

AFECO Monthly Newsletter

December 2019

AFECO Student Christmas Party

As Christmas approaches faster than expected, we are pleased to invite all AFECO/AFEPA/BoWaCo students to the annual AFECO Christmas Party! Get ready for some mulled wine, Christmas treats & lots of fun on **Wednesday, 11th** of December at **6pm** at **Nussallee 19**. **Feel free to put on your Christmas sweaters & hats**. We hope to see you all there! Sofi & Freddy

16th December [ILR-Seminar](#) by Dr. Oliver Krebs

Dr. Oliver Krebs from the University of Tübingen will give a research talk on “RIOTs in Germany - constructing an interregional input-output table for Germany at NUTS3 level” on December 16th, 2019 in the computer room (ground floor, room 0.010), Nussallee 21 at 3:30 pm. More information is available [here](#).

Dies Academicus: Wednesday December 4th 2019 -no AFECO lectures that day-

Every semester, the Dies Academicus at University of Bonn gives all students the opportunity to widen their perspective with an interesting selection of talks and presentations at different locations at the university (full [programme](#)). In **lecture hall VI at the main building** the following inaugural lectures of the agricultural faculty will be held:

10.15: PD Dr. Julia Steinhoff-Wagner, ITW - Thermoregulation und Tierwohl

11.15: Jun.-Prof. Dr. Marie-Christine Simon - Die Rolle der Ernährung und Mikrobiota in der Stoffwechselregulation

12.15: Prof. Dr. Chris McCool - Robotics and Vision for Precision Agriculture

Career day of University Bonn Career Center

On **Wednesday 04th December** starting 09:30-20:00 the University Bonn Career Center organizes a career day at the main building. Besides the main [programme](#) including lectures and individual consulting there is a coaching service including: portfolio check service, competence check, coaching on interviews. Please register for the coaching service on 04th December at 09:30 at the Career Service information stand.

Internship and Job Opportunities*

[Praktikant \(m/w/d\) in der Abteilung Ländliche Entwicklung und Agrarwirtschaft im Sektorvorhaben Agrarpolitik und Ernährungssicherung mit Schwerpunkt Internationale Prozesse](#)

[und Agrarpolitik](#), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Bonn
Bewerbungsfrist: 02.12.2019

[Praktikant \(m/w/d\) im Vorhaben "Beschäftigung im ländlichen Raum mit Fokus auf Jugendliche"](#), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Bonn
Bewerbungsfrist: 10.12.2019

[Praktikum im Trade Marketing \(w m d\)](#), Barilla, Köln
Bewerbungsfrist: 16.12.2019

[Praktikum im Bereich Umweltplanung/Evaluation von Agrarumweltmaßnahmen](#), entera
Umweltplanung & IT, Hannover
Bewerbungsschluss: 31.12.2019

[Intern \(m/f/d\) for Marketing - Platform Marketing - Utility Tractors](#), John Deere, Mannheim

[Praktikum Produktmanagement Agrartechnik \(m/w/d\)](#), ZG Raiffeisen, Karlsruhe

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

*job descriptions in German require fluent German skills

ILR Testimonial: Martin Paul jr. Tabe- Ojong PhD candidate

[Martin Paul jr. Tabe- Ojong](#) is a PhD student currently working at the [Chair of Economic and Agricultural Policy](#). He holds a Master of science (MSc) in Agricultural and Food Economics (AFECO) and won the [Hans H Ruthenberg Graduate award 2019](#) for his Master thesis. I (Iyanuoluwa Odubote) spoke to him to discuss how to apply for and find Master thesis awards.



I.O: You won the Hans H Ruthenberg Graduate award in 2019. How did you hear about the award?

M.O: I was having an informal talk with a friend who is doing his Ph.D. at the Center for Development Research (ZEF) on his Ph.D. funding. While telling me his different sponsors, he told me he is also funded by the Foundation fiat Paris. As I went home and googled what the organization is about and what it does I saw it had a lot more to offer other than supporting Ph.D. research. As I kept checking, I saw the Hans H Ruthenberg Graduate award, alongside other awards.

I.O: What was your motivation to apply for it?

M.O: Immediately I went through the requirements of the award, I just had an inner voice telling me to put forth a strong application. I quickly checked the requirements and noticed I met all of them. My lone fear was the deadline which was just in a week. I immediately requested from my thesis supervisor Prof. Dr. Thomas Heckelei a recommendation and a report of the submitted thesis. To be honest, my main motivation for this award was the recognition and honor attached

to it, especially as it deals with food security and hunger. But then, every award comes with a financial gain, so it was worth vying in for.

I.O: What is your recommendation for students who are interested in applying for a graduate award?

M.O: Information is power - there are a lot of support systems and mechanisms in and beyond Germany to push students to hard work and excellence. Keep your ears on the floor and always be on alert for such information. Interact, communicate and talk to your mates. There is always a vital gain when you talk to colleagues and people who share your aspirations. In addition, you must be prepared for it. By preparation, I mean the quality of your thesis has to be great, and the quality of your thesis is in a way dependent on the courses you take as a student and how you engage with the courses. So, my genuine advice is to follow your courses seriously and be clear on what you want to achieve in your thesis.

Master Thesis awards

Theodor Brinkmann-Nachwuchspreis: excellent master theses from study programs in the agricultural faculty of the University of Bonn can be awarded 500 €. Awarding is scheduled twice a year. Check the [Theodor Brinkmann website](#) for the next call and more information on your application.

Hans H. Ruthenberg - Graduate Award: outstanding diploma or master theses in the field of food security can be awarded at least 2,500 € per prize-winner. Visit the [Foundation fiat panis website](#) for more information.

OEOTROPHICA-Preis: master theses and dissertations in the areas of nutrition and consumer research can be awarded 750 €. Find out more about the application process at the [BerufsVerband Oecotrophologie e.V. \(VDOE\) website](#).

Science Award of the Gregor Luisoder Environment Foundation: theses or dissertations in the area of environmental protection and nature conservation. Papers can be submitted on an ongoing basis and are awarded 2,500 €. Find out more about the foundation and the prize on the [GLUS website](#).

Organic Food Research Prize: master theses and dissertation that deal with the organic food industry or a related topic in the field of sustainability. The best master thesis will receive 3,000 €, the best dissertation 5,000 €. Check the [Forschungspreis Bio-Lebensmittel website](#) for the next call and more information on your application.

Stockmeyer Award for Young Scientists: theses with the aim of supporting food research in the interest of safe food. The prize is endowed with 2,500 €. Find out more at the [Heinrich Stockmeyer Foundation website](#).

Amazone Innovation Award: dissertations and theses dealing with innovative topics from the areas of process or machine technology, production of agricultural machinery or sales or service. The best thesis will be awarded 2,000 Euro, the best dissertation 4,000 €. Please find all the information on the [Amazone foundation website](#).

For a (German) longer list of agricultural related awards and prizes, visit this [website of agrajo](#).

We want you to contribute!

A big thank you to **Anna, Nina, Estera, and Iyanuoluwa** who contributed to this issue of the newsletter. Contact us at afeco.info@ilr.uni-bonn.de to learn how you can contribute!