

# AFECO Monthly Newsletter

## December 2020

### **New AFECO intake 20/21 student representatives: Jan-Hendrik Appel and Haruya Fujita**

Thank you for electing us as your student representatives! Together with you, we will proactively implement necessary changes, coordinate activities, and present our ideas and voice to the table. We are looking forward to making these next two years as fruitful and exciting as possible for all of us. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas feel free to contact us via email or WhatsApp! Your student representatives, Jan-Hendrik ([s7jaappe@uni-bonn.de](mailto:s7jaappe@uni-bonn.de)) & Haruya ([s7hafuji@uni-bonn.de](mailto:s7hafuji@uni-bonn.de))

### **Start exam registration period for winter semester 2020/21**

Make sure to register on [BASIS](#) for all exams you would like to take in winter term 2020/21 between 01<sup>st</sup> December and 15<sup>th</sup> January!

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### **ULB reading rooms and other learning spaces open for winter semester!**

The University of Bonn Library is offering silent working spaces and Videoconference spaces:

- Silent working spaces: Working spaces dedicated to **reading and studying** are available in the Main Library, the Branch Library MNL, the "Mensa Nassestraße" and the faculty libraries.
- Videoconference spaces: Working spaces for the **participation in online courses** are available at the "Mensa CAMPO" and the "Mensa im Hofgarten". Additional spaces are located in the Main Library and the Branch Library MNL. When participating in an online course, you are **obliged to use a headset**.

In order to access wLAN via [eduroam](#), please pre-install the required [VPN-client](#).

Please find more information on how to register for the university working spaces [here](#).

### **Dies Academicus: Wednesday December 2nd 2020 -no AFECO lectures that day-**

Every semester, the Dies Academicus at University of Bonn gives all students the opportunity to widen their perspective with an interesting selection of talks and presentations. The program of this semesters digital Dies Academicus can be found [here](#).

## FuckUp Night Student Edition #2

Social pressure, the wrong course of study, overwhelmed or even forced exmatriculation? Study doubts are now part of the daily routine. This is proven also in this year courageous speaker, which report with the FuckUp Nights Bonn - student edition #2 on **10<sup>th</sup> December at 20:00** of their failed study experiences, burst career dreams and the time afterwards. More information and the link for the digital event will is available [here](#).

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### Internship and Job Opportunities\*

[Student assistantship \(SHK\)](#), Working Group of Environmental Social Sciences/Economics at the Institute for Environmental Sciences (IES) of the University of Landau in alliance with the Center for Development Research (ZEF) of the University of Bonn, Bonn  
Application deadline: 31.12.2020

[Communication and Programme Manager Support \(Internship\)](#), European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) Food, Munich  
Application deadline: 01.12.2020

[Praktikant\\*in in der Abteilung Ländliche Entwicklung und Agrarwirtschaft im Sektorvorhaben Agrarpolitik und Ernährungssicherung](#), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Bonn  
Bewerbungsfrist: 03.12.2020

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: Let's Plant e.V

#### 1. Tell us a little about your organization and the objectives you wish to achieve.

Let's Plant e.V. is a non-profit association which was founded in 2018. Our aim is to restore degraded land through rehabilitation, agroforestry or afforestation. With this we want to actively provide solutions to the biggest challenges of humankind, such as biodiversity protection, climate change mitigation and reduction of conflict related issues like migration and war.

To achieve our objective, we do awareness-building of issues of and potential answers to progressive degradation of ecological systems. We also develop innovative and holistic landscape management approaches to regenerate functional ecological systems. And most importantly, we plant!

#### 2. What has Let's Plant worked on in the past and what are you currently working on?

As a first little project in 2019, Let's Plant co-hosted together with the German Development Institute (DIE) the film screening on "Let's Plant Forests for the Future" in the framework of the "World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought". After streaming two films on the topic, we participated in a panel discussion together with the film director and a representative of DIE. The second project took place as part of the digital Tropentag 2020. Hereby, Let's Plant organized a photo competition on the topic: "to improve degraded land in the sense of holistic landscape management". While those two projects were rather focusing on awareness-building of and

presenting solutions to the issue of the progressive destruction of our ecological systems, we wanted to take action and start planting! The idea "Let's Plant Addis – School Project for Reforestation of an Area in Ethiopia" was developed and made concrete. Just recently, the first set of 1000 seedlings were planted in a self-made nursery in and by our partner school in Addis Ababa. Another 9000 seedlings will be raised in the Ethiopian Environment and Forest Research Institute, another partner organization of our project. Those seedlings will then be planted on a degraded area in the vicinity of Addis in June next year.

### **3. What challenges has your organization faced?**

The major challenge that we faced so far is the access to money for funding our projects. At the moment, our project "Let's Plant Addis" is solely financed by donations. As Let's Plant is rather young and cannot provide already carried-out projects as a reference, it is very difficult to apply for funding opportunities from institutions like the BMZ (German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development) and their partner organizations. So, feel free to share our appeal for donations for our project in Ethiopia with your social networks and help us to overcome our major challenge: <https://www.betterplace.org/en/projects/83962>

### **4. How can AFECO students get involved in your organization?**

We are always looking for people who share our vision of restoring degraded land around the globe through a holistic landscape management approach. Help is needed for a variety of tasks such as designing projects, crowdfunding and administration of our homepage. But we are also happy to engage into conversations. You can always contact us via our social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Homepage) or just contact me via email [dominik.suri@lets-plant.org](mailto:dominik.suri@lets-plant.org)

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## **Editor's Note: 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, don't be bashful and have your voice heard! You can contact us at [afeco.info@ilr.uni-bonn.de](mailto:afeco.info@ilr.uni-bonn.de). All the best with this semester and stay safe!

- Izidora Bozic and Iyanuoluwa Odubote