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(1) PROFESSOR STEFAN HORMUTH – NEW PRESIDENT OF THE DAAD

Professor Stefan Hormuth, the DAAD's new president, took office in Bonn in January 2008, replacing Professor Theodor Berchem, who has headed the DAAD for the past 20 years. Hormuth is a Professor of Social Psychology and is the President of the Justus-Liebig-University in Giessen. Between 2001 and 2007 he also served as Vice President International of the HRK (Hochschulrektorenkonferenz). The DAAD is a self-governing association of German universities that promotes international academic exchange and international scientific cooperation. With a budget of more than 260 million Euros, pri-

marily from the federal budget, it provided funding to over 55,000 German and international students, postgraduates and research scientists in 2006.

Hormuth has been dedicated to promoting the internationalisation of German universities in a variety of functions and as a member of several official bodies. "Germany needs to become an attractive place to study and to do research for students from around the world, and for German students international experience needs to be an integral part of their time at university", Hormuth said following his election.

(2) DAAD GROUP VISITS – NEW APPLICATION DEADLINES

The DAAD programme "Study Visits/Study Seminars and Practicals" supports visits to Germany by groups of foreign students headed by a university teacher.

The programme aims to provide students with subject-related knowledge by arranging appropriate visits, tours and information meetings (Study Visits) or by organising subject-related seminars and practical courses (e.g. specialist courses, block seminars, workshops) at the invitation of a German university (Study Seminars and Practicals).

Applications must be submitted in accordance with the following new deadlines:

- 1st November for trips starting from 1st March (DAAD decision in mid-January)
- 1st February for trips starting from 1st June (DAAD decision at the beginning of April)
- 1st May for trips starting from 1st September (DAAD decision at the beginning of July).

For more information about the programme, please consult the DAAD website (www.daad.de) or contact the DAAD Information Centre in Accra.

(3) TESTAS APTITUDE TEST – ONLINE REGISTRATION

The TestAS is a central standardised scholastic aptitude test which measures intellectual abilities that are particularly important for university studies. It is intended for study applicants from non-EU countries planning to pursue undergraduate studies at German universities.

TestAS allows the universities to choose the candidates who best fulfil the requirements for a specific subject as well as it gets the test takers to know the typical requirements of the subject they want to study. The TestAS result enables test takers to realistically assess their chances of successfully completing their studies at a German university. Some German universities consider the test a compulsory admission requirement. For more information visit www.testas.de

The worldwide only examination in 2008 takes place on **April 12th, 2008**. Participation is for the last time **free of charge**.

Make use of this opportunity!
Test your aptitude for studies in Germany!
Sit for the TestAS in Accra!

If you would like to take part in the upcoming TestAS, please register and book your test modules from January 15 to March 15, 2008 at http://www.testas.de/en/registrierung_en.htm

For enquiries contact language@accra.goethe.org, the Language Department of the Goethe-Institut in Accra, that is the TestAs center in Ghana.

Please inquire at the website or the International Office of the university you are applying to as to whether TestAS is one of the admission requirements for your chosen field of study.

(4) DAAD ALUMNI-WORKSHOP IN ACCRA

The DAAD Alumni Workshop on „Sports and Social Development – How do they contribute to one another“ took place on January 25th / 26th, 2008 in Accra. This event was a great opportunity for former DAAD scholarship holders to link up with each other and to exchange their ideas.

Mrs. Jana Orłowski, Deputy Head of Mission of the German Embassy, expressed in her welcome address the high esteem for the Germany trained professionals and emphasized the need to strengthen the DAAD Alumni network in Ghana.

Dr. Daniel Inkoom from KNUST, President of the DAAG (DAAD Alumni Association in Ghana), encouraged the DAAD Alumni in his greeting address to actively contribute to the network with their professional expertise.

The plenary session started with a presentation of Mr. Detlef Dumon (Executive Director of the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education, ICSSPE) on Sport and Physical Activity as Part of Social Development.

Dr. Jonathan Ammah (Dean, Faculty of Science Education, University of Education Winneba) contributed to the workshop with a presentation on the Past, Present and Future of Physical Education and Sports in Ghana.

The participants discussed during the workshop session aspects of Ghana hosting the CAN 2008 and Life Skills and Social Development as challenges for Ghana.

(5) WHY NOT STUDYING THEN IN GHANA? – A GERMAN STUDENT TELLS ABOUT STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, LEGON

Nine Semesters of studying in Germany without spending any time abroad is too boring. The contrary of boredom is excitement, which you will feel definitely when trying to cope a whole term with a different culture, with a different University, with different people.

Why not studying then in Ghana? It has a completely different culture, it is politically stable and in terms of crime probably safer than Germany.

Being a German sociology student, I felt most attracted by the University of Ghana in Accra / Legon, since Norbert Elias – the famous German sociologist - used to teach here in the sixties. Anyway, the University has the best reputation all over West Africa – and is situated on a beautiful tropical campus with a unique Japanese architecture.

At my home university in Hanover I am studying social science, which comprises political science, sociology and social psychology. Here at the University of Ghana I read courses in sociology, statistics and Arabic. The courses at Legon matched very well with

my course programme at home. Usually there is no problem with the transfer of credits as the University of Ghana has high academic standards and is ever since linked to the University of London and lastly has the right to award its own degrees since 1961.

Unfortunately in my particular case I could not transfer any credits home, since the University did not accept my German degree and put me into the Bachelor's Programme, although I am studying at home already at the final stage for the German University "Diplom". However, I enjoyed the whole term so much and don't want to miss a day.

For me it is always the people who matter and therefore I was most impressed by the openness and friendliness of my classmates. I was straight away integrated in the big number of students.

So finally, what can I say about Ghana? For sure I will miss a lot. The warm sun, the nice breezes, the beach, the people, the Trotro rides and my heart attacks due to the hot style of driving, the morning egg sandwich, "bofrot", chilled Malt everywhere, the loud music, reggae, hiphop and gospel. I could go on and on. I had a wonderful time and will never forget my stay. Once you are here you will take a new perspective and change your attitudes towards life.

But you have to come here and find out yourself.

Melanie Krüger

(To read the whole report please visit the section "Berichte" at www.ic.daad.de/accra)

(6) "RUECKKEHRERBUERO ACCRA"

The advisor of the Rueckkehrerbuero Accra, Dr. Francis Kofi Bih, supports returnees seeking advice on their reintegration and assists them in finding a job.

Contact: Dr. Francis Bih, Advisor for returning professionals in Ghana:

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(7) INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN MOLECULAR BIOENGINEERING

The Technical University in Dresden offers

- interdisciplinary training in biology, nanotechnology, materials science, biochemistry, biophysics, medical science and bioinformatics
- at the Biotechnology Center, TU Dresden, Germany
- in a 2-year international programme completely taught in English
- for students with Bachelor in Science and Engineering.

No tuition fees

Intake each winter semester, commencing in October

Application deadline: 15. June

www.biotec.tu-dresden.de/teaching

Biotechnology Center

International Master's Programme in nanobiophysics

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(8) GERMAN DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE) offered jointly by the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies and the University of Cologne invites suitable candidates to apply for up to

Seven doctoral fellowships in economic sociology and political economy

Applicants must hold a (University) Diploma or a Masters degree in political science, sociology, organization studies or related fields. Degrees must be received by September 2008. Program details and the online application form can be found at <http://imprs.mpifg.de>.

Fellowships will start on October 1st, 2008, and will be awarded for one year with the option of two additional years. Students will receive a monthly scholarship of 1.100 EUR in the first year, 1.200 EUR in the second year, and 1.300 EUR in the third year. Working languages at the Research School are English and German. The deadline for application is March 31, 2008.

Doctoral fellows will participate in a graduate school program including courses and summer school sessions and will take part in the intellectual life of the Institute and the University.

International Max Planck Research School

on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE)

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies

imprs@mpifg.de, <http://imprs.mpifg.de>

The Max Planck Institute of Molecular Plant Physiology in Potsdam invites applications for a **PhD Studentship** (code 03/08)

to investigate the genetic and molecular basis of the regulation of central metabolism and its impact on growth in maize. Analysis will include profiling of enzyme activities and metabolites across a wide range of genotypes. Further projects are available in the energy metabolism in model plant systems.

The research will involve the use of unique robot-based facilities, state-of-the-art resources for molecular and genomics analyses, and bioinformatics.

Applicants should have a (University) Diploma or Master Degree in Biology or Biochemistry with a strong background in molecular biology and/or plant genetics. For further information please contact Prof Dr Mark Stitt: mstitt@mpimp-golm.mpg.de .

The Max Planck Institute of Molecular Plant Physiology in Potsdam searches for **PhD students**

to develop and apply new methods for subcellular resolution of primary metabolism and its component fluxes.

Candidates should have a degree in Biology or Biochemistry. Experience in mass spectroscopy or mathematical modelling may prove advantageous.

Please send your CV, including copies of certificates and the names of two referees, stating the project code 01/08 to the

Max-Planck-Institut fuer Molekulare Pflanzenphysiologie

-Personalverwaltung-

Wissenschaftspark Golm

Am Muehlenberg 1, 14476 Potsdam

The In-vivo-NMR-Laboratory at the Max Planck Institute for Neurological Research invites applications for **two postdoc positions**:

A biologist

A physicist / MRI expert

For studies in stem cell based regeneration after stroke, scientists are being recruited with strong background in mammalian neurophysiology and/or molecular biology and/or brain imaging. Projects include investigations on chronic ischemia models with MR and PET imaging, and optical imaging techniques. We study the regenerative potential of stem cells, the influence of aging on stroke and on therapy while exploring the potential of cell specific imaging reporters using responsive contrast agents or gene expression reporters.

The applicants should have interest in interdisciplinary research and have good communication skills to interact within the different research fields of the MPI. The In-vivo-NMR Laboratory is equipped with three dedicated animal MRI scanners (4.7T; 7.0T; 11.7T) and an in vivo optical imaging system while PET systems, fully equipped radiochemistry and behaviour labs are established at the Institute. Facilities for cell culture, molecular biology, and histology/ immunohistochemistry are available.

We provide excellent working conditions and access to state-of-the-art MRI, PET, EEG, TMS, and computational facilities for applicants with a keen interest in in vivo imaging. The Max Planck Institute for Neurological Research is closely affiliated with the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Cologne with various intensive collaborative interactions.

The initial appointment will be for two years, with the possibility of extension.

Max Planck Institute for Neurological Research

Prof. Dr. Mathias Hoehn, In-vivo-NMR, Email: mathias@nf.mpg.de

The Max Planck Institute of Molecular Plant Physiology in Potsdam invites applications for a **Scientist (code 04/08)**

The research is focused on microarray data analysis, using visualization and GUI tools enabling the end-user to use statistical methods and ontological information.

To extend and improve the tools MapMan, PageMan and ROBIN, a life scientist with strong programming skills (preferred), or a (bio)informatician / computer scientist with a strong background in biology is sought. The candidate should have experience in the field of literature curation or be willing to learn it and possess programming skills in Java and PERL. Knowledge in statistics, microarray analysis and/or AJAX is a plus.

The candidate will work in an interdisciplinary field involving pathway curation, software development and data analysis. She/he should be able to work in an international environment and display strong team-working capabilities. The institute has currently over 30 bioinformaticians and 150 experimental-scientists, and is a member of the GoFORSYS Systems Biology programme.

For further information please contact Dr Bjoern Usadel (usadel@mpimp-golm.mpg.de).

Research for the Environment – HELMHOLTZ CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH - UFZ

Under the challenging influence of global change the Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ performs significant scientific work to safeguard the basic requirements of life and the opportunities for individual development also for future generations. In this way the UFZ contributes towards a sustainable development.

1 PhD position (m / f) in Experimental Plant Ecology and Climate Change (code 10/2008)

is available in the joint research group Disturbance Ecology and Vegetation Dynamics of the Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ, Department of Conservation Biology, and Bayreuth University, starting in April 2008.

The candidate will be involved in innovative research (EVENT-Experiment) on the effects of extreme weather events (drought, heavy rainfall, freeze-thawing) and biodiversity on plant performance and ecosystem functions (including productivity, phenology, gas exchange and nutrient cycling). The research is mainly in the field of community ecology, S/he will perform a combination of field studies, common garden and lab experiments to examine whether climatic disturbance events have effects far out of proportion to their short duration of occurrence.

We are looking for an ambitious personality with a keen interest in ecology, who will interact with other scientists and supervise international internships. You must have a university degree.

The doctoral thesis will be done as a series of English manuscripts.

The position is for 3 years, Salary will be according to the civil service level TV5D-O 13/2,

The place of work is Leipzig; the experiments will be conducted in Bayreuth,

The PhD student will have the opportunity to participate in the newly established graduate school HIGRADE(<http://www.ufz.de/index.php?en-11429>). Women are explicitly encouraged to apply to increase their share in science and research.

Contact: Prof. Dr. Anke Jentsch (anke.jentsch@ufz.de) and Personnel Department of the Helmholtz-centre for Environmental Research (martin_schroeder@ufz.de), Closing date for the applications is February 20th 2008.

Within the framework of the research training group “**The Role of Biodiversity for Biogeochemical Cycles and Biotic Interactions in Temperate Deciduous Forests**”

(DFG-Graduiertenkolleg 1086), the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen offers grants for

12 doctoral students

in the field of

Plant Ecology, Soil Zoology, Forest Hydrology, Entomology, Mycorrhiza research, Soil Science, Ecological Modelling, Remote Sensing, and Environmental Economics

starting from April 1, 2008.

The collaborative, interdisciplinary research project is focussed on mechanisms influencing the role of tree species diversity in broad leaved deciduous forests for productivity, carbon sequestration, nutrient and water turnover and biotic interactions as well as for ecosystem services. Fieldwork will take place in forests with up to 15 tree species in the Hainich National Park, Thuringia, Germany. Grants will amount to 1.100 € net per month (plus family allowances) for 3 years.

The 12 subprojects provide opportunities for the use of modern ecological techniques and are accompanied by an advanced methodological course program.

Candidates should send their applications until February 22nd to Dr. Stefan Fleck, Ökologie und Ökosystemforschung, for details, see: www.forest-diversity.uni-goettingen.de/projects.html

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The Munich Graduate School of Economics (MGSE) offers a distinguished three-year Ph.D. program in Economics to outstanding young graduates. We offer

10 Doctoral Scholarships

1 Postdoctoral Scholarship

The program provides advanced training for in-depth research into global market integration, its consequences for institutional change and its impact on the role of governments in the organization of economic activity. These themes are widely conceived and

allow for applications in any field of economics. We offer a wide range of Ph. D. courses, all taught in English. The German Research Foundation (DFG) supports excellent doctoral students with a three-year scholarship in our Research Training Group.

Qualifications

Applications for doctoral scholarships are welcome from graduates who hold a Master's Degree or a German university Diploma in economics or a closely related field, passed with distinction. Candidates with a degree in statistics, mathematics or physics are also encouraged to apply. Graduates need to prove a strong quantitative background as well as interest and ability to conduct independent research.

Applications for the postdoctoral scholarship are welcome from outstanding young researchers with a completed Ph.D. in economics or a closely related field and proven ability to conduct independent research.

Application Procedure

For further details on the research and teaching program, its participating faculty and the application procedure, please consult the website www.mgse.vwl.lmu.de.

Application deadline is 15th April 2008. Contact: Munich Graduate School of Economics, Ludwig Maximilians Universitaet, Ms. Gabriella Szantone Sturm, Mail to mgse@lmu.de.

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(9) FREIE UNIVERSITAET BERLIN INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAMS

The Center for Global Politics, a distinguished Freie Universitaet Berlin institution directed by Prof. Klaus Segbers, is launching a call for applications for its innovative two-year Master of Arts (M.A.) programs (120 credit points according to ECTS).

- East European Studies Online (www.ees-online.org)

This accredited interdisciplinary M.A. program prepares students for challenging Eastern Europe related assignments in business, administration, (non-governmental) organizations and associations as well as for further scientific research. Two renowned German organizations for science and teaching awarded East European Studies (EES) Online the title of one of Germany's Top Ten International Master's Degree Courses.

- International Relations Online (www.ir-online.org):

This M.A. program helps students to gain in-depth knowledge of IR concepts and topics and enables them to acquire relevant academic and applied research skills in these areas. With globalization on the rise and a multitude of international issues affecting today's world, a rapidly growing demand exists for individuals who possess IR related expertise as well as an understanding of global culture and communication. The degree will give students the academic credentials to fulfil this demand and improve their chances on the international job market.

Applicants should hold a first university degree (preferably in social sciences, humanities or economics and law), proof of proficiency in English (e.g. TOEFL: 80 points on the internet-based version).

Applications are welcome via an online application form on our websites until **April 30, 2008**. Programs start 1 October 2008.

For more information contact: ees@fu-berlin.de and IROnline@fu-berlin.de.

(10) RWTH AACHEN UNIVERSITY MASTER PROGRAMMES IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

The Technical University (RWTH) Aachen offers M.Sc. programmes in Mechanical Engineering:

- Automotive Engineering
- Combustion Engines
- Computer Aided Conception and
- Production in Mechanical Engineering Production Systems Engineering

The programmes are designed to equip students with all key skills required by modern industry. The programmes are appropriate for both students with a bachelor degree as well as engineers straight from the industry. They specifically target international students and are offered in English language. Furthermore, students can improve their capability to guide and organize project teams, as well as their skills concerning scientific documentation and communication.

For more detailed information see: www.master-mechanical-engineering.com. Closing date for applications for the next Master Programme starting in October is the 1st of March.

(11) ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT FOUNDATION: GEORG FORSTER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS FOR EXCELLENT RESEARCHERS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Doing research together and networking knowledge: The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Georg Forster Programme supports excellent researchers from developing and threshold countries carrying out research projects of relevance to development policy with research partners in Germany. Applicants are free to choose their research project as well as their partners in Germany. Any academic actively working at a German research institution can become a host. Foreign postdoctoral researchers may apply for a fellowship lasting from 6 to 24 months, plus a subsequent return fellowship. Experienced researchers may apply for a period of 6 to 18 months which can be divided into three blocks. The criteria for selection are scientific excellence as well as the quality and viability of the proposed research project. Applications may be submitted at any time.

For more information please visit the website of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation: www.humboldt-foundation.de/georgforster Email: info@avh.de

(12) INTERNATIONAL SUMMER COURSE 2008 – JUSTUS LIEBIG UNIVERSITY GIESSEN

August 30 to September 28, 2008

Language –Study –Culture and Civilisation

German Language course, integration, and preparation for students, postgraduates and visiting professors at Justus-Liebig-University Giessen and University of Applied Sciences Giessen-Friedberg and everyone who is interested

LANGUAGE CLASSES: all levels, number of lessons 95, ECTS-Credits will be awarded

- EXCURSIONS to Frankfurt, Heidelberg and to the Rhine
- COURSE FEE: EUR 600,-(Students who take part in an exchange programme or university partnership and who will study in Giessen for at least one semester will be allowed a grant of EUR 200)
- GUIDED TOURS through university buildings, town theatres and museums
- WORKSHOPS: Theatre, Newspaper, Dancing, Film, Cooking& Baking
- FURTHER INFORMATION: www.uni-giessen.de/auslandsamt/en/hsk , sommerkurs-aaa@admin.uni-giessen.de
- ACCOMMODATION: students' halls of residence.
- REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July15, 2008 (or upon reaching the maximum number of participants)

(13) THE FREIE UNIVERSITAET BERLIN INTERNATIONAL SUMMER AND WINTER UNIVERSITY (FUBiS)

FUBiS is an intensive academic program through which students can earn credits that may be counted toward their degrees at their home institutions. FUBiS sessions run for 4 to 6 weeks and take place both in summer and winter.

Curriculum

FUBiS offers intensive and semi-intensive German language classes at up to five different proficiency levels. Semi-intensive German language classes meet three days a week whereas intensive German classes meet on every weekday. For more advanced students FUBiS offers a Business German course.

FUBiS also offers subject classes, which meet two days a week. These classes are held mostly in English by distinguished German or international faculty.

for more information visit http://www.fubis.org/dokumente/fubis_infolyer_english.pdf

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Tuesdays 9.00-12.00 at the German Embassy (Main Building, North Ridge)