

AFECO Monthly Newsletter

February 2020

AFECO Internship Presentations

AFECO students who completed their internship in winter term 2019/20 will present their experiences Thursday 5th March at 16:00-18:00 and 6th March at 16:00-18:00 in SemRoom Nussallee 19.

On Thursday 5th March we will see presentations on internships at **GIZ, AFC Consulting Group, CFB Brands Süßwarenhandels GmbH & Co. KG and Ceresal GmbH.**

On Friday 6th March we will see presentations on internships at **Catman North GmbH, CLAAS Global Sales, fairfric GmbH and TNS LT UAB.**

All AFECO students are cordially invited to be inspired by the experiences of their peers and learn about interesting internship opportunities.

Deadline for ERASMUS application: 1st March

Want to study abroad for a semester or a whole year? More information on how to do that and be financed by the ERASMUS program can be found [here](#). Unfortunately, the ERASMUS website at the agricultural faculty is not in English, however personal informational meetings can be arranged with the ERASMUS coordinator [Susanne Hermes](#).

GlobalFood Symposium University of Göttingen

The Symposium is a two-day conference that will feature plenary sessions with invited speakers, contributed paper sessions, and posters. The aim of this Symposium is to discuss new research findings and policy challenges related to the global agri-food system transformation. Furthermore, the GlobalFood Symposium organizes three pre-conference workshops on different topics including one workshop held inter alia by Prof. Dr. Thomas Heckelei. The Symposium will take place on April 24-25 (workshops on April 23) in Göttingen. **Registration is now open**; the fee is 50 Euros. For more information and to register, [follow this link](#).

PhenoRob Female Talk Series

The PhenoRob Female Talk Series will take place on February 11, 2020, the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. Location: Nussallee 17, HS XVI, Bonn. Please register by email at sschwarz@uni-bonn.de no later than 31 January. Details on the program can be found [here](#).

Time to experience more Karneval!

This year, during the Week of February, 20 to 25, the main carnival celebrations will take place. Here are the most important dates:

Weiberfastnacht (Women's Carnival), 20.02.: At 11.11. am the street carnival is officially opened. This day is tied to celebrations in Beuel to commemorate the washerwomen basically going on strike and taking over. Expect shops to be closed in the afternoon - and men, watch out for ladies trying to cut off parts of your tie.

Rosenmontag (Rose Monday), 24.02.: The big Rosenmontag procession is the highlight of every Bonn carnival session. Every year, it fascinates more than 200,000 people from near and far. [Here](#) you can see the route of the procession.

Aschermittwoch (Ash Wednesday), 26.02.: End of Karneval. On Ash Wednesday, everyday life returns as if nothing had ever happened.

Click on the links to find more information and events in [Bonn](#) and [Cologne](#). Grab a costume and let's go! Alaaf!

International Choir Bonn - Registration possible in March

Do you enjoy singing with others? Then you can join the International Choir of the University. Registration for the summer term is possible from March 2020 via [this registration form](#). The choir meets ever Monday evening during the semester at the International Club, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53 from 8-10 p.m. Read more about the choir on [this website](#) or on [facebook](#).

Sweat over the Semester Break

No class doesn't mean "no" to working out! If you're going to be in Bonn over the semester break the UniSport program offers classes to keep you moving! The program is available at the University Bonn Sports [website](#). All courses offered during the non-lecture period are marked with "Ferien" and take place between February 3rd and April 5th.

Internship and Job Opportunities*

[Tutorinnen/Tutoren](#) für die Vorlesung „Einführung in die Betriebswirtschaftslehre“, Professur für Produktionsökonomik
Bewerbungsfrist: 09.02.2020

[Praktikant \(m/w/d\) im Sektorvorhaben Nachhaltige Wasserpolitik](#), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Bonn
Bewerbungsfrist: 03.02.2020

[Intern - Standards and Trade Development Facility \(STDF\)](#), World Trade Organization (WTO), Genf
Bewerbungsfrist: 07.02.2020

[Praktikant \(m/w/d\) in dem Globalvorhaben Allianzen für Handelserleichterungen](#), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Bonn
Bewerbungsfrist: 10.02.2020

[Praktikant \(m/w/d\) im Sektorvorhaben "Agrarhandel, Agrarwirtschaftsförderung, Agrarfinanzierung"](#), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Bonn
Bewerbungsfrist: 16.02.2020

[Studierende \(m/w/d\) als Ausstellungsbetreuer \(„Lotsen“\) für den Zeitraum 14. Juni –17. Oktober 2020 für das Wissenschaftsschiff](#), Wissenschaft im Dialog gGmbH, Berlin
Bewerbungsfrist: 23.02.2020

[Praktikum bei fairafric mit Schwerpunkt Sales & Operations](#), FAIRAFRIC, München

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

*job descriptions in German require fluent German skills

ILR Testimonial:

The Internship Presentations of your fellow students are approaching (March 5-6 at 16:00-18:00 in SemRoom Nussallee 19). That's why I (Nina) asked two second-year students to talk about their experiences in their internships. Perhaps it will inspire you for your own studies, career and life planning. If you want to listen to more of it, come to the internship presentations in March! A big Thank You to Estera and Tobias who agreed to answer my questions. Both will also give their presentations in March.

Estera



Where did you do your internship and in which field?

E: I did my internship at Kantar, a leading global data, research, insights and consultancy company, in the Customer Insights department.

How did you hear about it and which were the reasons you decided to apply?

E: I have to be honest here. I did not "hear" about it. I simply chose a company which interested me and contacted the HR department on my own. My CV and cover letter were noticed and I was invited to come for an interview last March. A few months later I spent part of the summer as a member of Kantar Lithuania.

What did you learn during the course of your internship?

E: Overall, I fell in love with market research and especially consumer insights! I had the chance to participate in projects involving different tools of qualitative and quantitative research. My tasks included testing questionnaires, analyzing and summarizing data, writing insights & SWOT analyses based on research results.

What advice do you have for AFECO students who would like to do internships during their studies?

E: Definitely go for it! Just pick a field which interests you and try yourself out, it's a great way to kickstart your career. And be proactive!

What impact will this internship have on your future career?

E: My major is Market and Consumer Research and this internship only made me even more sure that want to further advance in this field.

Tobias

Where did you do your internship and in which field?

T: I'm an intern in the Sales Team of FrieslandCampina Germany. My internship takes place in the new-opened commercial office in Düsseldorf.

How did you hear about it and which were the reasons you decided to apply?

T: A fellow student of mine has already completed an internship there and told me very positively about his experiences. Furthermore, I have a personal connection to dairy farming and I generally planned to do an internship in this sector



What did you learn during the course of your internship?

T: During my internship I learned a lot about dairy products and food retailing. I was involved into the tendering processes of private label dairy products, the production planning as well as product development. It was also very interesting to see how the industry tries to become more sustainable, for example by more sustainable packaging or plastic reduction.

What advice do you have for AFECO students who would like to do internships during their studies?

T: I definitely can recommend to do an internship. I learned so much within my internship what can't be learned in a lecture hall. And even though my internship lasted 6 months, I do not regret having invested the time. Quite the opposite: only after a certain length of the internship you have the necessary experience with the processes and can work independently.

What impact will this internship have on your future career?

T: That's a tough question. In any case, my interest in this area was further awakened and FrieslandCampina was also a great employer. So, I wouldn't rule out the possibility of working there again in my future career.

We want you to contribute!

A big thank you to **Estera, Tobias, Amelie, Iyanuoluwa and Nina** who contributed to this issue of the newsletter. If you would like to contribute - whether it be once, every now and then or on a constant basis - contact us at afeco.info@ilr.uni-bonn.de.