



## The Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg

### Internationalisation Newsletter 3/2017

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#### Internal University Affairs:

- **Science. Lower Saxony. Open to the World**

The application for funding within the framework of the Science.Lower Saxony.Open to the World scholarship programme submitted by Prof. Dr. Ulrike Feudel on behalf of Mr Feras Karakit of Albaath University in Homs, Syria, has been approved. The scholarship will finance Mr Karakit's PhD studies and research.

- **Humboldt Rankings 2017: University of Oldenburg ranked 32nd nationwide**

The University of Oldenburg is in high demand among international researchers. With 26 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation scholarship holders, the University of Oldenburg occupied 32nd place in the Humboldt Rankings 2017. The Humboldt Rankings show how many researchers have come to Germany in the last five years on an Alexander von Humboldt Foundation scholarship – and at which institutions they did most of their research. The distribution of Humboldt Foundation scholarship holders is considered an important indicator of the intensity of international scientific cooperation. The rankings are based on the number of research stays at an institution by international leading and junior researchers. A weighted ranking based on the number of researchers in relation to the number of professors per institution also forms part of the assessment. In addition to the absolute rankings, the tables also differentiate between four major academic fields: Humanities and Social Sciences, Life Sciences, Natural Sciences and Engineering Sciences. For the full rankings and more information visit <https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/humboldt-rankings-2017.html>

- **GATE Germany: South Korea and Iran in profile**

This year the GATE Germany joint higher education initiative published profiles for Iran and South Korea. The profiles provide insights into the areas of higher education and research, business, politics and society in these countries. They are available as PDFs for download at <http://www.gate-germany.de/artikel-studien-publikationen/laenderprofile.html> (in German only)

- **Stronger ties with the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń**

The director of the International Relations Office, Birgit Bruns, was greeted with "Serdecznie witamy" (Welcome!) when she visited the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, Poland, from the 16th to the 18th of November. The goal of the visit was to deepen the University of Oldenburg's ties with one of its longest-standing partner universities and intensify the exchange that has been taking place between the two universities since 1981. A comprehensive work programme including meetings with the deans and vice deans of the faculties of fine arts, history, languages and humanities ensured the realization of this objective. Various different formats for exchange were discussed at the meetings.



From left to right:

Dr. Katarzyna Norkowska, former Alexander von Humboldt fellow, UMK Toruń

Dr. Dariusz Pniewski, Dean Faculty of Languages, UMK Toruń

Birgit Bruns, Director of International Relations Office, University of Oldenburg

- **Center of Excellence on ICT for East Africa" (CENIT@EA)**

The coordination workshop for the recently approved "Center of Excellence on ICT for East Africa" (CENIT@EA), a project jointly funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), took place from 14-18 November 2017. All the relevant milestones for the project were defined. Other topics of discussion were the structure of the Master's degree programme including the regulations, the members of the Steering Committee, the construction of communication structures, and necessary laboratory equipment. Read more <https://cenit-ea.informatik.uni-oldenburg.de/>



Photo: Prof. Dr. J. Marx Gomez

- **Summer School "Innovative IoT for Sustainable Citizens"**

The summer school "Innovative IoT for Sustainable Citizens" coordinated by the department Business Information Systems/VLBA took place from 22-29 November 2017 under the aegis of the practice partnership project "Hub for Education on ICT for Sustainability (HEDIS)" funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The summer school, which was attended by around 65 people from higher education and research institutions as well as industry, was organised and carried out in cooperation with the Nelson Mandela University (NMU, Port Elizabeth) and the University of Cape Town (UCT, Cape Town). Read more <https://www.uni-oldenburg.de/informatik/vlba/projekte/hedis/>



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- **Reception for international academics**

The City of Oldenburg strongly supports the University of Oldenburg's internationalisation efforts. International researchers currently doing research at the university were cordially invited by the City of Oldenburg, represented by Mayoress Christine Wolff, to a reception in the City Hall. The reception offered the researchers the opportunity to network with colleagues from other faculties. It was organised by the International Relations Office. Read more

<http://www.oldenburg.de/startseite/wissenschaft-38-bildung/hochschulen/wissenschaftler-zu-gast.html>



From left to right: Birgit Bruns, Prof. Dr. Lin Guo, Ali Aminrezai, Nicholas Howard, Dr. Petya Georgieva Nedkova, Dr. Jose Luis Blazquez Salcedo, Muhammad Reza Faisal, Mayoress Wolff

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### **Upcoming Application Deadlines:**

- **Programme Budget Research (PH-F) – start-up funding for junior research groups**

The deadlines are **15.02.**, **15.06.** and **15.10.** every year. This funding line offers advanced, postdoctoral researchers (postdocs who have recently completed their PhDs as well as experienced postdoctoral researchers) from Germany and abroad the possibility to apply for funding for their own scientific project. [Read more...](#)

- **Erasmus+** is the European Union's programme for 2014 to 2020 to support projects, partnerships, events and mobility in the areas of education, training, youth and sport. [Read more...](#)
  - [Erasmus+ strategic partnerships](#) Deadline: **21.03.2018**

European Project with focus on innovation, exchange of best practice und sustainable higher education cooperation, funding period 24-36 months, max. 150.000 Euro per year

- [Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees](#) Deadline: **15.02.2018**  
Learning Mobility of Individuals, Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees, preparation phase (optional) plus 3 study cohorts, max. 2 – 3 Mio. Euro

- [Capacity Building](#) Deadline: **08.02.2018**  
Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices, Capacity-building in higher education, funding period 24-36 months, max. 500.000 - 1 Mio. Euro

- [Jean Monnet](#) Deadline: **22.02.2018**

Jean Monnet Activities are designed to promote excellence in teaching and research in the field of European Union studies worldwide.

**Module:** max. 30.000 Euro for 3 years

**Chair:** max. 50.000 Euro for 3 years

**Centre of Excellence:**

One or more higher education institutions max. 100.000 Euro for 3 years

**Project funding:** max. 60.000 Euro for 12 – 24 months

**Networks:** max. 300.000 Euro for 3 years

- [Knowledge Alliances](#) Deadline: **28.02.2018**

Knowledge alliances are transnational and result-driven activities between higher education institutions and businesses, funding period 24-36 months, max. 700.000 Euro – 1 Mio. Euro

- The **Scientific & Technological Cooperation (S&T Cooperation) with the Americas and Canada** is a matter of high priority for Germany. The Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) actively supports the S&T Cooperation with both regions with several educational and research oriented measures. S&T Cooperation focus countries are Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, and Mexico, as well as Canada and the United States of America. Besides these, it is intended to further develop the cooperation with Cuba. [Read more...](#) (in German only)

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#### International Preparatory Travel:

- **Funding possibility for international preparatory travel for capacity building and Erasmus Joint Master Degrees.** [Read more ...](#)
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**New cooperations:**

- [Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam](#), Netherlands; Theology and Religious Education
  - [Universidad de Monterrey](#), Mexico; Business Administration, Economics and Law
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**Support programmes:**

- Support and Funding Programmes of Oldenburg University. [more...](#)
  - Support Programmes of the DAAD. [more...](#)
  - Support Programmes of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. [more...](#)
  - Erasmus+ Teaching Staff Mobility (STA). [more...](#)
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**We would like to thank you for your support and wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year 2018!**

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