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Visit our Annual Symposium "Study and Research in Germany"

SSS Graduates, students, professionals and academics are cordially invited to attend this year's Symposium "Study and Research in Germany", which will be held in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut Accra and the German Embassy. Find out all you need to know about international degree courses, admission regulations, DAAD scholarships and visa requirements. Participation and information material is free of charge. Do not miss this opportunity to have your questions answered by staff of the German Academic Exchange Service and the German Embassy.

Venue: Goethe-Institut Accra (next to NAFTI, East Cantonments)

Date/Time: Saturday, 27th January, 10.00 am

German President visits KNUST

On Friday, 12.1.2007 the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Horst Köhler, and a high-ranking German delegation including the DAAD President, Prof. Berchem, visited KNUST. During the visit the President took part in a panel discussion on the topic "Brain Drain" and met some 30 DAAD alumni and current scholarship holders from Kumasi and the KNUST.

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<http://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/artikel.php?ID=117186>

First Ghanaian admitted to DAAD African Good Governance Network

Dr. Felix A. Asante of the Institute for Statistical Research (ISSER) at the University of Ghana has been welcomed as the first Ghanaian into the new DAAD sponsored "African Good Governance Network", which is under the patronage of the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Horst Köhler. The official acceptance into the programme took place on the opening night of "Partnership with Africa" Conference with President Köhler handing over the award certificate. The network aims to bring together young Africans, who have studied in Germany or at a DAAD supported Centre of

Excellence in Africa, and are actively involved in the processes promoting good governance, democracy and prosperity in Sub-Saharan Africa.

To find out more about the conference continue here

<http://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/artikel.php?ID=117213>

German Universities earn support through Erasmus Mundus

The ERASMUS Mundus program is a cooperation and mobility program in the field of higher education which promotes the European Union as a center of educational excellence. The European Commission has selected 23 Master's degree programs in Europe for which highly qualified international students and faculty can receive generous EU stipends in the coming year. The program allows students from non-European countries to complete a Master Course (1 to 2 years) in Europe with a full scholarship. Students are required to study in at least 2 European countries and will receive a double degree on successful completion of the program.

German universities have proven especially successful in the selection. With 15 German universities involved in 11 of the selected Master's programs, Germany takes a top position in the European-wide ERASMUS Mundus program. The successful Master's programs that involve German universities are:

1. JEMES -Joint European Master Program in Environmental Studies (Coordinator: TU Hamburg-Harburg)
2. LCT - European Masters Program in Language and Communication Technologies (Coordinator: U des Saarlandes)
3. Master of Geospatial Technologies (Coordinator: U Münster)
4. EM-ABG – European Master in Animal Breeding and Genetics (Partner: U Kiel)
5. European Masters Course in Software Engineering (Partner: TU Kaiserslautern)
6. FAME – Functionalized Advanced Materials (Partner: TU Darmstadt, U Augsburg)
7. MaMaSELF – Master of Materials Science exploiting European Large Scale Facilities (Partner: U München, TU München)
8. Master of Science in Computational Mechanics (Partner: U Stuttgart)
9. OPSITECH – Optics in Science and Technology (Partner: U Jena)
10. Philosophies allemande et française dans l'espace européen (Partner: U Wuppertal, U München, U Bochum)
11. SUFONAMA – Sustainable forest and Nature Management (Partner: U Göttingen)

For more information about ERASMUS Mundus, go to: <http://ec.europa.eu/erasmus-mundus>

Winners Announced for First Round of “Excellence Initiative” at German Universities

In previous issues we have reported on the so-called “Excellence Initiative” of the German federal government to improve the international competitiveness of German universities. After evaluating a total of 88 final-round proposals for the different three lines of funding in the initiative, the selection commission, comprised of members of the German Research Foundation (Deutscher Forschungsgemeinschaft) and the Science Council (Wissenschaftsrat), have now announced the winners of the first round. 18 graduate schools, 17 centers of excellence, and three concepts for the future will together receive a total of around 175 million euros a year over four years.

For a complete list of the graduate schools, centers of excellence and concepts for the future that received funding, go to <http://www.daad.org/page/news/#news>

German Higher Ed News: Money-Back Guarantee in North-Rhine Westphalia

As we have already reported, several states of Germany have decided to introduce tuition fees at public universities. In North-Rhine Westphalia, for instance, the law to introduce tuition fees was passed in April 2006, and from the winter semester 2006/7 onwards, universities may charge fees up to 500 euros per semester. The main reasoning/justification for tuition fees is the improvement of study

conditions, such as longer opening hours of libraries, more tutors/personnel, and more computers available for students. Opponents of tuition fees fear that the money will not lead to an improvement for students.

The state of North-Rhine Westphalia, the largest state in Germany, has attracted attention with the promise of a so-called money-back guarantee. The state's minister for innovation, Andreas Pinkwart, said that students may be reimbursed in the case of considerable quality defects. A publication by the government of North-Rhine Westphalia states that students have the right to complain about deficient/inadequate organizational or study conditions, and that every university is obligated to install an arbitration commission which will function as an official contact for complaints.

For a complete article on this topic (in German) go to:

www.wdr.de/themen/wissen/bildung/hochschulen/gebuehren/index.jhtml?rubrikenstyle=wissen

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International Degree Programmes

For more information visit us at the Information Centre and check out the database of International Degree Programmes at <http://www.daad.de/deutschland/studium/idp/04709.en.html>.

Bremen University, MSc (Digital Media)

http://en.digitale-medien-bremen.de/index_html-en?set-language=en&cl=er

Stuttgart University, Master (Infrastructure Planning)

www.infrastructure-planning.de

Freiburg University, MSc (Environmental Governance)

www.msc-environmental-governance.uni-freiburg.de

Siegen University, PhD (Multi Sensorics)

www.zess.uni-siegen.de/multisensorics/

University of Applied Sciences Ravensburg, MSc (Mechatronics)

www.fh-weingarten.de

University Niederrhein, BSc (Textile and Clothing Management)

<http://atlas.hs-niederrhein.de/cms/index.php?id=1774&L=6>

Technical University Kaiserslautern, MSc (Mathematics International)

www.mathematik.uni-kl.de/index_e.html

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Visit us in the DAAD Information Centre for more information and up-to-date information material.

Office hours

Mon 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm at the Goethe-Institut (next to NAFTI, East Cantonments)

Tue 9.00 am – 12.00 am at the German Embassy (Main Building, North Ridge)

Thurs 2.30 pm – 6.30 pm at the Goethe-Institut

Fri 2.30 pm – 6.30 pm at the Goethe-Institut

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