

# AFECO Monthly Newsletter

## October 2020

### **AFECO coordinator remote open office hour**

Starting October 06<sup>th</sup> Dr. Manuela Meraner is offering a remote open office hour every Tuesday 10-12 am. Follow this [link](#) Meeting-ID: 939 2143 2561 Kenncode: 500695 to join the remote office hour. Outside the office hour individual appointments can be arranged via email.

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### **Opening new academic year on October 19th**

We at the University of Bonn traditionally celebrate the start of the new academic year on October 18<sup>th</sup>, the foundation day of the University. This winter semester 2020/21 will see the official celebration held on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 5 pm. The event will be made available online as a [livestream](#).

### **International Choir Winter Term 2020/21**

If you like singing and would enjoy rehearsals in an international atmosphere, you are cordially invited to become a member of the International Office's new international choir! All German, international, and doctoral candidates are welcome to sing along. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or if you already have some experience in a choir. The choir meets every Monday evening from 08 - 10 pm during the semester at the International Club, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53. The registration for the winter term for new singer starts on October 06<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The first rehearsal will take place on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. To register please find more information [here](#).

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### **Invitation to present at digital lecture series on fair trade/fair and sustainable supply chains**

You are interested in fair trade / sustainable consumerism / fair and sustainable supply chains? You've already done research on that topic (essay/research paper/final paper) and want to present your results to other interested people? Then sign up for our lecture series in the upcoming semester! We are looking forward to plenty of people presenting their topics!

#### **What exactly is this lecture series about?**

We are planning a digital lecture series in the winter semester 2020/21. We are looking for people who have already done some research on the broad field of fair trade/fair and sustainable supply chains to present their results to other people and discuss the topic and connect to people of the same field of interest.

#### **Your presentation**

You have a one-hour-session where you will present your topic in 15 to 30 minutes. Afterwards there is a 30 minutes discussion planned.

**Sign up** by sending a mail to [fairtrade@uni-bonn.de](mailto:fairtrade@uni-bonn.de).

You have further questions about what we are doing and perhaps you are interested in joining our group: just write us a mail, have a look on [Facebook](#) and Instagram:

Mail: [fairtrade@uni-bonn.de](mailto:fairtrade@uni-bonn.de) Facebook: [fairtrade.UniBonn](#) Instagram: [fairtrade\\_bonn](#)

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

[Studentische Hilfskraft](#), Exzellenzcluster „PhenoRob – Robotics and Phenotyping for Sustainable Crop Production”

[Praktikant \(m/w/d\) Nachhaltigkeitsmanagement](#), Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Bonn  
Bewerbungsfrist: 06.10.2020

[Praktikant \(m/w/d\) im Sektorprogramm Digitalisierung für nachhaltige Entwicklung](#), Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Bonn  
Bewerbungsfrist: 09.10.2020

[Innovation Ecosystem Analyst \(m/f/x\)](#), EnterpriseUP GmbH, Bonn

**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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## **Testimonial: Dr. Manuela Meraner**

Recent changes were made to the AFECO program, which will affect future students.

**Briefly explain the changes that have been made to the AFECO program and why these were made.**

All changes we proposed to the accreditation agency have been made based on the AFECO student survey and long discussions in the study commission with professors and student representatives. We decided to strengthen the students methodological toolkit by extending the module Methods of Empirical Research. In addition, we decided to emphasize the agribusiness specialization by including the module Organizational Management to the compulsory modules.

**How do these changes affect already enrolled students?**

Already enrolled students have the right to pursue the program they are originally registered for. However, if they want to they can also choose to switch to the new programme.

**The AFECO program was recently received reaccreditation, what does this mean?**

Higher education accreditation is a type of quality assurance process under which services and operations of post-secondary educational institutions or programs are evaluated by an external body to determine if applicable standards are met. If standards are met, accredited status is granted by the agency. We are very proud that the AFECO Master program has met this quality control.

**Also, given the coronavirus, how has this impacted the planning and structure for the Winter semester 2020/21?**

For the winter semester 2020/21 we are planning all classes larger than 50 students online. Some classes especially small elective modules will be held offline. We are currently still working on concepts for offline classes.

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**We want you to contribute!**

This is a student-run newsletter and we want to hear from you! If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, whether it be on a recurring basis or one time, please contact us at [afeco.info@ilr.uni-bonn.de](mailto:afeco.info@ilr.uni-bonn.de). If you have any helpful information about the AFECO program, job/internship opportunities, going-ons around town or advice for first year AFECO students that you would like to share, don't be bashful and have your voice heard!