

Alumni News | December 2019



We wish you a new year full of good health, happiness and prosperity!



Marina van Damme Fund awarded three grants

Three grants of the Marina van Damme Fund, one of the funds of [UFW](#), are awarded to Chantal Vogels, Judith Houtman and Nienke van Staaveren. The grants are intended to deepen or broaden the careers of high potential female WUR engineers through the acquisition of knowledge and international experience by doing a research study or working on a project.

[News article](#)





WUR @ COP25 in Madrid

At the COP25, the 25th Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), various organisations informed each other and the official delegations on their newest insights. WUR organised a session on *Shaping climate smart food systems* with Prof. Louise O. Fresco as keynote speaker. The core of the speech was 'The key challenge for agriculture is in adaptation'.

[News article COP25](#)



Sustainable palm oil through deforestation alerts

Forests in Indonesia and Malaysia are rapidly disappearing in favour of palm oil plantations. To prevent illegal deforestation, WUR scientists are developing a self-learning computer system. It analyses radar-satellite images and raises a red flag when parts of forests disappear. Governments, companies and nature organisations can use the analyses for monitoring and are able to catch the offenders in the act.

[Real time warning system](#)





Crowdfunding - Database with useful plants

The PROTA4U web database contains information about over 15.000 useful plants from tropical Africa and South-East Asia. With your gift we can keep the databases online and accessible. We will use your gift for maintenance of content and occasional adjustments of software and hardware.

[Importance of database](#)



Career opportunities @ WUR

Perhaps already considered coming back to Wageningen? WUR has many vacancies and is looking for new colleagues worldwide to realize the ambitions of WUR arising from the Strategic Plan. That is why there are plenty of opportunities for talented employees within WU and the research organizations. You don't find anything suitable in the vacancy overview? Then create a job alert and receive updates on relevant vacancies!

[Check opportunities](#)





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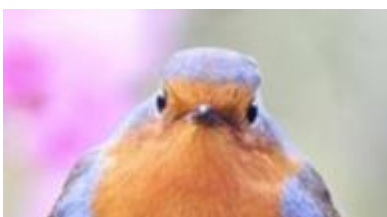
In the centennial year of Wageningen University & Research trees have been planted worldwide to create a forest of UniversiTREES. The forest symbolically represents the international connection with Wageningen and will collectively form a lasting reminder of 100 years WUR. The *Centennial project* has come to an end and looking back WUR is proud to notice that so many international alumni offered their cooperation.

[Overview planted trees](#)



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WUR no. 1
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Graduated from a masters programme @ WUR between 1 Oct. 2017 and 30 Sept. 2018? Then fill in the Alumni Survey. Not yet completed? It is still possible until the end of December.



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