Dear Alumni,

In a global trend ever more universities are building alumni networks. Researchers show increased interest in cooperating and engaging with their former universities and institutes, showing that both sides – institutions as well as researchers – are aware of the huge potential of alumni co-operations. Thus, we are proud to present you the first World CUR Alumni Newsletter providing news, opportunities, and media updates for all World CUR alumni and friends. We hope you enjoy it!

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World CUR Alumni Coordinator

NEWS

App for World CUR Alumni now available: You can download the new OldenburgConnect app for Android via Google Store and for iOS via App Store. Check it out!

Who will host the World CUR 2022? Rumor has it that the World CUR committee is working hard on finding the next World CUR host by the end of 2019. Several universities are already in negotiations and the latest one we heard about is Vancouver, Canada. We are excited about the final decision and will keep you posted.

From our Team: What comes after the World CUR? Lukas Lindemann, member of the Student Committee, talks about his news:

I had a long vacation in Italy and Southern Germany after World CUR. Currently, I am preparing to leave Germany for my exchange semester in China. During my stay there, I will try to reach out and visit World CUR participants from other countries like Cambodia and Mongolia.
OPPORTUNITIES

Submit your Paper: Take the chance and submit your paper for the Special World CUR Issue in the Online Student Journal *forschl*. The submission deadline is 31 August. Learn more about submitting your paper and the different formats. The publication will be open-access – make it the grand finale of your World CUR participation and a stepping-stone for future collaborations!

Present Your Research at the CLIMATE2020: Ready for research and debates on the global climate? The 7th Online Climate Change Conference organized by the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences (Germany) is taking place from 23 to 30 April 2020 – and as the name says it: it is a virtual conference which you can attend easily from home. The abstract submission deadline is 31 August 2019. Learn more.

Learn about the trust towards science and apply for a research scholarship: One out of five people do not believe to personally benefit from science. In Africa and South America even more (one out of three) feel excluded from scientific progress whereas in higher-income countries this comparably applies to low-income groups. The Wellcome Foundation, which carried out a huge survey on this matter, also supports medical research with scholarships. Learn more about the study and the scholarship.

Talk to Roman: If you have any questions about studying at the University of Oldenburg or questions about the exchange programs, Roman Behrens, member of the International Office of the University of Oldenburg and the World CUR Alumni, is your contact person ready to answer all your questions. (Thank you Roman!) Learn more about the International Office of the University of Oldenburg.

Find a Mentor in our Alumni Network: Do you have a new research idea or a follow-up-project waiting? Are you about to apply for funding or perhaps looking for a skilled mentor? Or would you just like to continue the international exchange? We can help you to find the right people and the right support. Learn more about the World CUR Mentoring program.
Meet the Awardee: After congratulating our awardees for their best contributions, our social media team offers further insights by carrying out interviews with the award winning teams. More to come.

Animated Graphical Recordings: Graphic recording artist Janine Lancker documented the thematic sessions and the research presentations. Talented UOL team member Kati animated highlights in 2D – check them out.

World CUR “Original-Tones”: Almost 20 interviews were recorded during the World CUR in May giving insights into attendees’ research, motivation and their stories – the “O-Tones” will be uploaded on our YouTube Channel one after another. Subscribe and watch!

Find our content also on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

And finally, our employees of the month: The Cookie Monster and the Gong Guy!

Speaking of funny moments, send us your favorite photos from the Magic Networking Machine – the best ones will be featured on our channels! You can find all MNM photos in the news feed of the World CUR Alumni. Please send your serious or not so serious suggestions to Diwas Adhikari.