



AFECO Newsletter January 2022



Exam registration

Make sure to register on [BASIS](#) for all exams you would like to take this semester. Exam registration is possible latest until January 15!



PhenoRob seminar series

On January 14, from 10:00 to 12:00 Sander Huisman (FZJ) will talk about “Geophysics-based soil mapping for improved simulation of crop productivity” and Thomas Döring (University of Bonn) will talk about “Diversification, Digitalisation and Robotics in Agriculture – Recent Developments and Results from Phenorob CP5”. The Seminar will take place via [zoom](#) (Meeting-ID: 967 2317 7880 PW: 747634).

ARTS seminar series

The next seminars will take place on January 13, 20, 27. Each session is from 17:00 to 18:00. On January 20, Jan Börner will talk about “The fall and rise of deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon: drivers and future prospects”. The other topics as well as the zoom link can be found [here](#).

Quiz night – every 3rd Friday of the month

Do you love a quiz? Are you full of general knowledge? Then you’re welcome to the monthly quiz night organizes by the VHS Bonn. It's free, it's online and it's a lot of fun! The next quiz night will be on January 21. Registration is possible [here](#) and the dates for further quiz nights can be found [here](#).



Internship & Job Opportunities*

[Student Assistant \(English native speaker\)](#), chair of Agricultural and Food Market Research, University of Bonn

[Doctoral Researcher \(65%\) in the project “Future Rural Africa. Future-making and social-ecological transformation”](#), starting on 01.04.2022, Collaboration University of Bonn and University Cologne, application deadline: 30.01.2022

* job descriptions in German require fluent German skills

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



Happy New Year

Have you ever wondered how differently people celebrate New Year's Eve and New Year's Day? We asked our fellow students how they celebrate in their home country and which traditions they have. Be curious!

Australia

In Australia, New Year's Eve is celebrated like in Germany except fireworks are not sold in public and it's illegal to use firework in private. Only the government allows to do the fireworks. Therefore, every state has it, and it takes place near the river and parks around it. People gather near the firework, having picnic until the clock hits 12:00 and the fireworks start. Then everybody kisses each other on both cheeks and wish each other a happy new year.

Cambodia

In Cambodia, people don't really celebrate New Year's Eve and new year is quite different, it's in April. Then they celebrate for three days, but the Eve is to wait for new Buddha who replaces the old one.



During Cambodian new year, families get together, some go on holidays, children get money from adults and there are many games people play in these three days. People also bet with money in the games or just play for fun. Strangers can stop you on the street and paint your face with coal or powder or throw water at you. Also, every household puts out food on a table, mainly fruits and cookies. It is left there for three days as the food is for the new Buddha and

it is prohibited to eat the fruits and cookies until the three days are over.

Further, people visit the temple and get blessed.

In the three days you're not allowed to vacuum or clean your house. Every day you burn incense once a day. Families cook special meals, but the meals are often quite different in each family, one meal is called Nom Asom Chrouk.



Italy

In Italy there are two main traditions. Italians eat lentils on New Year's Eve, the more you have the better as they resemble coins, so many lentils on your plate indicates like lots of money. The second tradition is that you need to wear red underwear on the last and first day of the year! It is said to bring luck as red represents passion, fortune, richness!



Japan

For Japanese, the German Christmas celebration is their new year celebration. Meeting with family members and eating new year special meal "Osechi" together. Kids can get money from relatives (the more uncles or aunts you have, the more rich kid you could get). Going to shrine or temple and making wishes for the year is also must-do thing.

Netherlands

For the Netherlands, it's pretty like Germany. But one tradition is to bake and eat "oliebollen" on December 31st. Oliebollen were actually taken to the US by Dutch immigrants, and this is how donuts came to exist.





We want to hear from you!

This is a student-run newsletter, and we would love to get your input. If you have any helpful information about the AFECO program, job/internship opportunities, events around Bonn or something else you would like to share, let us know! It doesn't matter if you would like to contribute one time or consistently, everyone is more than welcome to join us! Feel free to contact us at jmeder@uni-bonn.de or s7lahoop@uni-bonn.de.

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