On January 27, 2012, our first New York Alumni Chapter reception kicked off the New Year with an Alumni Reception at the residence of alumnus Brunhilde Vergouwen. The event, the first of its kind, was organized to bring alumni residing in the East coast of the United States together. The reception’s purpose was to create an informal atmosphere for RUG alumni to meet each other, welcomes new arrivals in town as well as for members to acquaint themselves with the 400th anniversary celebration in 2014.

Nearly 50 people, representing 7 different nationalities, attended the Meet and Mingle hosted at the Residence of Brunhilde Vergouwen, graduate in Special Education (Doctoraal Orthopedagogiek). RUG alumni residing in the densely populated East coast travelled from Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Jersey and New York states for this special occasion. Alumnus Brunhilde Vergouwen welcomed everyone and stressed the importance of staying connected as alumni of the RUG. She invited guests to take the opportunity to network and enjoy themselves.

The enthusiasm of both young and much experienced alumni attest to what awaits the International Home-coming in 2014. The alumni ended the evening by posing in front of the University flag for the group picture.

International Alumni Officer Prince Ralph Osei acknowledged the presence of all those that travelled great distances for the occasion. He shared with them the new developments back home, ambitions and steps undertaken by the university to be among the top 100 universities as well as activities to mark the 400th anniversary in 2014. He touched on the university’s focus on Healthy Aging, Energy and Sustainable society and series of ground breaking research on-going at Groningen. Sharing with the gathering the activities planned for the 400th anniversary in 2014, Prince mentioned the date for the celebration to be May 15- June 15, 2014 and invited everyone for our International Home-coming.

The interaction of attendees continued till 23h30 instead of the official 20h00, a clear evidence that Groningen had indeed come to the Big Apple.

> international alumni ambassadors <
Since 2011, the Alumni Relations Office recruit about 25 to 30 graduating international students to become RUG ambassadors once they return to their home countries. These students are trained and prepared not only to become RUG official representatives but also to serve as support for recruitment of prospective students. This year alone, we have 30 ambassadors undergoing training before their departure home around the globe with a willingness to help and connect other alumni seeking business and professional opportunities in their countries.
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