

Alumni News | March 2021 | Science & Pandemics



WUR celebrated 103rd anniversary on 9 March

For those who were not able to attend, we offer a review of the online Dies Natalis. Please visit the [website](#) with the broadcasts of both the celebration and the symposium. You will also find articles by our guests reflecting on this year's theme: *Pandemic, Prevention, Prediction, and Preparedness*. WUR is also working in many other ways to contain the coronavirus. For example, WUR is part of a research consortium that has developed a vaccine.

Coronavirus dossier WUR 



Life after WUR | alumna works on Moderna vaccine

'The research group I work for has been investigating diseases such as SARS and MERS for a long time now; coronaviruses are our speciality. When it became clear that it was serious again, we knew we had to roll up our sleeves.' says Andrea Pruijssers, Research Assistant Professor at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in the USA. Read her story in Wageningen World, the magazine for alumni & relations and sign up for a free [subscription](#). ©Max Gunther

Article in Wageningen World [➤](#)



Future pandemics

COVID-19 has the world in its grip. What can we learn from it, how can we prevent outbreaks of new zoonoses and counteract the emergence of new pandemics? How can we prevent future pandemics from having consequences as dramatic as COVID-19? ERRAZE@WUR (Early Recognition & Rapid Action in Zoonotic Emergencies) is a new ambitious WUR-wide research & investment programme, set up to help lay a solid scientific foundation for answering such questions.

ERRAZE@WUR [➤](#)



UNITED NATIONS FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT 2021

Vulnerabilities of food systems in pandemics

COVID-19 has shown us vulnerabilities of food systems and demands for resilience investments. In the fall of 2021, the UN Food Systems Summit will take place. Worldwide food, climate and biodiversity issues should be tackled with an integral evidence-based approach. This approach is at the heart of WUR's work. We'll only be successful if all players in these domains join hands. Join us in taking next steps in bridging the food systems approach with bold actions! Read also the [article](#) 'Road to zero hunger'.

[UN Food Systems Summit](#) 

Wageningen World #1 is out now  [Click and read!](#)



[Awards, Grants and Funds](#) 

The [Research Award 2021](#) was presented during the Dies Natalis to Dr Irene Sánchez-Andrea, assistant professor at the Laboratory of Microbiology at WUR. She won the prize for her research into a new mechanism in microbes that fixes CO₂. Congratulations!

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

The [AtlasInvest Entrepreneurship Grant](#) is a new grant stimulating entrepreneurship at WUR and aiming at promising entrepreneurial and impactful ideas that contribute to society. The Grant foresees in a starting capital for promising startup companies who are active in the Wageningen

domain. The founders are a successful alumnus and his daughter.

The Emergency Fund, the crowdfunding campaign for students who run seriously short of money due to the coronavirus crisis, has raised thousands of euros but is almost empty now. Applications are still coming in, therefore UFW is raising funds again to help these students too.

These examples are all initiated by/made possible with the help of University Fund Wageningen. **Get involved too with the mission of UFW.**



WUR Connect
stay in touch

Join the network



Course Plant
Breeding

Wageningen Academy



WUR in QS
Ranking

No. 1 Agriculture & Forestry

Read, watch and enjoy!



WURLit, a comprehensive WUR-library collection of non scientific literature written by alumni
Colours of a cultural Chameleon, where are you from? Shakti Hannie Lieten
Time to Lead, lessons from today's leaders. Jan-Benedict Steenkamp
Ancient Roots, New Shoots, endogenous development in practice. Bertus Haverkort
Darwin: a companion, guide to the life and work of Darwin. Paul v. Helvert and John v. Wyhe
From technological inventories to product development on traditional foods with J. Hounhouigan



Grow, the beauty of agriculture, Daan Roosegaarde's latest work of art
Science talks, 9 short videos in which WUR scientists discuss issues surrounding corona
Plus Ultra II, introducing the new building on Wageningen Campus
The story of Dairy Campus, the no.1 research & practice centre for the dairy farming sector



Global Forest Watch, be the first to see new tropical deforestation by this free app
Grow app, allows you to make animations of trees, gardens and landscapes by taking pictures with your phone. It directly transforms them in a time lapse movie



Solve Jigsaw puzzles of rare and old publications in the 'Science meets heritage' collection of the WUR library



Food forests designers, choose the most appropriate plants for your requirements and site conditions.

Upcoming Online Alumni Events

19
MAY

F&A Next | Investors Meet Food & Agri Startups

02
OCT

Save the date | Wageningen Experience Day | For all alumni!

Published by the WUR Alumni Office

[Change your contact information](#)

[Afmelden](#) | [Privacy verklaring](#)