

## Alumni News | October 2020 | Stay involved with WUR



Dear WUR alumna/alumnus,

Although almost all contact is online in this period, there are still several ways you to stay involved with your alma mater and the worldwide alumni community.

To name a few examples, you can become a friend of UFW; in that way you support students and young alumni in getting a quick start in their career. You can also reach out to former fellow students on WUR Connect, and join various online alumni activities.

The successful online [Alumni Open Day](#) with many international participants, is a good example how we keep the network of 'Wageningers' strong and connected.

In this newsletter you will find some more ideas how to stay involved. Also during the corona pandemic, we highly value to stay in touch with you.

Kind regards,

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## Farmers deserve support

In the rainforest of Brazil, food is produced by means of sustainable agroforestry. The farmers do not get subsidies, are often illiterate and do not have much access to knowledge and yet they are very productive. Jonas Steinfeld, who is doing his doctoral PhD for WUR, was moved by their way of life and says they deserve support. Read more on p. 44 of the new Wageningen World, the magazine for alumni & relations. Tip: **change** your subscription to a digital edition: *go green go paperless*.

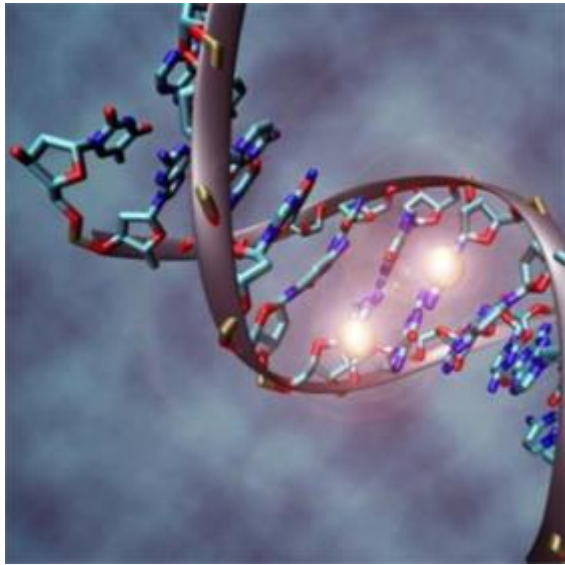
Article in Wageningen World 



## 1 Million subscriptions

The milestone of 1 million registrations for the Wageningen MOOCs (massive open online courses) has been reached. Since the outbreak of the coronavirus, many people work and study from home. As a result, more and more people are discovering the benefits of online education. And a MOOC can also have a positive effect on your career: "The online course was the turning point in my career," according to a former student.

Choose a Mocc in your area of interest 



## Nobel prize & stringent legislation CRISPR-Cas

It will prove difficult to achieve the *European Green Deal* goals if the current stringent EU-legislation on the continuation of new breeding technologies such as CRISPR-Cas, remains in effect. WUR researchers spoke out at the very moment the Nobel prize for Chemistry was awarded to the researchers who developed CRISPR-Cas. They were the pioneers of this technology and claim the WUR Spinoza Award winner has contributed significantly to the success of this topic.

CRISPR-Cas @WUR [➤](#)



## Feeding growing communities of migrants

How can large cities in Africa and Asia feed the growing communities of migrants from rural areas who move to the city? WUR researchers from various fields developed a framework for the analysis of urban food systems. Participation of those involved and spatial analysis had been added to the existing model, and the renewed approach, applied in Kebera, has resulted in a new trade flow. Farmers, traders and inhabitants are all benefiting from this.

Complicated urban food analysis [➤](#)



## Finding a job in corona time

'Precisely at the moment the world's economy has come to a standstill and our campuses are closed, this career special will show our students/recently graduates the limitless opportunities that their education offers. This may seem paradoxical, but it is in such difficult times that a creative spirit can flourish' says prof. dr. Louise O. Fresco, president of the 4TU.Federation, a partnership of the Dutch technical universities. Are you looking for a job? Check the tips on how to apply in corona time.

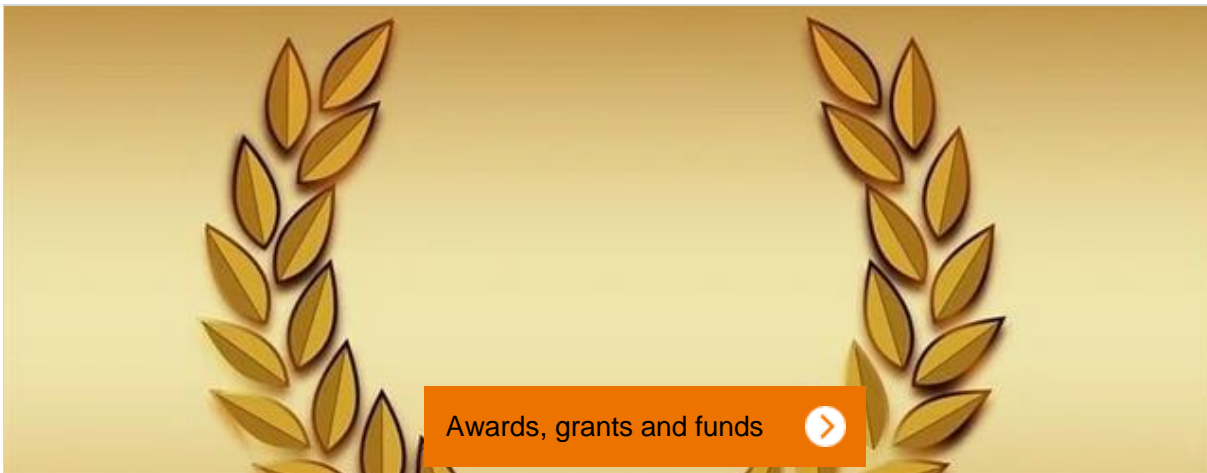
4TU Career Special tips 



## Upcoming DEAN events

At several [international locations](#) WUR and the other Dutch technical universities are working together as joint chapters: Dutch Engineers Alumni Network. For alumni who are living outside of their own countries, alumni networks such as DEAN are extremely useful resources for tapping into fellow alumni for advice and support particularly during crisis periods. From November till January 2021 new online DEAN events are being prepared (keep updated via the [website](#)). They are an addition to the existing LinkedIn groups and city based WhatsApp Groups.





The [Rob Goldbach Virology MSc thesis prize](#) has been awarded to Joyce van Bree, PhD candidate in the OneHealthPACT consortium (initiated by UFW).

Wageningen researchers Imke de Boer and Evelien de Olde are one of the ten finalists for the [Rockefeller's Food System Vision Prize](#). They convinced the jury with their vision of a healthy and circular food system in the Netherlands in 2050 (initiated by UFW).

The [Marina van Damme grant](#) will be presented to talented female alumni on 17 November (initiated by UFW). Interested to join online? Check the website for more information.

The [Green Talent Award](#) winner is WIMEK PhD candidate Glory Edwards. She won the prestigious award for developing scenarios for pathways to a sustainable rice system in Nigeria.

The [NWO ENW-Little grant](#) for innovative, fundamental research is awarded to 3 Wageningen scientists. Read all about the winning research projects and the winners on the website.



## For bookworms

[Wageningen University & Research at a Glance](#), the new corporate brochure with key facts & figures.

**Sustainable governance and management of food systems**, a book on ethical perspectives of the food system.

**Tulip book**, a manuscript containing gouaches, watercolours and drawings of tulpen and other flowers. The book can be viewed online via the WUR Library.



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**Improved score  
for WUR**

THE ranking

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