

## WUR Alumni News | June 2021



### Campus development

It was quiet on Campus during the pandemic. That is to say, there were few visitors. However, it was certainly not a quiet time for construction work and there are some good developments to report. The third education building **Aurora** is nearing completion and the **Dialogue Centre** has reached its highest point. Nearly all buildings will eventually use Heat Cold Storage (**ATES**) for heating and cooling. Do you want to see the Campus artworks? Then check out the new online art exhibition. © photo\*

Art on Wageningen Campus





## Detailed weather information for farmers

Weather forecasts via apps and text messages can help farmers in Africa and Asia to be proactive. Because a farmer who knows when it's going to rain can make better decisions. Two text messages a week can make a world of difference. Read the story in Wageningen World, the magazine for alumni & relations and sign up for a free [subscription](#).

Article in Wageningen World 



## Student challenge finals

Twelve international student teams will present their innovations in the field of sustainable, healthy and affordable protein during the Grand Finale of the Rethink Protein Challenge'2. The finalists were announced during an online [event](#). In the run-up to the finals, the teams received [coaching](#) from, among others, [Wageningen Ambassadors](#), prominent alumni of WUR. Stay tuned and see who wins.

Grand Finale 25 June 2021 



## Help to bend the curve of biodiversity loss

WUR launches the [Wageningen Biodiversity Initiative](#) aiming at significant progress with the restoration of ecosystems. By doing so WUR tries to bend the curve of biodiversity loss in a positive direction. Eminent researchers indicate that we can make a substantial contribution with the sum of our knowledge. WUR is reaching out to stakeholders and fellow scientists around the world to collaboratively strengthen this research. Are you up for the challenge?

[Video Biodiversity Initiative](#)



[Awards, Grants and Funds](#)



[The Research Award 2021](#) was presented to Dr Irene Sánchez-Andrea. She won the prize for discovering the 7th pathway.

[The thesis award](#) will be presented on 29 June to four students who have written an excellent master's thesis. One prize is awarded per education domain.

[Curious about the other prizes](#) that University Fund Wageningen (UFW) awards to talented alumni or researchers? Check out all six of them.

[The AtlasInvest Entrepreneurship Grants](#) were awarded to the Wageningen start-up companies Scope BioSciences (Start-Up Award for commercially promising ideas) and Pyropower (Impact Award for ideas with maximum sustainable impact).



### The Emergency Fund thank you video!

Daniela, Francisco, Julia and Edward are some of the WUR students who faced difficulties because of the pandemic. Through hartwarming financial support, UFW could assist these students. [Your donation](#) is still welcome.

These examples are initiated by/made possible with the help of University Fund Wageningen.

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Conference  
Nutrition 7 Oct.

Wageningen Academy



WUR most  
sustainable!

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### Read, watch and enjoy!

**Read** - books written by alumni and other interesting lecture

Book | [Think Like an Engineer, Don't Act Like One](#), Jan Karel Mak

Book | [Fighting Poverty and Violence](#), Joris Voorhoeve

Book | [The birds of the Gamatig and Taudaha Area](#), Arend van Riessen

Book | [Methods in Faecal Sludge Management](#), Mariska Ronteltap

Book | [WURLit](#), collection of non scientific literature written by alumni - WUR-library

Magazine | [Wageningen World](#) #2 2021 is out now

## Watch

Video | [Waste: a valuable resource](#), Recycling Lab Wageningen

Video | [WUR researchers train bees to spot covid-19](#), in cooperation with start-up InsectSense

Video | [Technology, Agriculture's friend for sustainable farms of the future](#), euronews

Video | [Insects in Surinam](#), Maria Sybilla Merian

Exhibition | [Art on Wageningen Campus](#) - online exhibition - WUR Library

Interview | [SofaScience](#), on the couch with WUR scientists

## Learn


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## Enjoy

Drawing | [Root system pen drawings](#), 1,000 drawings of roots - WUR-library

Photo | [Agricultural Engineering](#), 35,000 photo's showing mechnisation processes - WUR-library

Photo | [Light on Campus](#), photos of Wageningen Campus, António Valente - WUR-library

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## Upcoming Online Alumni Events

**06**  
SEP

**Save the date | Online Opening  
Academic Year WUR | Crossing  
boundaries**

**02**  
OCT

**Save the date | Online  
Wageningen Experience Day | For  
all alumni**

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