Alumni of the University of Bremen

20 Years

ALUMNI-NEWS



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AN ESPRESSO WITH... MAZI SANDA

Honey that tastes of the savannah, bees as a bridge between ecology and culture, and a scientific connection between Cameroon and Bremen that has existed for more than 15 years: biologist Mazi Sanda from the University of Ngaoundéré is currently spending a year as a guest lecturer at the University of Bremen. At the same time, as a Research Ambassador, he is committed to further strengthening scientific relations between Bremen and Cameroon. In the Espresso Interview, he talks about what the two countries can learn from each other, why science needs different perspectives, and the role Bremen has come to play in his life. Read more

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2026

This year’s General Assembly will take place on **25 November 2026 at MARUM** (Center for Marine Environmental Sciences), Leobener Straße 8, Bremen. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.
In addition to reviewing the past year, holding elections and looking ahead to the future, the meeting will provide an opportunity for members to connect and exchange

ideas. The official invitation, including the agenda, has already been sent out.
Please note: The General Assembly is open to members of the association only. Guests are not permitted to attend.

At around 6 p.m., interested participants are invited to attend an approximately 45-minute talk on MARUM's Cluster of Excellence, entitled "The Ocean Floor – Earth's Unexplored Interface", given by Prof. Dr. Heiko Pälike from the Department of Paleoceanography.


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DEUTSCHLANDSTIPENDIUM

The Alumni Association has been supporting the Deutschlandstipendium scholarship program at the University of Bremen for many years, helping to support dedicated and high-achieving students. In addition to financial assistance, the program creates valuable opportunities for exchange and networking between students and sponsors. Read more

EVENT SUMMARIES



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PANEL DISCUSSION – CONTESTED MEMORIES

What perspectives and experiences shape German Unity Day? During a panel discussion on 2 October at the Weserterrassen, diverse voices came together to discuss memory, identity, and the process of German reunification. Renate Heitmann, a member of the Alumni Association's board, reflects on an engaging exchange of ideas. The Alumni Association of the University of Bremen is pleased to have contributed to this important dialogue. Read more



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GERMAN UNITY DAY: SCIENCE TAKES CENTER STAGE AT THE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

On German Unity Day, the University of Bremen joins UBRA and the Northwest Alliance at a shared booth. At the former Kaufhof building, now transformed into a "Science Mall," visitors can experience the multifaceted world of science firsthand. Read more

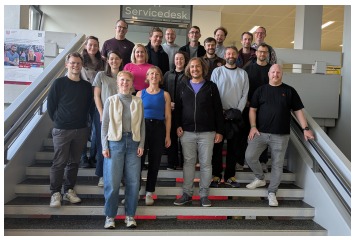
RESEARCH FOR PRACTICAL APPLICATION: 2026 KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE AND TRANSFER AWARD

The University of Bremen awarded the Knowledge Exchange and Transfer Award for the second time.



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Professor Sabine Doff received the award for her UNLOCK THE FUTURE | Educational Equity project. Read more



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A TRIP 20 YEARS BACK IN TIME!

At the end of September, around 20 alumni who began their Bachelor's degree in Political Science at the University of Bremen in the winter semester of 2006/07 reunited to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the start of their studies. The reunion was initiated by Bastian Bullwinkel. Read more

CAMPUS NEWS


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UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN BIDS FAREWELL TO VICE-RECTOR MICHAL KUCERA

The Academic Senate of the University of Bremen has bid farewell to Professor Michal Kucera. The Vice-Rector for Research and Transfer is moving to Kiel to take up the position of President of Kiel University (Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, CAU). Rector Jutta Günther paid tribute to his commitment to the University of Bremen. Read more



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CAMPUS PRIZE 2026 – APPLY NOW!

The “CAMPUS PRIZE: Research for a Sustainable Future” recognizes outstanding Master’s and doctoral theses from the University of Bremen that focus on sustainability. The prize has a total value of €3,000.

Applications are welcome from a wide range of academic disciplines. Eligible theses should address topics such as sustainable development, climate, the environment, or societal transformation. As an alumni association, we have been supporting the CAMPUS PRIZE for many years. Through this commitment, we promote innovative research and ideas for a sustainable future at the University of Bremen.

Find all the information about the call for applications and how to apply here



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SUUB: THEN AND NOW

From shift registers to Digitisation: The State and University Library Bremen (SuUB) can look back on more than 400 years of history. During a visit to the library's stacks, we discovered how things have changed since its beginnings and which traces of the past are still visible today. A little journey through time and the history of the SuUB. Read more



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INVESTING IN NEW CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION

During a recent campus visit, Bremen's Mayor Andreas Bovenschulte got a firsthand look at how the University of Bremen is using the funds it receives from the Bremen Senate for major renovation and construction projects. Read more



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UNIVERSITIES OF BREMEN AND OLDENBURG TO EXPAND NORTHWEST ALLIANCE EVEN WITHOUT EXCELLENCE STATUS

Unfortunately, the Northwest Alliance (NWA), the consortium formed by the Universities of Bremen and Oldenburg, was not selected as a University Excellence Consortium in the current round of the Excellence Strategy of the German federal and state governments. Read more

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INTERNATIONAL



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INTERNATIONAL WEEK

The 40th anniversary of the International Office is a reminder of the importance of internationalisation at the University of Bremen. Today, the university maintains partnerships with 400 higher education institutions around the world. International diversity is also part of everyday

life on campus, where people from numerous countries study, conduct research and work together.

This diversity was particularly visible during a week of events in September, when new international students and researchers were welcomed to the university. The Erasmus+ Annual Conference, held on 22 and 23 September, also highlighted the contribution of the Erasmus programme to strengthening Europe. It was a fitting occasion to reflect on the International Office's anniversary and the university's international connections and exchange.
Here, you can explore stories, reports and impressions from International Week.


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STUDENTS FROM BREMEN AND CARDIFF DEVELOP IDEAS FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

In September, 26 students from the University of Bremen and Cardiff University met for the sixth round of the Initiative on Sustainability and Entrepreneurship. The program is part of the Bremen-Cardiff Alliance's long-standing collaboration. Read more


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UNIVERSITY WELCOMES EXCHANGE STUDENTS

170 exchange students will attend the University of Bremen during the 2026/2027 winter semester. At a welcome breakfast hosted by the International Office, the students were able to network and learn more about the university. Read more


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THE BRAIN-CONNECTED HEARING AID

A busy restaurant. People are talking and laughing loudly, glasses are clinking, plates are rattling, and the large coffee machine behind the bar is humming and hissing. Especially for people with hearing loss, such situations make it difficult to follow conversations and participate in them. Neuro-steered hearing aids could solve this problem in the future, says U Bremen Excellence Chair holder Professor Haizhou Li. Together with teams in Bremen and Singapore, he has found out how this can be achieved.
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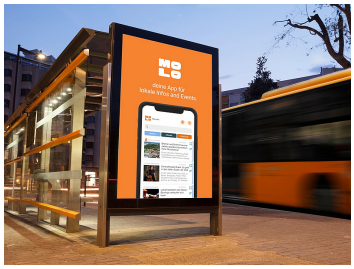
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WE WOULD LIKE TO MEET THE FOUR AUSTRALIANS



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18,719 students, 3,513 employees, including 320 professors, and a budget of €424 million. Even in 2025, the University of Bremen is a pretty large and complex world of its own. That's what the university's new accountability report, "The University in Numbers 2025," reveals. And as is often the case with big sets of numbers, there are two ways to approach them: you can browse through them in a thoroughly serious manner, or you can get stuck on one particular figure. For example, this one: Four. Four students at the University of Bremen come from Australia. We'd love to hear their stories. Read more



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RESEARCH PROJECT TURNS INTO A PERMANENT PLATFORM: MOLO IS HERE TO STAY

After three and a half years of collaborative research and development at the University of Bremen, the molo platform, short for "moving local", will continue operating and is now open to new cities, media outlets, and organizations. Read more


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HEINZ ROTHGANG APPOINTED TO NEW STRUCTURAL REFORM COMMISSION FOR LONG-TERM CARE

Prof. Dr. Heinz Rothgang, Head of the Health, Long-Term Care and Pensions Department at the SOCIUM Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy at the University of Bremen, is a member of the new expert commission on long-term care reform (Pflegestrukturkommission). Read more

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