

## Alumni News | November 2019



### International Alumni Networks

The highly valued WUR graduates are encouraged to partake in alumni networks worldwide. The Wageningen Alumni Chapters/Networks are established to engage international alumni with each other and with WUR. Furthermore, together with 3 Dutch technical universities there is the DEAN (Dutch Engineers Alumni Network) and for all alumni of the Netherlands together, there is the Holland Alumni Network.

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## Winner Outstanding Alumni Award 2019

Dr. Charudutt Mishra has received the Outstanding Alumnus Award 2019 for his remarkable contribution with transdisciplinary research on community-based conservation with special attention to the snow leopard in Asia. Dr. Mishra obtained his PhD in Ecology & Natural Resource Conservation. The Award was initiated by University Fund Wageningen (UFW).

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## Winners Research Award 2019

The Research Award 2019 was presented to Sumanth K. Mutte MSc (pictured) and Dr. Hirotaka Kato, both working at the WUR Biochemistry group. The researchers combined their fields of study and in their joint paper, published in eLife, the researchers pioneered a new field in plant biology: evolutionary biochemistry. This Award was also initiated by UFW.

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## New Ranking compares Food security in cities

Wageningen Economic Research developed a new city ranking tool which compares how the 850 largest cities in the world manage to provide their inhabitants with sufficient and nutritious food. The ranking indicates how easy or difficult it is for people in the different cities to obtain sufficient and nutritious food. According to expert Peter Ravensburger this ranking has the potential to become a solid and internationally accepted benchmark."

[What is your cities' performance?](#)



## Working on climate-resilient agriculture in East Africa

Climate change has brought more droughts to Tanzania. This not only affects the cultivation of sunflowers, but also the production of sunflower oil. To counter this, oil producers are searching for a solution and WUR researchers are analysing the expected decline in production. With this knowledge, traders and food processors can assist farmers with drought-tolerant seeds, better tillage techniques and irrigation systems.

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## 52 teams to start 2nd edition Urban Greenhouse Challenge

After the success of the first Urban Greenhouse Challenge, WUR organizes a second edition of this cutting-edge, international competition! 15 October marked the official kick-off of the 2nd edition. 52 teams from all over the world signed up to design the winning vertical agro-complex for a location in the Greater Bay Area in China. The finals will take place in June 2020

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## Courses for professionals

Wageningen Academy organises high quality courses for professionals around the world such as the [Executive MBA](#) in Food & Agribusiness which offers academic insights and combines them with best practises from renowned business leaders. The course [Towards Data-driven Agri-Food Business](#) gives insight in Big Data applications and organisational issues concerning new business models for data sharing in agri-food business.

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