next year for the Young Member world will be very fruitful and we trust we will reach our goal of having at least 30 MNs with established Young Member Groups by WTC 2016.

Lastly, please do use the ITAYm Steering Board as a resource, and we will do what we can to help you in the creation of your groups.

Thanks again for all of your interest and we look forward to working with you all.

*ITAYm Steering Board*



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