

## **Constitution Speech**

**Pioneering: “To go, where no beta (/techi/ Delfti) has gone before”**

Dear everybody (techies, beta's, scientists, engineers, educators, communicators, leaders)

We are gathered here today, this evening, to eat cheese and enjoy peanuts. Drink drinks, and explore the physics underground... the basement café!

AND

to celebrate the dawn of a new era in science education, and science communication.

Yes! The future is bright, the future is... InterSEction green. This year's great color!

This color brings us to the main focus of our evening, which we will introduce to you right now.

In the not too distant past, just before the miracle of summer hit our now again rainy and cold country, when this building was still surrounded by mud and displaced sand, three wise and brave women rose from the debris of the Mekelpark. (Just as the Prometheus statue!) To guide us, in these uncertain and challenging times, where no one can see further than... the next week. To guide us to, and in, new found SEC land.

**And** to take SEC, and InterSEction, to new heights! Expand the borders of our knowledge, our insights, our involvement, our contribution and our caring capabilities (starting here at TNW, but stretching to the ends of the earth! And beyond!)

To take us a step further in dialogue - between students and staff, SEC-students and science & engineering students, scientists and society, and ... between everyone else!

First there was **Clemence**. The bravest of the three. She will guide and lead us with a **firm** and **stable** hand and a clear vision of where we are heading. With her former experiences as a board member of the Jansbrug student society, she will now lead our study association as president of InterSEction. Undoubtedly, she will have the power to cut clean a path for us in this jungle of newfound land.

Next there is our secretary, the wisest of the three. **Miranda's** miraculous mind always finds a solution to any problem. No riddle is uncrackable for her and no mystery is left unsolved. Her bright young spirit pierces through the **darkest** situation.

Bringing a young student association to bloom is no uncommonality to this young pioneer. Neither is demonstrating compassion for society as she proved in the inspirational leadership she demonstrated serving students for sustainability: Bringing them to maturity and **success**.

Last but certainly not least; Melisa! Our trustworthy adventurer. This mysterious lady from a country **f a r f a r** away... turns everything she touches, miraculously, into **euro's**. She will be our **treasurer!** Also, in all the scrupulous calculations that she made in her previous position as treasurer of an exotic music group, she has never made a single mistake. Not a penny fell through the patterns of her arithmetics. And, if you are lucky enough to catch her in between her mindboggling bookkeeping activities, she might reveal to you some of the hidden secrets of the east.

These three, visionaries indeed, will be strengthened by a young pioneer who inversed Columbus risky journey, and made the trip **BACK** over the Atlantic, alllllll the way from the America's, to pioneer with us here in Europe. After he has settled and equipped himself for this special task, he will take up over a position in this board of visionaries, and inspire us.

Dear leaders,

As the old wise women from interSEction's rich history, we would like to provide you , at the brink of this beautiful, but possibly treacherous journey, with some counsel. Some helpful, wise words.

InterSEction just got born last year, and is still finding its feet. You have the challenging and honorary task this year, to bring this young organization to more maturity. (Beware of the toddlers puberty !)

Now, to leave behind something dear, something that you have grown bonds with goes together with some pain. For us, as old board, we need to endure some severing pains, and drop a few tears, as we leave behind our former roles. But this, having to part with something dear, should NEVER discourage you from forming bonds, ties. Because that is what makes everything valuable, alive and effective. The same goes for InterSEction. This association, and the whole SEC field for that part, the whole entire of society actually, becomes alive, valuable and effective, by the grace of honest ties between people. These ties are formed for a big part, by dialogue. (Out of the box dialogue). As we can do nothing on our own, and we do nothing, just for ourselves.

So part of the challenge for a new, young organization, is establishing ties, or social coherence, trust and goodwill, thereby bringing together skills and knowledge that will effectuate growth and quality for the whole environment in which an organization operates.

And also, to color everything that is associated with SEC, as it brings back good memories, of (connections with) people.

As an illustration of how this works, we'd like to give you a life changing present, in the form of a book. We hope this famous adventure story full of deep truths will inspire you during your boardmanship journey, and beyond! And change the life of InterSEction, SEC, and the entire field, and in the end the whole world. For the better, of course.

Wishing you, all the strength, wisdom, and benevolence you will need.  
With much respect and thankfulness,

**Arjanna Marjoleine Ammeret**