

Antwerp Aurora Biannual - Programme

Wednesday 28 November 2018

Time	Activity	Location
Only for participants in closed work meetings		
12.00 – 13.00	Registration with a small snack	Grauwzusters Cloister Lange St. Annastraat 7 (map: S)
13.00 – 15.30	Work meetings of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional coordinators • Communications officers • Students 	See next page
For all participants		
15.30 – 17.30	Guided walking tours through Antwerp	Hof van Liere, First Courtyard Prinsstraat 13 (map: 7)
18.00 – 21.00	Welcome reception & walking dinner	FelixArchief Oudeleeuwenrui 29 (top of map)

Thursday 29 November 2018

Time	Activity	Location
08.00	Registration	Hof van Liere, Prinsstraat 13 (map: 7) For parallel meetings see next page
09.00 – 10.30	Parallel meetings of thematic and project groups	
10.30 – 11.00	Networking break	
11.00 – 12.30	Parallel meetings of thematic and project groups	
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 – 15.30	Parallel meetings of thematic and project groups	
15.30 – 16.00	Networking break	
16.00 – 17.30	Parallel meetings of thematic and project groups	
14.00 – 16.30	Board meeting	
18.30 – 21.00	Presidents' dinner No dinner arrangements for other participants	University Club, Prinsstraat 13B (map: 8)

Friday 30 November 2018

Time	Activity	Location
08.00	Registration	Building C, Prinsstraat 13 (map: C)
08.30 – 10.15 08.30 – 09.05 09.05 – 10.15	Plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award • Biosphere SDGs 	Aula C.003
10.15 – 10.50	Networking break	Hall in front of Aula C.003
10.50 – 11.00	Group photo + presidents' photo	Main courtyard, Prinsstraat 13 (map: 7)
11.00 – 13.00	Parallel meetings of thematic and project groups	See next page
11.00 – 13.00 11.00 – 12.00 12.00 – 12.50	General Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all agenda items except the working group reports • working group reporters one by one stepping out of their own session 	Lessius, room E.122 (map: E)
13.00 – 16.00	Farewell Lunch	Marcel Maeyer, Universiteitsclub, Prinsstraat 13B (map: 8)

Work Meetings – Wednesday 28 November 2018

Work meeting	Location
Institutional coordinators	Grauwzusters, S.004
Communication officers	Grauwzusters, S.002
Students	Rodestraat 4, S-PM-R.110

Parallel Meetings – Thursday 29 November and Friday 30 November 2018

We have assigned colours to all working groups. It will be clearly indicated at Hof van Liere in which direction you should go.

Project / title	Coordinator	Location
Diversity – Overall Session	Neira Becar (VUA)	Rainbow 
Inclusive Internationalisation	Helena Gillespie (UEA)	Yellow 
Positive Teaching & Learning Culture	Silvester Draaijer (VUA)	Red 
Open Educational Resources	Anke Petschenka (UDE)	Brown 
EU Research Funding and Information Managers	Andreas Hoene (UDE)	Blue 
Sustainability – speakers series	David Lusseau (ABDN)	Green 
Doctoral Education	Sandra Hasanefendic (VUA)	Pink 
Working Group Macron: European Universities	Patrick Lévy (UGA)	Purple 
Communication Officers	Sylvia van Vliet (VU)	Orange 
Board Meeting	Kees Kouwenaar (Aurora)	Aurora logo 

Plenary session

The plenary session of the Antwerp Aurora Biannual will take place Friday morning **30 November 2018 from 08.30 – 10.15**, in Building “C” at the University of Antwerp, Prinsstraat 13, **aula C.003**, followed by a networking break until 11.00. The session will consist of two parts:

- A. The Award ceremony of the Aurora Diversity and Equality Award 2018.
- B. Aurora and the Biosphere SDGs.

A. The Aurora Diversity and Equality Award 2018

The Aurora Diversity and Equality Award contest was set up in 2017 as a tool to identify and highlight initiatives that enhance diversity and equality in higher education institutions. Diversity, Inclusion, and Equality are vital to the core vision and mission of Aurora as a university network. Although it is organised as a contest, the purpose is to acknowledge all valuable initiatives that stimulate diversity, inclusion, and equality.

The second Aurora Diversity & Equality Award

The Second Aurora Diversity & Equality Award will be announced and presented as part of the Plenary Session of the Antwerp Aurora Biannual, 30 November 2018, 8.30 – 9.05.

Karen van Oudenhoven – Van der Zee, as chair of the Diversity group and the award jury, will give a short introduction on the purpose of the Award and the jurying process. The objective of the award is to identify and exchange good practices and advance the Aurora network's vision of diversity. Our panel of judges has reviewed all projects, and after extensive discussion and deliberation, the following three projects have been shortlisted, one of which will be proclaimed the winner. All three will first pitch their project to the judges. In random order, the three projects are:

Project: Taalmaat, University of Antwerp

International prep-year students learn standard Dutch in their language acquisition classes. However, there are gaps and a lot remains to be discovered, especially in an academic context. These gaps generate difficulties to reach out to native students, and frustration or anxiety during lectures when the lecturer has a strong accent or talks quickly. ‘Taalmaat’ creates the opportunity for prep-year students to practice every day Dutch with peers in an informal and realistic setting. Taalmaat, which means language buddy, brings native Dutch speaking and international prep-year students together to practice the Dutch language. Dutch students are enrolled in different levels of study at the University of Antwerp (UoA), from Bachelor to Ph.D. The prep-year students are enrolled in the preparatory one-year program ‘Dutch as a Foreign Language in an Academic Context.’

Project: MammaForum, University of Gothenburg

Mammaforum is an NGO which works with newly immigrated pregnant women and new mothers in Gothenburg, Sweden. These women are often not introduced to language education provided by municipalities. A language barrier can render these women unable to make essential decisions about their health and that of their children. The objective of this project is to enhance Swedish language skills of these women while giving our students hands-on experience teaching the subject Swedish as a second language. Mammaforum has developed an infrastructure within the teaching program that promotes agility and flexibility while supporting a transformative change to members of marginalized groups.

Project: TRACK: Sports, play and language practice with young refugees, University Duisburg-Essen

Project TRACK started in 2016 as an initiative to help young refugees learn German. It has been very successful in promoting enthusiasm for the German language in young refugees by fusing sports, play, and physical education with the analytical practice of language learning. Project TRACK's success can be witnessed from the fact that the young refugees who at first did not know German, blossom into German speakers who can navigate an otherwise dense language structure in a quicker way than usual, and with far more ease.

Award Trophy

Last but not least, the Award Trophy will be presented. This year, the award has been given a physical presence in the shape of the Aurora Award Trophy, designed and produced by a student design sciences from the University of Antwerp. It is an exchangeable trophy, which the winner will be able to display until a next winner takes over.

B. Aurora and the Biosphere SDGs

In total 17 Sustainable Development Goals have been identified by the United Nations. For a fruitful discussion on the importance of the SDGs for engaged research universities like the Aurora members, encompassing all 17 SDGs in one discussion may be too broad and zooming in on just one SDG may be too narrow. For this reason, the focus in Antwerp will lie on a cluster of related Sustainable Development Goals.



The adjacent graph, designed by the Stockholm Resilience Centre, shows one option to cluster the SDGs.

As this graph still leads to a relatively large cluster of SDGs at the middle level of “society” (eight of the seventeen SDGs), a further refinement with fewer SDGs in one single category is proposed in the table underneath.

Biosphere	Society	Economy	Health	Institutions
6. Clearwater and sanitation	1. No poverty	8. Decent work and economic growth	2. Zero hunger	16. Peace, justice & strong institutions
13. Climate action	4. Quality education	9. Industry, innovation & infrastructure	3. Good health & well being	17. Partnerships for the goals
14. Life below water	5. Gender Equality	10. Reduced inequalities		
15. Life on land	7. Affordable and clean energy	12. Responsible consumption & production		
	11. Sustainable cities & communities			

For the Antwerp Aurora Biannual, the focus lies on the **Biosphere SDGs** – which corresponds well to the relative strength of the Aurora network as a whole in these SDGs.

Biosphere SDG session

The Biosphere SDG session will be the second part of the Plenary Session of the Antwerp Aurora Biannual, 30 November 2018, 9:05 – 10:15.

After a brief introduction by the two moderators, **Maurice Vanderfeesten** from the VU Library will show the intermediate results of the SDG Analysis tool when applied to the four biosphere related SDGs. Following that, **four eminent scholars** in SDG related research will speak on their research and potential for collaboration within Aurora. They will also each formulate a target for presidents of universities who want to stand out as sustainable universities: in the focus of their research and teaching as well as in how the university functions. This will lead to a discussion in which the presidents will be invited to take a stand and articulate ambitious targets for the sustainability of their university – underlining the SDG-focus of Aurora as a network. At the close, **Philippe Martin**, Acting Head of Unit at the Academic Research and Innovation department from the European Commission, will reflect on the SDGs and universities from an outside perspective.

Actors

Moderators:

- Senior moderator: Barbera Buchenau, University Duisburg-Essen
- Junior moderator: Jasper Bloemen, University of Antwerp

Aurora Biosphere SDG Academics:

- David Lusseau, University of Aberdeen
- Lieven Bervoets, University of Antwerp
- Inger Elisabet Måren, University of Bergen
- Brynhildur Davidsdottir, University of Iceland

Outside perspective:

- Philippe Martin, Acting Head of Unit, Academic Research and Innovation at Research & Innovation Directorate General - Open Science & Open Innovation, European Commission