

AFECO Monthly Newsletter

August 2019

Research Seminar in the AFECO Master

Ready to enter the last half of the AFECO Master programme? If you've just finished your first year, you've probably not only just gained freedom from the compulsory courses, but are facing a new challenge: the choice of your Master thesis research area. The research seminar helps you to conceptualize your Master thesis including: the description of the problem background with a preliminary literature review, the identification of the research question, the intended methodology, work plan, and expected results. It can be chosen in one of the AFECO specializations: Agribusiness, Resource and Environmental Economics, Market and Consumer Research, or Agricultural and Development Policy. It's a good idea to check the ILR website about the [Master thesis](#) to get an idea about what to expect. Viel Erfolg!

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 (12.08. – 06.10.2019), 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". **Registration starts on 7th August at 08:00.**

Denica Bourbon & Drag King Performance

Denice Bourbon is a triple threat: stand-up comedian, singer, and an author! She uses humor and entertainment to raise awareness about current political issues. It's always nice to have an opportunity to laugh and forget about the problems our world currently faces, so why not do it in good company? Check out more info about her performance on Friday, **August 2nd** at 19:00 [here](#).

2. Bonner Street Food and Musical Festival

From **August 2nd-4th, 2019** (Friday-Sunday) head to Immenburgstraße 40 for the 2nd Annual Bonner Street Food Festival. Live music, craft beer, and a wide variety of food await you, grab a friend and check it out! More info [here](#).

Stadtgartenkonzerte

All throughout the month of August the city of Bonn organizes free concerts at Biergarten Alter Zoll. On Saturday, **August 10th**, concerts will be held all day throughout the city. More info at [Tag der Stadtmusik](#).

English-speaking Programme at VHS

The Adult Education Center (VHS) in Bonn offers a wide variety of courses in English that are offered at a discounted rate for UniBonn students. Check out their full programme [here](#).

Internship and Job Opportunities*

[Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter \(m/w/d\) \(Doktorand, 65%\)](#), Professur für Technologie- und Innovationsmanagement im Agribusiness
Bewerbungsfrist: 31.08.2019

[Praktikum im Bereich umweltökonomische Bewertung](#), Institut für ökologische Wirtschaftsforschung (IÖW), Berlin
Bewerbungsfrist: 05.08.2019

[Praktikant/in \(w/m/d\)](#) für den Bereich Presse- und Öffentlichkeitsarbeit, Transfair e.V. / Fairtrade Deutschland, Köln

[Internship Sustainable Land Use - focus on Africa](#), ForestFinest Consulting GmbH, Bonn

[Praktikant Kreditrisikoanalyse \(m/w/d\)](#), Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank, Frankfurt am Main

[Praktikanten \(m/w/d\) Agritechnica](#), DLG e.V., Frankfurt am Main

[Praktikant im Bereich Sustainability Consulting \(m/w/d\)](#), Bayer, Leverkusen

[Praktikant \(m/w/d\) im Bereich internationaler Naturschutz im Kompetenzzentrum Infrastruktur und Naturre Ressourcen](#), KfW Entwicklungsbank, Frankfurt am Main

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

*job descriptions in German require fluent German skills

ILR Testimonial: AFECO 2019 Excursion Reflections

Reading, England by Estera: Nine students and six ILR faculty members went on a journey across the English Channel to explore the present agricultural and political situation in regards to Brexit. The first day began with a welcome meeting from our host, the University of Reading, and gave the indication of an interesting week to come. By meeting representatives of several associations like the National Farmers Union (NFU), the Food and Drink Federation (FDF) and the British Society of Plant Breeders (BSPB), the group gained insights and got a broad overview of different positions, developments and hopes concerning Brexit. Apart from some exciting moments in the touring coach winding through small and narrow roads next to idyllic southern English countryside, a half day trip to London to meet a member of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) was definitely a highlight of our time in England. During the trip, which of course included authentically British weather, we always felt warmly welcomed by our hosts, ate some British cuisine and enjoyed the coziness of the pub culture and each other's company.



Brussels, Belgium by Ange: During this 3 day excursion we visited the EU parliament, the Council of the European Union, and other institutions. We received a lot of information from both the presentations and visiting tours, with a lot of interaction between students and presenters. I believe that we all gained some knowledge regarding EU policy making, lobbyist activities, and other valuable information from this excursion which will be beneficial for our future careers.



*If you have any photos that you'd like to share from either excursion with the AFECO cohort, please upload them [here](#).

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. A big thank you to **Ange and Estera** who contributed to this issue of the newsletter, more student voices are encouraged and needed!