Dear Students!

We are happy to send you the new issue of the RUBiss Newsletter! The newsletter for international students at RUB is published twice per semester. We inform you about current activities and offers of the International Office and other university facilities and provide an overview of important dates during the summer semester 2017.

Have a sunny and successful summer semester 2017!
Your RUBiss Team – RUB international student services

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**SEMESTER PROGRAMME**

The RUBiss Team publishes a semester programme every semester with a list of various events, workshops and excursions. **International and German students** will be present at all of the events and you will have the opportunity to meet many new people. Some highlights of the semester programme for the summer semester are presented to you in this newsletter.

Here you can find the semester programme for the summer semester 2017 online.

**INTERNATIONAL WELCOME**

At the beginning of every semester, we invite you to our International Welcome to welcome you to Ruhr-Universität Bochum. The rector of Ruhr-Universität, Prof Dr Axel Schölmerich, will give this year’s speech.

An informal reception will be accompanied by a “market of opportunities” where various university institutions introduce themselves and their offers for international students at information stands. This should make the start of the semester easier for you.

**Thursday, 20 April 2017 at 4 pm in the Veranstaltungszentrum (VZ) below the canteen in hall 2b.**
The participation is free of charge.

Please sign up here for the International Welcome.

**SPRACHCAFÉ – LANGUAGE PRACTICE MEET UP**

Stop by the Sprachcafé (language practice meet up) and use the possibility to talk, practice, and discover a new language in a relaxed setting and most of all have fun. The Sprachcafé opens every Monday between 5 pm and 9 pm. In the Max-Kade-Hall you will be able to follow your passion for languages during this time and get to know other interested international and German students. **Every Monday starting at 5 pm in Max-Kade-Hall, Laerholzstraße 82, 44801 Bochum.**
The participation is free. Registration is not necessary.

Come and visit the Facebook page of our Sprachcafé!

**RHINE HIKE**

Our hike from Loreley to Kaub takes us about 16 km through the landscape of the world cultural heritage Mittelrheintal (Middle Rhine Valley). Along slopes and cliffs, through vineyards and woods, as well as the famous rock of Loreley. We will also pass one of the many castles of the region. On the next day, after a night at the youth hostel Rheinsteig, we will go by ship for a short visit of the small city Rüdesheim.

Information: Journey there and back by coach. Overnight accommodation with supper. Appropriate footwear and perhaps a rucksack, enough snacks, refreshments and clothes for changing are recommended.
Monday 05 June to Tuesday 06 June 2017, meeting point 6:30 am at the bus station below the Unicenter.
Price 40€ (regular), 35€ (with ESNcard)
Registration at the International Office (SSC 1/225) until 22 May 2017.

US-AMERICAN EVENING
Parades, concerts, fireworks, the American flag everywhere and endless playback of „The Star-Spangled Banner“ (the national anthem of the USA) – it is 4th of July, US Independence Day. Together with our American friends RUBiss, BOSKOP and ESN Bochum (Erasmus Student Network) will celebrate the 241st birthday of the USA. We would like to invite you to a cultural evening with typical music and snacks. Alcoholic beverages will not be sold, but you may bring your own bottle.

Tuesday, 4 July 2017, from 6 pm, Max-Kade-Hall, Laerholzstr. 80, 44801 Bochum.
Participation is free of charge! Registration is not necessary!

30 YEARS ERASMUS
The Erasmus programme of the European Union is turning 30 this year and the International Office of Ruhr-Universität invites you to celebrate this anniversary with us!

In 1987, exactly 30 years ago, the Erasmus programme was launched. Ruhr-Universität Bochum has been participating since the beginning and can now count 270 universities among its Erasmus partners.

Throughout the year, we will present you a wide range of events and activities on Erasmus and Europe.

EUROPEAN EVENING
Europa erleben – Experience Europe! Within this theme, the International Office in cooperation with the AKAFÖ and ESN Bochum invite you to the “European Evening”! Experience a great European get-together with a buffet, music, games and many opportunities for intercultural exchange!

Wednesday, 17 May 2017, 6 pm in the Mensa Bistro.
Advance sale only for students 3,50€ (regular), 2,50 (with ESNcard) during the RUBiss consultation hours in SSC 1/225 and at BOSKOP from 24 to 28 April from 10 am to 4 pm at the Mensa Café.
Box office: 5€

We also welcome your support as European ambassadors for typical games, music, dance and much more. Your creativity knows no limits! Come to our planning and brainstorming meeting on 27 April at 4:30 pm in SSC 1/263. We look forward to your ideas!

Sign up here for the preparation meeting.
30 YEARS ERASMUS – 30 PORTRAITS

Tell us your Erasmus story! For the 30th anniversary of the Erasmus programme, the International Office is designing a portrait series and is looking for 30 Erasmus alumni who have gone abroad as students, staff or lecturers, or who have come to Ruhr-Universität through Erasmus.

Did your Erasmus experience have a lasting impact on your life? What are your best memories? We are looking forward to your stories!

Send us your experiences easily through our online survey.

ERASMUS COOKBOOK

Besides the people and the language, an Erasmus stay also allows you to get to know the culinary culture of a country. What country-specific dishes do you remember from your time abroad? For an Erasmus cookbook, we are looking for your most delicious Erasmus dishes!

Send us your recipe, if possible with a suitable picture, to erasmus@rub.de.
RETROSPECT

During the last semester, a large number of activities and events took place at the International Office. Here are some of the highlights.

ORIENTATION COURSE (O-COURSE) AND ORIENTATION DAYS (O-DAYS)

Just like at the beginning of every semester, RUBiss hosted orientation events for new international students in the summer semester 2017:

The Orientation Course for exchange students took place between 17 March and 07 April 2017. 54 exchange students from several countries took part in the orientation course, which lasted almost 3 weeks. There were German courses in the mornings to prepare the students for their studies at Ruhr-Universität, and during the afternoons they received support dealing with formalities (registering at the city of Bochum, visa extension etc.). Alongside to the formal programme a lively programme of events during their free time has been offered, including a guided tour of the VfL Bochum stadium, excursions such as to Zeche Zollverein or several events with ESN Bochum.
More information about the O-Course.

Shortly after the O-Course, the Orientation Days took place between 11 and 13 April 2017, in which approx. 180 students took part.
During the O-Days German Students, acting as “Campus Guides” introduced the newcomers to their subjects, supported them by formalities and provided them with an insight into campus life.
On 08 April 2017, ESN Bochum introduced the freshmen to German food and German habits while providing a lot of information about their host country.
More information about the O-Days.

Would you like to welcome new international students at Ruhr-Universität and help them with their first steps yourself? Each semester the RUBiss team is looking for new Campus Guides. We are very happy about your commitment and support!
Here you can find all information about our campus guides programme.

GRANT OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

More than 30 international students applied for a grant of scholarships for the summer semester 2017. The selection committee of the International Office met at the beginning of April. Ten graduation grants and two scholarships for especially committed students have been granted. The scholarship holders will be informed about their results this week. The scholarships are funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) from funds of the Federal Foreign Office.
The graduation grants are being announced every semester whereas the scholarships for especially committed students are being announced every summer.

The scholarship holders for especially committed students will be presented on this website soon.
INTEGRA: GERMAN COURSES FOR REFUGEES

Since the beginning of 2016, RUB has offered free German courses especially for refugees. This successful project is based essentially on students who teach German language on a voluntary basis to people with a refugee background.

On 16 February 2017, rector Prof Dr Axel Schölmerich expressed his gratitude for the volunteer commitment of the students in the refugee aid at formal reception.

300 young refugees are currently preparing to study at Ruhr-Universität in the Integra programme of the International Office in cooperation with the department of German as a Foreign Language (DaF).

Would you like to become a volunteer German tutor for the next semester yourself? Here you can find all information.

For more information about the offers for refugees of the International Office click here.

PANORAMA

Many institutions at Ruhr-Universität – in addition to the International Office – have exciting offers for international students. Here are some important events and dates for the summer semester 2017.

DEPARTMENT GERMAN AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (DAF)

Do you want to improve your German language skills during your studies or exchange in Bochum? A broad range of German language courses at different levels are offered at Ruhr-Universität and in Bochum.

The Department German as a Foreign Language (DaF) is part of Ruhr-Universität Bochum. As the most important language course provider, it offers preparatory courses as well as courses during term time at different levels. Credit points can be gained for the DaF courses and they prepare you for the “TestDaF” which is a language proficiency test.

Personal registration is necessary for the courses during term time. The registration dates for the summer semester 2017 are:

Wednesday, 19 April 2017, from 10 am to 3 pm
Thursday, 20 April 2017, from 10 am to 3 pm

Location: Universitätsstraße 90 (U 35, station “Wasserstraße”)
You must register personally, even if you have taken courses with DaF during the previous semester. Consultation and placement take about an hour in total. Lessons start on Monday, 24 April 2017.

Information about the German courses.
CAREER SERVICE

The Career Service of Ruhr-Universität Bochum supports students in the organization of practically oriented studies and the entry into the professional world. The Career Service offers a wide range of information, events, courses, lectures and workshops, as well as personal advice.

Events during summer semester 2017:
- 08 May 2017, Application Training – Cover Letter and Curriculum Vitae (German language only), 10 am to 5 pm, Oase, room 6
- 20 June 2017, Self-Presentation for Assessment Center and Job Interview, 10 am to 5 pm, Oase, room 6
- 18 July 2017, Applying for jobs in Germany, 10 am to 6 pm, Oase, room 6

For most events registration is required. Simply send an email including the following data to careerservice@rub.de: First and last name, e-mail address, study subjects, desired degree, desired seminars, matriculation number.

A variety of other events of the Career Service can be found here.

SCHREIBZENTRUM – WRITING CENTRE

RUB’s Writing Centre aims to professionalise the teaching and learning of scientific writing for students at Ruhr-Universität. This summer semester 2017 the Schreibzentrum offers various mini-workshops that might be interesting for international students too.

Offers for writers who write in a foreign language or whose mother tongue is not German, can be found here.

In order to register for one of these workshops, please send an email with your name, your telephone number and the course, which you would like to attend, to schreibzentrum@rub.de. Alternatively, you could receive a personal coaching. The writing centre does not offer a correction of texts but it accompanies and gives you advice during your writing process. To arrange a personal coaching please write an email to Ulrike.Lange@rub.de.

UNIVERSITY SPORTS

Would you like to be active in your free time? If so, the offers from University Sports Bochum might be interesting for you: It organises a diverse programme consisting of approx. 80 different sports for a healthy work-life balance. The offers consist of fitness and ball sports, swimming, diving, climbing, ballet, running clubs, sailing and much more. Moreover, the university-run gym “Unifit” is at your disposal in the centre of Bochum, where you can attend individual training programmes in state-of-the-art facilities on an area covering 1,100 m².

Here you can find an overview of all sport activities.

You need to register for all courses with University Sports Bochum. The registration for the summer semester 2017 already started. First you need to buy a sports card (€18 for students; valid for one semester). The costs for the courses vary from course to course.

In the week from 18 till 23 April 2017 you can visit most courses without registering to try these out.
You require a German bank account to register online. [Detailed instructions on how to register.]

If you have any questions or do not have a German bank account, you can visit University Sports Bochum during the designated office hours. [Office hours of University Sports.]

**STUDY ABROAD INFO EVENTS – “WEGE INS AUSLAND”**

Are you planning to spend a semester studying or carrying out an internship abroad? If so, you can find out more at the information sessions offered by the International Office.

17 May 2017, 12 pm to 2 pm in HZO 100: Exchange and Scholarship programmes at Ruhr-Universität
29 June 2017, 12 pm to 2 pm in HGB 30: Exchange and Scholarship programmes at Ruhr-Universität

Students from all faculties and years may attend the sessions. The sessions are also especially interesting for first or second year students. [More information about studying abroad.]
PROJECT “GEMEINSAM – STUDIES FÜR FLÜCHTLINGE”

The project “Gemeinsam – Studies für Flüchtlinge” of AStA (General Student Committee) aims to ease the participants of the preparatory courses for refugees of the International Office into everyday life on campus and to provide support organising their future studies. Sport, music and cooking events are also on schedule.

As a buddy, you help the participants of the Integra programme to inform themselves about the possible courses of study and to master the bureaucratic hurdles during enrollment. You support your buddies concerning all questions related to their studies and Ruhr-Universität and you help them to find the necessary information and advice. In addition, you can support the Integra participants to integrate themselves: for example, as a tandem partner, you can help your buddy with the German language.

You want to become a buddy for prospective refugee students? All information can be found here.

RUB ARTS AND CULTURE INTERNATIONAL

The project RUB Arts & Culture International is a cooperation of Musisches Zentrum (Centre for the Arts) and inSTUDIESplus at Ruhr-Universität Bochum.

The next events of RUB Arts and Culture international are:

**EuRUBvision Contest on 21 April 2017 from 6 pm to 9 pm, Musisches Zentrum, Universitätsstraße 150, 44801 Bochum**

Audience and a jury decide during the show which song from which country wins. Students present Live-Acts, singing, dancing, playing the piano or the guitar. Information and registration at euRubvision@rub.de.

"OPEN STAGE - The floor is yours!" on 02 May 2017 at 7 pm, Musisches Zentrum, Universitätsstraße 150, 44801 Bochum

Students and researchers from Bochum and around the world are invited to play on the open stage. Present your specific cultural knowledge in heterogeneous forms and formats of showing and telling. With lecture performances, PowerPoint-karaoke, lip-synching and music-gigs as well as dance and other Do-it-Yourself-formats.

For more information, visit the RUB Arts and Culture International Facebook page.

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