



## NETTELBOSSJE 2

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Dear all,  
this edition of Nettelbosje 2 – S4-Q4 – has the stories of Jan Jouke Melchers (study year 2012-2013) and Thijs Visscher (study year 2011-2012). Both of them are currently working abroad: Jan Jouke in the USA, Thijs in Poland.

I know Jan Jouke quite well, having been his thesis supervisor, and having attended a couple of his guest lectures at our Master. Always relaxed and very humble...at times being too modest by 'downplaying' his own achievements. Rather than showing his pride about how he got to Deloitte, he told an honest story that he wasn't really sure about what to do at that time, that he didn't know Deloitte very well, that he had a couple of beers ("two or three too many") the night before, made the calculative test, passed with flying colors, and got selected for a job interview and the job.

I remember Thijs Visscher as being very active in organizing all kinds of student activities during his studies (RISK, EBF). After graduating, he started at Aegon to develop himself in the field of business development and he seized an opportunity in Poland. When calling him on his mobile to tell him about the magazine, he asked me to just wait 10 minutes such that he would park his car in the garage and call me back. He then told me that parking in Warsaw is extremely difficult, and that public transport is also not helping. I was a bit stunned: "but your LinkedIn account still says you're in Amsterdam, and the mobile phone number is Dutch...". He then reminded me of the advantages of roaming within a EU country: thank you EU!

These two former students went abroad to explore interesting and novel experiences. Many of our readers are probably also still abroad (enjoying your holidays or working internationally).

I hope you've had or will have wonderful and interesting days,  
Thijs