

# AFECO Monthly Newsletter

## October 2019

### Herzlich Willkommen / Welcome

A very warm welcome to all our new students in the AFECO / AFEPA or BoWaCo programme. Like every year, we kick off the winter term with a welcome week for the first-year students which is rounded up by the [AFECO day](#) on **October 11<sup>th</sup> 2019**.

### Final course registration period for Winter Semester 2019/20

The final course registration period for the 2019/20 winter semester will open **October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019** and close **October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Make sure to register on [BASIS](#) for all courses you would like to take in winter term 2019/20!

### ILR Seminar Series: “On-farm data: A comprehensive pool for analyzing pesticide and fertilizer use in arable farming”

On **October 09<sup>th</sup> at 14:00** in Meckenheimer Allee 172 (Raum Palazzo 1<sup>st</sup> floor), Sabine Andert from the University of Rostock will give a research talk on the patterns of pesticide use and their interactions with crop management. In particular, the use of chemical herbicides is a longstanding controversial issue between the farming, scientific, and public communities. Sabine will therefore focus on herbicide use patterns in arable farming. Further details about the talk and about Sabine Andert can be found [here](#).

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### Podiumsdiskussion: “Mehr Schein als Sein? Geschlechtergerechtigkeit in internationalen Organisationen”

Die Podiumsdiskussion im Universitätsclub Bonn, Konviktstraße 9, 53113 Bonn (Schumpeter Sitzungsraum, 1. OG) beleuchtet im Kontext des Tags der Vereinten Nationen **am 24. Oktober 2019** die Rolle von Frauen in internationalen Organisationen. Es sollen sowohl aktuelle Entwicklungen, Instrumente als auch persönliche Erfahrungen von Referent\*innen aus verschiedenen (internationalen) Organisationen und Institutionen im nationalen und internationalen Rahmen vorgestellt, diskutiert und reflektiert werden. Mehr Informationen [hier](#).

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### BonnFest

Since July 19<sup>th</sup>, the University of Bonn is one of 11 excellence universities and networks in Germany. Therefore, the University of Bonn designed the stage program on the **Marktplatz on**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>** for this year's BonnFest. Further information on the event and the exact program schedule can be found [here](#).

## **ASTA bike market**

Need a new bike to get around Bonn? You can buy and sell used bicycles and spare parts at the ASTA bike market on **October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Hofgarten 9:00 - 13.00**. It works like every flea market, you should come as early as possible, otherwise the best bargains will already be gone! Prices for bikes start at approx. 30 Euro, but there are also high-quality racing bikes, mountain bikes, and tandems for sale. The sale takes place privately between the seller and buyer. More information on what to look for when buying a bike can be found [here](#).

## **United Nations Day**

The United Nations Day on **October 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 (11:00 – 180:00)** on the **Marktplatz** gives citizens of Bonn the chance to get to know the common themes of the United Nations, the Federal Foreign Office, the German UNESCO Commission, the UNICEF Working Group Bonn, UN Women, and the UN Refugee Aid.

## **19th Global Development Conference**

The Global Development Network (GDN) is hosting its 19<sup>th</sup> Global Development Conference on the **23-25 October 2019** at the World Conference Center (WCC), to facilitate the research-policy interface in pursuit of the SDGs. The conference will also mark GDN's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary since its launch at the Global Development Conference in 1999. Registration and more information can be found [here](#).

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## **Internship and Job Opportunities\***

[Intern \(m/w/d\) Economics of Land Degradation \(ELD\) Initiative at the Sector Project for Soil Protection, Combatting Desertification and Sustainable Land Management](#), GIZ, Bonn  
Application Deadline: 07.10.2019

[Praktikant \(m/w/d\) im Projekt "Programm für Nachhaltige Lieferketten und Standards"](#), GIZ  
Bonn  
Bewerbungsfrist: 07.10.2019

[Internship Assignment: Mitigation, Data and Analysis \(MDA\) Programme Transparency Framework sub-programme](#), United Nations, Bonn  
Application Deadline: 20.10.2019

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

**\*job descriptions in German require fluent German skills**

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## ILR Testimonial: Mariam Iakobidze, AFECO 2017-2019

I spoke to Mariam Iakobidze, an AFECO student graduating this fall with a double minor in Agribusiness and Market and Consumer Research and a thesis titled, “Neglected and Underutilized No More? Examining potential consumer demand for quinoa in Germany”, who successfully balanced her academic career with a student job.



**A.T.:** Please tell us about your student job.

**M.I.:** At the end of the first year of AFECO, I realized that as an international student I only had one year left to further explore the German lifestyle and to gain work experience outside of my own country, so I applied at the Center for Development Research (ZEF). Since June 2018, I’ve worked at ZEF as a graduate research assistant within the framework of the PARI project – a program accompanying research for agricultural innovation. As a research assistant, my major tasks are literature research, data analysis, editing scientific research articles, and creating publications.

**A.T.:** Was it hard to find a student job as an international student?

**M.I.:** Surprisingly not! Bonn is the host of many international organizations, where English is the working language, so there are a lot of prospects for English speaking students. At ZEF we have a multicultural team and a very international environment.

**A.T.:** Would you recommend getting a student job to an AFECO student?

**M.I.:** Actually, I would not only recommend it, but I’d say it is a must, especially for international students who want to expand their horizons and to learn more about organizational culture. Especially if the student job is related to AFECO topics, then you have the chance to use your acquired tools and knowledge in practice. So, I say yes, go for it and get the student job, but preferably after the first year of study to avoid stress and time pressure in the beginning of your studies.

**A.T.:** What are some of the most important things you learned while balancing student life and your student job?

**M.I.:** I learned that having an employer who respects and understands that studying is your number one priority is the most important thing. I always had time flexibility from ZEF to properly work for my classes and take my exams without thinking about job tasks. So, to everyone who thinks about working part time in parallel with their studies, I would recommend to make sure your employers know your priorities beforehand, so later on you don’t have to make choices between the two.

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### 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](mailto:afeco.info@ilr.uni-bonn.de). A big thank you to **Ange and Estera** who contributed to this issue of the newsletter, more student voices are encouraged and needed!