

beSpace Dinner – 10th March 2017. Dominique Tilmans.

You know, when Dries announced me this award, I was so surprised!
It was so unexpected!!

“Personnality of the year” ! This is great ! Amazing!! I’m really happy!!

Congratulation to beSpace to launch those Awards. Great initiative!

I have 5 min to speak about the **aim** and the **dream of YouSpace!**
I will respect the schedule!

First our aim is to challenge the links, to build bridges in the Space sector beyond the cleavages, beyond the languages, beyond Communities, beyond professional responsibilities, beyond generations!

Today, in our very connected society, where all data are close at hand and contacts easily made, isolation has never been this important!

Everyone is overactive in his own network if I can say in his own “bubble” and the activity outside the “bubble” is weak.

At YouSpace, we decide to shake up these habits by being very pragmatic:

Students and Young Professionals need advices regarding their professional goals/choices, Professors need students. Companies need operational graduates. Each one provides his contribution: experience for the Seniors, the spirit of teamworking, networking, e-working, worklife balance for the Students and Young Professionals. Why didn’t we think this before?

And the “Meeting Space Mentors/Space Mentees” is a good application:

To students who are over connected on their tablet, computer, smartphone, and who are accustomed to the use of technology, we

suggest to overcome this technology to take the opportunity to get face-to-face contacts with Senior Professionals.

This to help them to discover and be involved in the sector, to enlarge their contacts and give them the chance to improve their professional choices ... An exciting challenge!

And because it's quite the good place to make an announce! Our next meeting is on March thirty at the Royal Observatory! Still time to register!

And what about our dream?

The dream of YouSpace and my personal dream is to promote a large European Space network between Students, Young & Senior Professionals and to expand our Belgian experience in other European countries.

And new step was done with the launching of **YouSpace International on LinkedIn** 2 weeks ago and some of you join us already. If not don't wait because we are now 700 members from 29 countries!! (Bresil, Chili, China, India...Europe).

YouSpace International is an opportunity to have only on 1 network dedicated to space.

It's the place where everybody involved/interested in the sector can share: innovation, events, success stories, projects, job opportunities, publications, internships ... and much more.

So go use it! Post your publications and make it live!

Now to conclude.

You know the evolution of YouSpace after only 2 ½ years, is fascinating. And if I can say, like in atoms, YouSpace is beginning to increase the energetic level between the different actors of the Space sector.

What a huge potential!! What a growing power!!

The future depends on our motivation, on our determination! Only!

