

Alumni News | July 2020

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Dear WUR alumna/alumnus,

Now that the corona restrictions have been eased a bit, it feels as if a sense of peace and space to relax has returned for some of us. But no matter where you are in the world, for many of you this summer will be different than before.

In this newsletter you will read, among other things, about students who have been supported financially by the WUR community, the awards and scholarships awarded by UFW and the annual report of UFW. Furthermore, we would like to offer you some nice suggestions for summer activities such as following free online courses, discover the comprehensive and beautiful image collection of the WUR library, and much more.

After the summer, activities will not totally go back to normal. Therefore we are busy organising many beautiful virtual meetings for and with alumni worldwide. In the meantime you can look for a long-lost fellow student via the alumni platform WUR Connect.

The campus in Wageningen is empty and deserted, but we still send you greetings from Wageningen and our best wishes to you all!

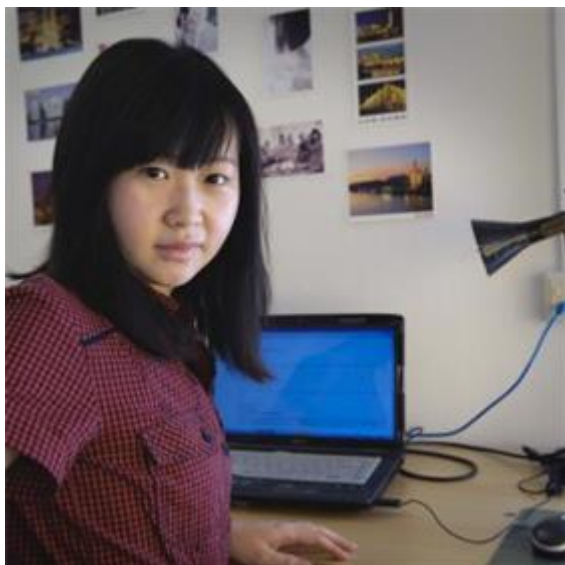
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Alumni Relations, [University Fund Wageningen](#) (UFW)



Awards and grants

Several awards and scholarships initiated by UFW have been awarded recently. Arie Nieuwenhuizen, biologist, was declared the **Teacher of the Year**. The **Thesis Awards** have been presented to four excellent MSc students; Jasper Roebroek was the overall winner. The **Aalt Dijkhuizen Grant** was awarded to Paul Ruigrok and Simone Verhagen (picture). And last but not least student and sailor Floortje Hoogstede received a grant from the **Niels Smith 'Sport' Fund**. Congratulations!

[Overview funds & awards](#)



WUR community supports students in need

April 2020, UFW launched a crowdfunding campaign to help students who have gotten into severe financial difficulties due to the coronavirus crisis. It led to a fantastic result; a lot of cordial comments and more than 814 alumni who donated together over 65,000 euros! The fund has already supported 12 students. Instead of worrying about their living, they can focus on their study and research again.

["I am so grateful to donors"](#)





Alumni like volunteering for WUR

UFW maintains life-long connections with more than 53,000 WUR alumni and organises a variety of alumni activities in that context. They can take place thanks to the involvement of our more than 350 alumni volunteers worldwide. In 2019, they have together put in some 3,000 hours with their involvement in a committee, giving lectures, coaching students, organising networking events etc. In the annual report p. 20-21 alumni tell why they commit their time to WUR.

[Annual report UFW 2019](#) 



Water lentils new source of protein

Will we have duckweed on our menu in a few years? If it were up to the Goeie Grutten Foundation: Yes! The foundation supports the water lentil project of Van der Meer and Mes for which UFW acted as relationship manager. Read more on p. 44-45 of the new Wageningen World, the magazine for alumni & relations. Tip: **change** your subscription from a paper to a digital edition: go green go paperless. *Photo: Verse Beeldwaren.*

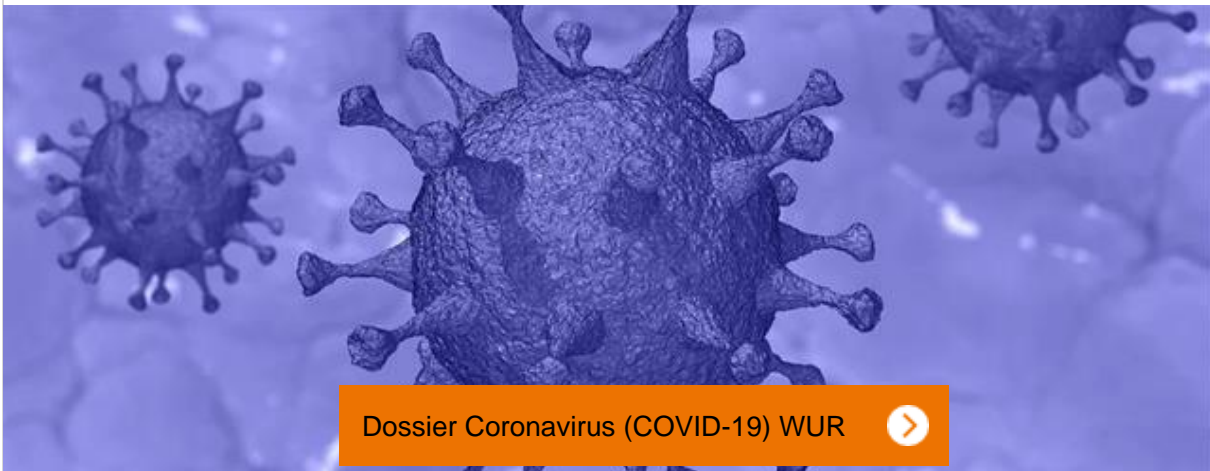
[Article in Wageningen World](#) 



Winning pictures WUR Connect Photo Challenge

The winner of the fourth and final Photo Challenge is Roman Puchko, Management, Economics & Consumer Studies 2011, with a photo showing a delicious cake with a strawberry WUR logo! A big thank you to everyone who participated. You all helped spread some positivity and uniting the WUR community. Want to read the stories with the submitted photo's, go to WUR Connect. In the fall you can expect a new promotion.

[WUR Connect alumni platform](#) 



[Dossier Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) WUR](#) 

Summer suggestions

Want to get out of the hot sun? Take a free online academic course. Follow the [WUR MOOC](#) at your own pace and wherever you want.

Have you seen everything on Netflix? Then how about watching the short [science talks](#) provided by WUR scientists about the impact of the coronavirus and pandemics in the past.

Tired of reading? Did you know that WUR has an enormous [collection of historical images](#) including botanical drawings, animal & agrotechnology wall charts and arable research etc.

Finally want to eat healthier? Download the [free FoodProfiler app](#) and learn what type of eater you are. Are you environmentally engaged, price-sensitive or driven by enjoyment?



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