

AFECO Monthly Newsletter

May 2019

AFECO Hike in May

Have you marked your calendars? We're going hiking in Drachenfels on **11.05.2019 (Saturday)** and meeting at 10:05 in the HBF at the the U-Bahn stop. We're taking the **U-Bahn 66 in direction Königswinter (departure 10:20)**. Don't forget to bring your lunch and drinks for the picnic on the hill. We are looking forward to see you there! Organized by your student representatives, Tobias & Estera.

P.S. The return trip can be planned individually, depending on how much time you want to spend hiking.

Dies Academicus

Wednesday May 15, 2019 is Dies Academicus! With no lectures, take the time to pursue the diverse variety of lectures offered by different faculties here at Uni Bonn. Check out the lectures [here](#).

Gearing up for the real world?

Is it your last semester at Uni Bonn? Wrapping up your thesis and getting ready to say Auf Wiedersehen to Mensa CAMPO? Start getting ready for the job market and check out the services offered by the University of Bonn career center [here](#).

Maibaum (May Tree) - An Unusual Display of Love

Why are German men running through the streets, tree in toe, the eve of May 1st? For the international students or German students not from the Cologne/Bonn region, this may seem a strange May tradition, but perhaps it's a display of love that the world needs a little bit more of right now. Read more about the may tree tradition [here](#).

Movie Night!

Check out the French film "Tomorrow" on **Wednesday, May 1st at 20:00** presented at ESG Bonn, Königstrasse 88. "Tomorrow" is a thrilling documentary about environmental projects, initiatives, businesses, and ideas that we can look to in our future. More info [here](#).

SDG Global Festival of Action

The [SDG Global Festival of Action](#) (2-4 May 2019 in Bonn, Germany) will feature a wide range of presentations and debates, each with the aim to further SDG understanding and awareness, build practical skills and networks and be inspired by SDG Leaders.

“The future of agriculture – proposals for a sustainable way forward” ZEF public lecture

This public Lecture by Dr. Klaus Kunz (Agricultural Affairs & Sustainability, Crop Science at Bayer AG) will take place **May 2nd, 13:30 - 14:30** at Genscherallee 3, Rechter Konferenz Raum. More information can be found [here](#).

UN Summer Academy 2019 is looking for volunteers

Call for student volunteers for the 8th UN Summer Academy “Bringing the 2030 Agenda to life” to be organized in Bonn from 26-30 August 2019. Please visit this [link](#) and submit your application form **until May 8th 2019**.

Internship and Job Opportunities*

[Praktikant \(m/w/d\)](#) im Sektorvorhaben Klima für die Vorbereitungen zur 25. Weltklimakonferenz, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Bonn
Bewerbungsfrist: 07.05.2019

[Praktikum "Nachhaltiger Kakao-Sektor"](#), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Bonn
Bewerbungsfrist: 08.05.2019

[Praktikanten \(m/w/d\) Einkauf](#), eathappy, Köln

Check out the ILR [website](#) for PhD positions and other post-graduate job opportunities.

*job descriptions in German require fluent German skills

ILR Testimonial: Prof. Dr. Karin Holm-Müller

I sat down with Professor [Holm-Müller](#) to discuss the AFECO program reaccreditation process and the future of the [Resource and Environmental Economics Chair](#). A special thanks to Professor Holm-Müller for taking the time to contribute to the May 2019 newsletter!

A.T.: What does the AFECO reaccreditation process entail?

K. H-M.: Our program will be evaluated by professors in our field from other universities as well as by a student representative and one person representing possible employers. They will look into documents and talk to students, the teaching staff and responsible persons from the faculty and the university (me in



this case). This is to make sure that our program fulfills all the requirements of the European Qualification Framework for master programs.

A.T.: How does a program prepare for the process?

K. H-M.: We started preparing for this already two years ago, when we asked the student representatives to organize a student survey. This has since been repeated once and has been accompanied by an alumni survey, so that we got quite a good overview about what works fine and what we should change. We- teaching staff and students- then met in the study commission and decided on how to implement these changes. Now we are writing all this up, so that an updated study program can be presented for reaccreditation as well as a report on how well the program works and why we made certain changes.

A.T.: With your departure from the Resource and Environmental Economics Chair, what does the immediate future of the chair look like?

K. H-M.: Sorry, this must be a rumor, which has arisen from I do not know where. I am staying at the chair till at least September 2022. I will most probably take a sabbatical in 2022, but I will not officially depart from the chair before September. Anyway, as Vice Rector for Studying and Teaching at Bonn University my teaching load is already very low and I personally only give one class in the whole AFECO program. All the other classes that the chair is now responsible for will gradually been taken over by the chair of professor Börner, Economics of Sustainable Land Use and Bioeconomy. We are in close contact and he does not plan any major changes in the next future.

A.T.: What do you hope for your chair and the AFECO program moving forward?

K. H-M.: I will continue to work for the chair and the program for some years still together with my colleagues and our students. And I hope that together we will succeed in making this program even more attractive for students who are fascinated by the economic aspects of the agricultural and food sector locally and worldwide. We want our students to experience that we really have to say something to this point and that they also can contribute to solve the problems of feeding the world in a sustainable and fair manner. And I think we all feel that Bonn is a special location for this in Germany, something we did not really use as much as possible in the past. I also hope that you as students and former students manage to build up a network that will also help you in your future career or just allows you to keep track on friends of your Bonn time. And I think that this newsletter can also contribute to this end. So, thank you, Alex, for your work on it. And thanks to those who will follow and continue to inform our (current and perhaps recent) students to what might be interesting to them.

We want you to contribute!

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, whether it be on a recurring or one-time basis, please contact Alex Trecha at afeco.info@ilr.uni-bonn.de. A big thank you to **Ange** who has contributed to multiple issues of the newsletter, more student voices are encouraged!