Alumni of the University of Bremen

20 Years

ALUMNI-NEWS



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20 YEARS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: CELEBRATE WITH US AT OPEN CAMPUS

The Alumni Association will also be taking part in the University of Bremen's OPEN CAMPUS on **13 June 2026** with a special anniversary programme. To mark its 20th anniversary, the association invites alumni, members, university staff and interested visitors to connect, share memories and experience the alumni network in action.
To celebrate this milestone year, we have prepared a selection of exclusive anniversary giveaways, including snap bracelets, a special anniversary drink, energy sweets, red STABILO highlighters, adhesive bandages as a small first-aid essential, pens and sticky notes. These anniversary items will be distributed to members during OPEN CAMPUS and can also be won by rolling the dice. There will also be an opportunity to create lasting memories: visitors are invited to capture special moments together at our photo booth. We look forward to seeing you there!



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20 YEARS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: AN IDEA THAT ENDURED

Twenty years ago, on 27 June 2006, the association was founded under the name community bremen e.V. – Alumni Network of the University of Bremen.
What sounds entirely self-evident today was anything but at the time: an alumni association at the University of Bremen? For many, it was initially hard to imagine. We are therefore all the more grateful to those who had the courage to pursue this idea and bring it to life. Read more

20 YEARS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: 20 PERSONAL MOMENTS



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To mark its 20th anniversary, the Alumni Office asked its members via various channels: Which moments, encounters or events do you particularly associate with the Alumni Association?
The responses show just how diverse and vibrant our network is. They speak of formative years of study, inspiring lecturers, career paths, international experiences, and the sense of staying connected to the University of Bremen even after graduation.
We would like to share some of these memories in this newsletter. Further voices, stories and congratulations will be published on our social media channels.
Thank you to everyone who has shared their memories with us. And thank you to all those who have, over the past 20 years, made Alumni der Universität Bremen e.V. what it is today: a strong, open and committed network. Read more

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COMMUNICATION CHANNELS MERGED

The Alumni Association's communications will in future be made clearer and more streamlined. To this end, its activities will be brought together on **LinkedIn**: the two existing LinkedIn channels will be merged into a single shared channel. This will provide a central place for news, insights, events and stories relating to the association.
Instagram will remain an important channel for current impressions and snapshots.
The **newsletter** will also continue to be a key part of the association's communications. It is published six times a year and now reaches more than 7,000 people. In addition to news, events and projects from the alumni network, the newsletter also highlights interesting topics, opportunities and activities at the University of Bremen.
By bringing its channels together, the association aims to make its communications more visible, accessible and better connected.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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WELCOME TO OPEN CAMPUS!

The next OPEN CAMPUS will take place on 13 June 2026 from 1:00 p.m. onwards on the University of Bremen campus. Under the motto “Opening Worlds – Sharing Knowledge”, departments, institutes and facilities will showcase what they have to offer.
As always, the university invites visitors to enjoy a wide range of activities combining science and entertainment. Through lectures and guided tours, you can get to know the university even better and take a look behind the scenes. All OPEN CAMPUS events are free of charge. Please note that the number of participants for the guided tours is limited. Free tickets can be booked in advance and will be available as soon as the programme is announced.
More information



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I2B MEET-UP: SUCCESSFULLY INTEGRATING AI PROCESSES INTO SMES

On **24 June 2026**, idea 2 business GmbH (i2b) invites participants to an i2b meet-up at DFKI Bremen. For more than 25 years, i2b has been connecting decision-makers from business, science, politics, and culture. With over 26,000 members, it is the largest innovation, business, and science network in northwestern Germany.
The event will focus on practical examples, opportunities, and challenges related to the use of artificial intelligence in small and medium-sized manufacturing enterprises. The Alumni Association is supporting the event as a cooperation partner, and our Second Vice Chairwoman, Renate Heitmann, will deliver a welcome address. Participation is free of charge; registration is required.
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TAG DER WISSENSCHAFT (SCIENCE DAY)

On **27 June 2026**, Science Day will take place across Bremen. Researchers will offer fascinating insights into current projects, present new findings and demonstrate how research can help address societal challenges. The programme also includes interactive activities and inspiring contributions on topics relevant to the future. Participating organisations include universities, higher education institutions, research institutes, museums and associations. Read more

EVENT SUMMARIES



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10 YEARS OF CAMPUS AWARD: SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES FROM THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

This year, the “CAMPUS AWARD: Researching for a Sustainable Future” honours one doctoral dissertation and one master's thesis. Shadi Attarha and Lana Draghinazzi impressed the jury with innovative approaches to sustainable solutions for ecological challenges.
For the past ten years, the award has recognised outstanding theses completed at the University of Bremen that focus on the sustainable use of resources and the protection of the environment, climate and oceans. Established in 2016, the award is presented annually by the KELLNER & STOLL FOUNDATION FOR CLIMATE AND THE ENVIRONMENT, the Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT), the University of Bremen and Alumni of the University of Bremen. The award carries total prize money of €3,000. Read more

CAMPUS NEWS



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IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN EXCELLENCE STRATEGY: INTERNATIONAL REVIEWERS VISIT THE CAMPUS

On April 28 and 29, 20 international reviewers visited the Bremen campus to assess the joint Excellence proposal submitted by the University of Bremen and the University of Oldenburg. Read more



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BREMEN INVESTS €20.5 MILLION IN THE MODERNISATION OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Bremen Senate has approved a comprehensive investment programme for the modernisation and refurbishment of key buildings at the University of Bremen. A total of €20.5 million will be made available over the next four years, with around €18.8 million coming from federal funding under the so-called Fast-Track Construction Initiative.



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50 YEARS OF THE VORSTRASSE SUMMER FESTIVAL - MEMORIES WANTED!

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the Vorstraße summer festival, which began as a small barbecue in 1977. This is an occasion for us to pay tribute to the history of this special student festival.

Over five decades, many students have shaped the summer festival: with encounters, music, joint activities and numerous personal memories. In order to preserve these stories, we would like to make them visible and document them.

For this we need your support! Do you have old photos, flyers, posters or other materials from the summer festival? Were you involved in the organization or do you know people who were? Then get in touch with us! Personal memories or short reports are also particularly valuable - especially from the 70s, 80s and 1990s. We are also happy to receive stories and impressions about the Vorstraße summer festival from any time period at kultur@stw-bremen.de
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HOSTS NEEDED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

From **August 3 to August 28, 2026**, the Language Centre of the Universities in the Land of Bremen will welcome around 90 students from over 20 countries to the International Summer School. They are currently seeking local hosts to provide accommodation during this period.
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NEWSFLASH



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HOI STARTUP FACTORY LAUNCHES IN BREMEN

The new hoi startup factory is creating a shared innovation ecosystem across northwestern Germany aimed at providing targeted support for science-based startups. Since mid-April 2026, the University of Bremen has been part of this broad alliance alongside the University of Oldenburg, chambers of commerce, development banks and regional companies. The initiative's goal is to help outstanding research more quickly reach the market through new products, business models and collaborations with industry.
Professor Michal Kucera, Vice President for Research and Transfer at the University of Bremen, emphasises the region's potential: "Northwestern Germany is home to excellent universities and higher education institutions and offers a unique concentration of research institutes. This structure provides a fertile ground for startups." Read more



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UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN HONORS RITA KELLNER-STOLL AND REINER STOLL

Shortly before Whitsun, the University of Bremen awarded Rita Kellner-Stoll and Reiner Stoll the honorary title of Honorary Citizens and Supporters of the University of Bremen. The award recognises their outstanding commitment to promoting research and scholarship in the fields of environmental protection, climate action and resource conservation on the University of Bremen campus.
As the alumni association, we are especially delighted by this recognition. Rita Kellner-Stoll and Reiner Stoll have been members of our association for many years and have long maintained close ties with the University of Bremen. We warmly congratulate them on this special honour and wish them both all the very best for the future.
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ANTJE BOETIUS RECEIVES THE POUR LE MÉRITE ORDER AND THE GRAND CROSS OF MERIT WITH STAR

Deep-sea and polar researcher Antje Boetius has been honored with two of Germany's most prestigious awards: the Pour le mérite Order for Science and the Arts and the

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Grand Cross of Merit with Star. The honors recognize her outstanding achievements in marine research. Read more

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