



Dear Alumni,

In the US, the Council of Undergraduate Research (CUR) organizes an annual meeting that brings together Members of Congress and undergraduate scholars presenting their research. This event takes place on Capitol Hill and is called “Posters on the Hill.” It allows young undergraduate scholars to talk to people responsible for the country’s future at a real place of power. Wouldn’t it be nice to have such a culture in every country allowing young generations to share their ideas, analyses, and critical thoughts? Read more about “Posters on the Hill” in the section *Opportunities* and enjoy further news from our World CUR Alumni. One highlight is the release of our World CUR 2019 video, an insightful documentation of the congress in Oldenburg. Check it out!

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NEWS

**WORLD CUR
2019**

Congress Impressions Online: To relive the World CUR 2019, check out a selection of photos and videos on our website. [Click here](#) to have a look! We hope you enjoy the delightful memories as much as we do.



From our Team: What comes after the World CUR? Helena Bomholt, member of the Student Committee talks about her news:

After World CUR 2019, I immediately started working on my master's thesis. Right now, I am doing my thesis in cooperation with a big local company about sustainability measures. World CUR helped me gain experience in organizing big events and accept challenges, like talking in front of a large audience in English. Moreover, this experience has strengthened my interest to work in a diverse international team. I hope you all are continuing your amazing work and I wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

OPPORTUNITIES



Posters on the Hill: Each spring, the Council on Undergraduate Research hosts an annual undergraduate poster session on Capitol Hill. This event will take place in Spring 2020. The abstract submission deadline is 5 November 2019. [Learn more.](#)



Apply for Erasmus Mundus: Every year, the University of Oldenburg and numerous other universities welcome many regular and exchange students through the Erasmus Mundus program. All students from countries listed on the Erasmus website can apply for the scholarship and come study in Germany and other European countries. [Learn more.](#)

MEDIA



World CUR 2019 Video Published: We are proud to present the video documentation of our congress, published today on YouTube. Check it out, you may find yourself in the video 😊
[Go to the video.](#)



Graphical Recording of Antibacterial Activity of New Sponge Species: Kamila Zubir and Asma Ahmed successfully investigated the two new sponge species and their antibacterial activities. Asma and Kamilia did taxonomical examination on the sponge's skeleton and spicules in order to screen them for antibacterial activity. World CUR team member Kati animated this graphical recording of their project- [Watch it here.](#)



The Third World CUR 2019 “Original Tone” Released: Soma from Kurdistan, Iraq, talks how amazed she was by all the different cultures that were represented at WorldCUR 2019. Not only did she make a lot of friends and learned about other projects in her research field—microbiology and molecular biology—, but she also gained confidence presenting her research in front of a critical

audience. Soma investigated an alternative source for an antibiotic dealing with “antibiotics and resistance”. Based on her previous research, she has already formulated new research questions that she would like to pursue in the future. [Learn More.](#)



Keynote Presentation Online: Planetary Scientist Dr. Lujendra Ojha gave a stunning keynote at the World CUR 2019. His talk centred around the interaction of growing population and scarce resources. He also talked about the role of education opportunities for women, how we can cope with overpopulation and how undergraduate research can contribute to the solution. [Check out the video.](#)

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