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What does 'young' in Young SIETAR actually mean?

The Young SIETAR Network is an exciting opportunity in the world of intercultural education, training, communication and management.

Young SIETAR is an international non-profit, member-run organisation, which combines the efforts of students and young professionals from a wide range of practical and academic disciplines who share a common concern for intercultural relations. Through an array of activities Young SIETAR provides a unique opportunity to build a bridge between juniors and professionals in this dynamic field that is educating a new generation of interculturalists.

We value open-mindedness and high spirits above anything else!

Young SIETAR – everyone's invited?

The main target groups are students and professionals who **share an interest in the field of intercultural relations and communication**. An open-minded attitude and genuine interest in intercultural matters are two aspects that are taken very seriously. Young SIETAR aims at connecting people and cultures through the exchange of experience and expertise.

With the help of interactive tools (e.g. online conferencing, bulletin boards, electronic messaging), Young SIETARians are able to connect with other members situated anywhere on the globe quickly and easily. 'Virtual Teams' work across space, time and organisational boundaries on the various Young SIETAR projects.



Young Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research



[The 8th Annual Congress](#)

“Intercultural or Interpersonal: Where Does Personality End & Culture Begin?”

Valencia, Spain
September 28 – October 1, 2006

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From **September 28 to October 1, 2006** Young SIETAR will be hosting its 8th Annual Congress in Valencia, Spain.

After seven highly successful congresses in The Netherlands ('97), Belgium ('99), Poland ('00), Romania ('02), Slovakia ('03), Germany ('04) and Croatia ('05), we will meet Spain this year.

The main congress starts on September 29. However, early comers will have a chance to meet during the pre-congress day, September 28.

- **60 participants from Europe and overseas** are expected to attend the congress (students, recent graduates and young professionals in the intercultural field).
- **The agenda** will feature plenary speeches, workshops, simulations, panel discussions and off-site sessions.
- During the **pre-congress day** (September 28), the participants will have an opportunity to get to know one another taking part in a variety of interculturally oriented activities (fun included).

Target groups

The program of the congress will feature workshops and other activities, enabling the participants to choose a theme and level according to their background. The congress is targeted at:

- **Newcomers to the field:** Introduction program to the intercultural field
- **More advanced participants** (e.g. students of the field): Pedagogically oriented topics, putting intercultural awareness into practice
- **Professionals and scientists:** Sharing (scientific) knowledge and research results

Lights in the Tunnel

Within the theme of this year's event "*Intercultural or Interpersonal: Where Does Personality End & Culture Begin?*" YS will stage a congress focusing on the new developments in the highly exciting and ever-increasing intercultural field.

The following tracks will serve as guidelines for workshops and plenary speeches during the congress days:

- Introduction to the Intercultural Field
- Global Diversity and Inclusion
- Education and Training
- Intercultural Research
- Business and Management
- Community Interaction
- Young SIETAR network

Who's and what's

Just a handful of the inspiring sessions to come:

- ***Global Diversity and Inclusion,***
- ***How intercultural intersects with diversity,***
- ***Color and Culture,***
- ***Where does personality end and culture begin: Answers from Bioenergetics, NLP and Intercultural Communication***

The list of speakers is still open. However, the following persons have already confirmed their participation:

Ruth van Reken, Maria Jicheva, Jeremy Solomons, Veronique Kilian, Gesa Krämer, Kelli McLound Schingen, Paul Westlake. Kazuma Matoba and Beatrice Schmid.

We believe that the congress should do more than just present state-of-the-art knowledge. Important as it may be, we are also aiming at transferring skills and building up a network of young interculturalists – we consider broad interaction amongst facilitators and participants as a priority.

The Logistics Handbook

This year's congress will take place in Centro de Vacaciones Benageber, located on a lake in Valencia's region, Spain.

Valencia is easily accessible by plane, bus, train or car (though one could imagine other forms of transport – getting there on foot would be an adventure in itself!).

Whichever way to get there you will choose, you may count on our help to let you select the option that will suit you best. You will find regularly updated details on the congress website.

Accommodation and meals will be included in the congress fee (more information below and on the congress website).

Curious? Want to know more?

The details on the 8th YS Congress are available on our **congress website (www.youngsietar.org)**. There you will find the latest information and updates:

- Congress fees and registration,
- Logistics,
- Congress speakers and facilitators,
- Agenda overview,
- Web links to related sites, and more.

It's easy to be a part of it!

Registration for the congress will be possible from the beginning of June. An online registration form, with more detailed information, is available on the website.

The fees are as follows (in EUR):

	congress	pre-congress day
- YS Participant	160.00	20.00
- YS Participant (reduced fee)	110.00	10.00
- Participant Non Member	210.00	25.00
- Business Participant	300.00	30.00

If you would like to be kept up-to-date with the latest developments and receive a monthly update on the congress progress please send an email to congress@youngsietar.org