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EDITORIAL

Hello,

“Becoming part of an international community“ – this was one of the answers frequently given in our latest alumni international questionnaire, when asking for the personal benefit of your study period in Offenburg.

And this was also the feeling we had during our 10 Years of International Master Programs Celebration from 6th to 8th June. After the official reception and a colourful International “Night” on Friday, interesting presentations on research projects and an excursion to Baden-Baden followed on Saturday. The dinner in the Schillersaal and the dance night with our DJ Todor Petrov were highlights during this event, which was closed on Sunday with the Fruehschoppen and fantastic sounds of the band “Los Ridos”. We would like to thank you again very much for coming and celebrating with us, even from far destinations like the US or Turkey.

We would like to keep this international community not only by sharing today our news with you. We are proud to present in this newsletter edition our new alumni database online created in the scope of the DAAD Alumni Plus project.

Enjoy reading this alumni newsletter edition.

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NEWS

AMONG THE TOP 10 IN GERMANY

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft (Foundation for German Science) have selected CME among the Top 10 of the International Master's Degree Courses in Germany and awarded the prestigious quality label. Both institutions recognized our study program for its special innovative concept, high quality teaching and a high degree of internationalisation.



WINTER SEMESTER STARTED

64 new students have started this winter semester their studies in one of the international Master Programs coordinated by the Graduate School. Students from India and Turkey form the largest groups, however, we could welcome incomings from countries like Bolivia, Belarus or from far-away down-under.

EXTRAORDINARY MASTER THESIS

The Fernseh- und Kinotechnische Gesellschaft e.V. (Society for television and cinema technologies) has awarded its renowned graduate price to CME graduate Dominique Hoffmann for its Master Thesis “Implementation of a Virtual Studio in an High Definition Studio Environment.” Congratulations!

NEW ALUMNI DATABASE – FILL IN YOUR PROFILE NOW!

We are glad to inform you that the new alumni database created with the support of the German Academic Exchange Service is online. It is open to everybody who has successfully completed a study program at the Hochschule Offenburg. Did you lose the contact to one of your former study colleagues? Are you looking for Hochschule Offenburg graduates working in a special field? Are you curious about how many Offenburg alumni are living in your area? The new alumni database offers different features like the search for colleagues and informs you about alumni activities at the University. Within the next days you'll receive your login and your password which enables you to access to the database, to activate your account, to choose your visibility and to complete your profile. Go to the following website: www.hs-offenburg.de/alumni/international, click on the registration link, log in and discover the possibilities of the new Hochschule Offenburg alumni database. If you have any questions on the database, please feel welcome to contact us: alumni-international@fh-offenburg.de

NEW REGULATIONS CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT

To meet the lack of high qualified employees and specialists, new regulations concerning employment of foreigners have come into effect. Once international students have completed their studies at a German university, they will be permitted to work in Germany in an employment commensurate with their training without being subject to a prior assessment of precedence. Foreign students, who are not nationals of an EU member state are permitted to look for a job in Germany for a period of one year. If they do find employment, they'll be given a residence permit restricted to this employment. After two years' employment or three years' residence they will be entitled to a work permit without being restricted to a specific company. For further details, look at www.fachkraefte-bw.de

NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR ECM

We are glad to welcome Prof. Dr.-Ing. Peter Treffinger as professor for energy conversion techniques and new study director of ECM. After having finished his studies and his doctoral thesis at the Technical University of Karlsruhe, Prof. Treffinger has worked in a number of positions, finally as head of department at the German Aerospace Center in the area of alternative propulsion techniques and energy conversion. Now, he is looking forward to his new challenging task.

ALUMNI-PORTRAIT

PRACTICE AND THEORY – THE CLOSE DISTANCE

In 2000, I earned my bachelor degree in communication and electronics in Beirut A. University, since then I took the right choice to join the master degree program “CME” in Offenburg. Many doors opened in front of me to deepen my knowledge and earn good experience in the field I studied.

“ASIC Design Center” and “Circuit Design Lab” were the keys of my success. The close distance between theory and applied sciences in our University in Offenburg shorted the big gap that a student faces between theory in study and practice in Industry.

In 2002, I got the master degree in Offenburg. With this degree I enrolled later as a Ph.D student at Karlsruhe University and at the same time as a research engineer at “ASIC Design Center” in Offenburg University. I am expecting to finish my doctoral degree “Dr. Ing.” by the end of this year with an experience of 5 years in microelectronic fields.



Offenburg, to me, was a good compromised solution to continue my PhD at Karlsruhe and to work in ASIC Lab in Offenburg. This combination led me to link between theory and practice. As a result, I am pleased to verify my work on IC chip that I underwent all its phases till it existed as a key component for ePille® project. I have to admit the good relation and support I found it here, from the rector and passing through all the faculty members, till the students that I supervised their projects and thesis. The relation between professors and students is very close and admirable where they are ready to help in everything. Moreover, the laboratories are fulfilled and equipped perfectly in the most advanced way. I spent one of my best period times in Offenburg. It is a comfortable town, full of green pastures and wonderful scenes, especially the Kinzig river and the lake. This provides the researchers and students with the normal and optimistic situations to live and study.

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EVENTS

THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL

This winter semester the Hochschule Offenburg organizes together with the Wirtschaftsregion Offenburg/ Ortenau for the second time the "FORUM", a series of talks and lectures. Dedicated to the theme "International Management with regional roots" the FORUM focuses on the challenges of internationalisation and the role of regional roots: Intercultural competence, SME from Baden-Wuerttemberg in Asia, the build-up of an international sales-organization - just to mention some titles. Details can be found on the University's website: www.fh-offenburg.de

GRADUATE SCHOOL PRESENTS ITS MASTER-PROGRAMS IN SOUTHEAST-ASIA

Indonesia is target country of our marketing activities in the second half of 2008. From 31st October to November 6th Prof. R. Fischer visited Jakarta, Yogyakarta and Surabaya to present our International Master Programs. We would like to thank you for your numerous replies on our e-mail and for your support on the European Higher Education Fair in Jakarta on 1st and 2nd November. Jakarta has become location of a big alumni Offenburg meeting on these days.

REVIEW

Some impressions of our highlight event "Ten Years of International Master Programs" in June.

To have a look at our photo gallery, please click on: <http://picasaweb.google.com/fhopictures/10thAnniversaryOfInternationalMasterStudyPrograms>

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