



Presenting *Young Earth System Scientists (YESS)* – a new network for new scientists

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Earth system science in Germany is split up into many high profile institutes and universities across the country. Especially for early-career scientists, the communication infrastructure is maintained mainly by graduate schools. Therefore, inter-institute communication is often lacking.

YESS is a PhD student maintained superstructure that tries to integrate communication among young researchers (PhD students and post-docs) working in the field of Earth system sciences across Germany. Instead of replacing any activities or organizations, YESS wants to connect and incorporate ongoing efforts. The main goals of YESS are the improvement of communication amongst young scientists in the field, furthering the establishment of personal networks, and development of synergistic effects within the Earth system sciences.

The technical basis of YESS will be an internet-based community system, enabling its users to search, learn, and share their research. This communication platform will be supplemented by an annual PhD student conference and by regular workshops, so that virtual contacts can be extended into real personal interaction.

For now, YESS is focused on young researchers working at German research centers. Yet, YESS wants to establish connections to similar international efforts since our long-term goal is to strengthen international collaboration.