

## Alumni News | May 2020

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Dear WUR alumna/alumnus,

The worldwide coronavirus outbreak still has a firm grip on us. We hope that you are doing well given the circumstances and we empathize with those who are in any way affected.

Despite the fact that some restrictive measures are gradually being released in some countries, daily life is still far from normal and we face a world of new challenges.

In this newsletter, president of the executive board, Louise O. Fresco, expresses her personal appreciation to the alumni community worldwide in a video message. Furthermore you can read the latest news about WUR.

We send our best wishes to all of you and hope that you will stay safe.

Kind regards,

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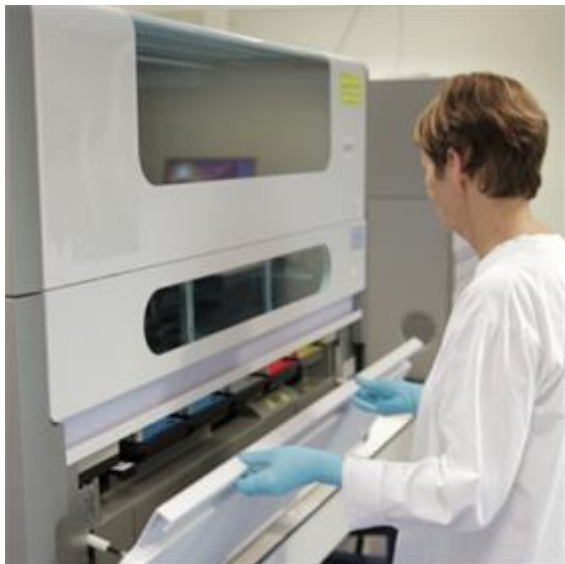


## Message Louise O. Fresco for alumni

The president of the executive board, professor Louise O. Fresco, recorded a personal message for all alumni of Wageningen University & Research (WUR). She is proud of the many initiatives that have arisen, often quickly, in this complicated time among alumni, students, scientists, teachers and employees.

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[View the video message](#) 



## WUR corona research

Wageningen contributes in many ways to the control of the disease COVID-19; WUR scientists are working hard and conducting intensive research into the development of a vaccine. Research has also been started on loss of smell and taste due to corona, the consequences of the virus for agriculture, and the role animals play in the epidemiology of the virus. In the *Dossier coronavirus* you can read all about the WUR research and listen to the *Science Talks*.

[Dossier coronavirus](#) 



## Emergency Fund for students

The university fund has initiated an emergency fund in support of WUR students experiencing financial difficulties due to the corona crisis. More than € 65,000 has already been donated, a wonderful amount! Thank you to those who have contributed, the response from alumni worldwide was heartwarming! Given the extension of the restrictions, we will have to support affected students for a longer period. Therefore, donations are still welcome so that we can help as many students as possible.

Help our students in need [➤](#)



## WUR Connect Photo Challenge

The coronavirus turns our world upside down. That is why the university fund aims to unite the WUR community through a photo challenge. Alumni are invited to upload their photos and can win an original WUR sweater. In these difficult times this action puts a smile on our faces. Many special photos of sometimes personal moments can already be seen on WUR Connect. The challenge lasts until summer.

Participate too! [➤](#)



WUR Researchers are regularly interviewed on TV & radio. Check the broadcasts.



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