

Alumni News | October 2021



Campus developments

Wageningen Campus is again a lively meeting place for campus residents. Students enjoy already lectures in the spatial and almost energy-neutral **Aurora** building. Elsewhere on the Campus, pensionados have built a bamboo **greenhouse for Nepal** and the Omnia building officially opens in May 2022. It will be the perfect venue for scientists, students, society and partners to meet. Want to organize a symposium, conference, debate or graduation? You are welcome to **book** the venue.

Omnia, science meets society





Wageningen Experience Day | Register now

WUR organizes for all alumni the Wageningen Experience Day on Saturday, **October 2**. Join the reunions if you started studying in 1971, 1970, 1995, or 1996. Enjoy meetings, knowledge sessions, tours of the 'digital Campus' and engage in conversation with experts on important topics. Join us too, because once a Wagener, always a Wagener! Can't attend? Then still **register**, as the 'digital Campus' will remain accessible throughout the month of October.

[Make a digital campus tour](#)



Future of our food

According to Wageningen researchers we have got to realize that there is a limit and that we won't be able to feed 10 billion people in 2050 with our current food system. So, things like production, trade and consuming food worldwide, urgently need to change. The key lies in diversity. Read the whole article in Wageningen World, the magazine for alumni & relations. Want to stay informed? Sign up for a free **subscription**.

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WUR gives away IP licences for free

During the successful Opening Academic Year with the theme Crossing Boundaries, it was announced that WUR will provide potential partners with free licenses to work on its patented CRISPR technology. 'By doing so we hope this contributes to healthier, more sustainable, equitable, affordable and resilient food production for all' according to WUR President prof. dr. ir. Louise O. Fresco.

[More about this unique gesture](#) 



Meet the WUR Research Institutes

The Research Institutes carry out application-oriented and field-based research. They are commissioned by the government, commercial businesses, and non-profit organisations. On a research project there is often a collaboration between several institutes, with the university and/or national or international partners. Keywords are knowledge, independent scientific research, and advice.

[Questions become challenges](#) 



Three stories of international students

With over 25% of international students (over 100 nationalities), WUR has an international character. This is a valuable addition to the study programmes but how is it for international students to study in Wageningen nowadays? Greta from Lithuania, Konrad from Norway, and Niranjana from India are international BSc-students and tell you all about it! Maybe memories will come up and you recognize things from your study period.

'I fell in love with the university' 



WUR participates in project to fight viral diseases

Tomato and cucurbits are among the most produced vegetable crops in the world. These crops are currently affected by global emerging viruses. Every year, these viral diseases wreak havoc on the crops worldwide, amounting to EUR 3,5 billion in harvest losses in Europe alone. The EU-funded VIRTIGATION project has been launched to combat emerging viral diseases in tomatoes, cucumber, melon, pumpkin, and zucchini.

The new research initiative 



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