

## REPORT OF CHAIRPERSON 2018-19 ELEN KARAPETIAN

### YEE ANNUAL MEETING 2019

I did not expect or plan ahead that I would be nominated as a chairperson of YEE but seeing people believe in me, I took the opportunity and took the chance to work with people from different cultures and expand my network with YEE which is big. First I realised that being a chairperson requires a lot of responsibilities and hard work but it seemed an easy task in the other hand. First two months for me was really hard as there was a lot of information to digest and due to communication difficulties I was figuring out what should be done by myself without having the experience. I couldn't get my responsibilities and couldn't get what should be done as working virtually was more challenging than expected and the distance itself was a huge barrier for me.

Board meeting which took place on December 2018 gave me the information which I needed in terms of work plan and working more structured but the barrier itself was the greatest challenge after all. Shortly after I got issues at my work which led to be less focused on my responsibilities which combined with distant communications became stronger.

I was eager to work with people with different backgrounds, personalities and being a chairperson gave me technical skills and knowledge in decision making process which are important for coordination and communication of board.

During the first few months it was hard to work with secretary and the board because of rising tension and conflicts between us which can be easily handled by improving existing guidelines and giving members more details about their responsibilities and the work that should be done which was clear for me after the board meeting on december. The next candidate will be a better fit if he/she can spend more time to think, plan and put more effort on communication and coordination of secretary and board as chairperson should be the person who can prove that everything is possible and lead the team to move forward.

I wish newly coming secretary and board a productive year and YEE to get stronger with every new member and every step which is taken by professional team.