

## Alumni news October 2018



## SDG-Conference in Wageningen

Recently 700 participants from across the globe partook in the WUR SDG-Conference: Towards Zero Hunger: Partnerships for Impact. Representatives from various stakeholders attended sessions on Evidence, Synergies & trade-offs and Governance. This resulted in intensive dialogues and new partnerships such as a [MoU with Mercy Corps](#) and a collaboration with four other top-rated universities.

[Video, outcomes & pictures](#)





## Spinoza Prize for Wageningen microbiologist

Wageningen Microbiology Professor [John van der Oost](#) received the Spinoza Prize. Van der Oost and his group will spend the amount of 2,5 million euros, the largest prize in science in the Netherlands, to fund new research paths to unravel the earlier discovered CRISPR immune system and other systems in bacteria.

[Dossier CRISPRE-Cas](#)



## Commemorative coin

A new commemorative coin, The Wageningen Universiteit Vijfje (*University Fiver*) was commissioned by the Dutch Ministry of Finance in honour of the 100-year anniversary of WUR. The Dutch mint master has symbolically [presented](#) the coin to WUR president prof. Louise O. Fresco. Alumni are welcome to pre-order the *University Fiver*; please note that the Royal Mint expects this coin to sell out quickly.

[For pre-sale orders of the coin](#)





## International Alumni Networks

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 three technical universities there is the *DEAN* (Dutch Engineers Alumni Network) and for all alumni of the Netherlands together, there is the *Holland Alumni Network*.

[Partake in alumni networks](#)



## WUR is doing well in rankings

Wageningen is one of the top-ranked universities in the world. In the Netherlands WUR has been chosen as number one in the Elsevier Magazine. Furthermore Wageningen rises five steps at the Times Higher Education World Universities Ranking and now holds #59. WUR has risen on the topics education, scientific citations and international perspective of the institution.

[THE World Universities Ranking](#)





## UniversiTREES

This centennial year trees are being 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. Check the website for an overview of trees planted during international alumni gatherings. Are you interested in planting a UniversiTREE?

[Request a UniversiTREE](#)



## 500,000 enrolments in online courses

With more than 500,000 enrollments, 2351 videos, over 100 teachers and learners from all over the world WUR offers a wide range of free open and online courses (MOOCs). MOOCs are accessible for all. Popular online courses are 'Nutrition & Disease, Sustainable Tourism and Landscape Governance'. *Left:* the first 4 students who took an [online Master's](#) at WUR have now graduated.

[MOOCs - Free online courses](#)





## A-Mansia investments

[rise to €18m](#)



## Global Future Farming 6 Nov.

[Executive course](#)



## Upcoming Alumni events

[Programme overview](#)



Did you know that there are now over [50,000 WUR alumni](#) worldwide?



## WUR Connect picture of the month

MFQ 2009 winter drink at centrum.  
Thanks to Alexander Luankali,  
Researcher in Quality and Supply chain  
at the Massey Uni who posted the photo.  
The picture caused a clear reaction:  
'Guys, we need to do a reunion in  
Wageningen!'.

[Post your pictures too](#)



### WUR Connect

Please join the 8000+ online WUR alumni platform with specific country groups on [WUR Connect](#) to (re)connect and to expand your network.

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