



**Hochschule
Bonn-Rhein-Sieg**
University of Applied Sciences

Greetings to All Alumni of Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg Abroad



Dear international Alumni in Germany and abroad,

As the year comes to a close, our minds and hearts are filled to the brim. It's been a great year! Together we have learned much and shared experiences that will long remain with us in the years to come.

Yet, 2018 has been a whirlwind, a negative one with many disturbing news for us in Germany and worldwide. There was a terror attack in France, the victory of Eurosceptic coalitions in Austria and in Italy, a misuse of millions of Facebook users' data. The shift of right-wing populist movements has been most alarming, bringing sorrow and anxiety.

What makes our world and the university beautiful is its diversity. Can you imagine living in a boring, homogeneous world without multi-culturalism, the LGBTQ community and religious diversity? That is certainly not a world we would want to live in.

While racism, sexism, and anti-semitism have long been woven into the fabric of our societies, it's up to us, at an individual level, to stand up to narrow-mindedness. We have to stay strong, support those who are most vulnerable because it is good to be different.

May 2019 bring new happiness, new goals, new achievements and a lot of new inspirations on your life.

We hope that you as our alumni abroad will enjoy reading these news from Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg.

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Alumni Day: A Warm Welcome for More than 200 Alumni

Our alumni meeting in April with more than 200 alumni has been a while - but have you already had a look at the pictures? The program focused on exchange of experiences between (international) alumni and students - more than 30 alumni contribute), and offered interesting lectures and workshops, too. Olympic decathlete Frank Busemann hold an enthusiastic speech about motivation. A relaxed get-together rounded off the day.

The next Alumni Day is planned for 2020 at Campus Rheinbach and will take place as part of the university's 25th anniversary celebrations.

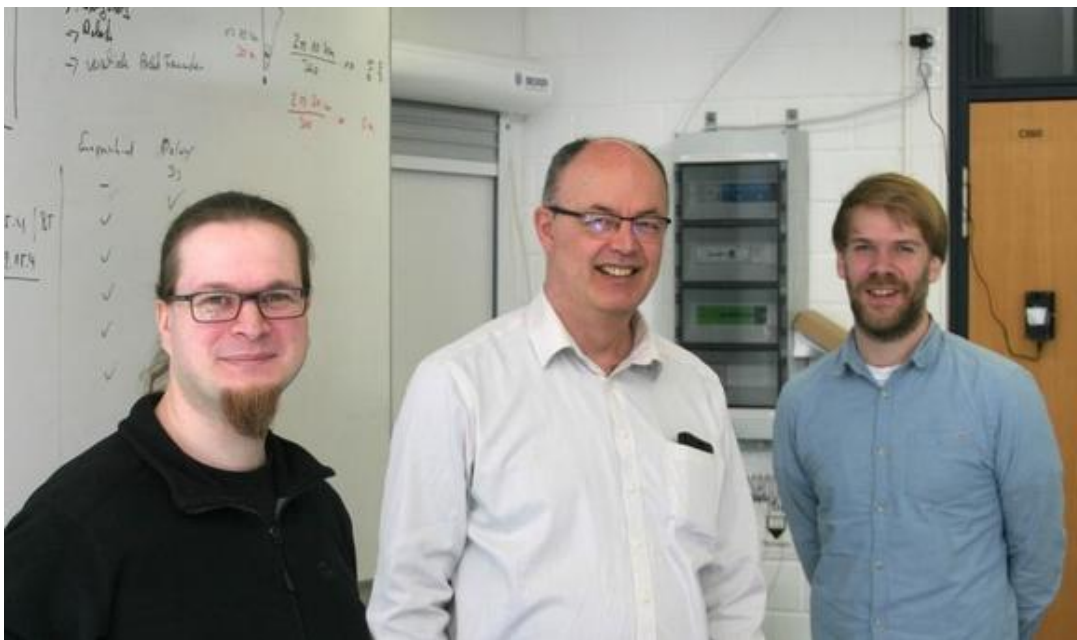
[Pictures Alumni Day 2018»](#)



More than 1,000 graduates in the 2017/2018 Academic Year

More than 1,000 students completed their studies at Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg in the 2017/2018 academic year. On Saturday, 27 October 2018, around 500 of these graduates came to the Telekom Dome in Bonn to celebrate and review this achievement as a special occasion.

[Picture gallery »](#)



Cyber Security - Where Is it Going?

Cyber Security is a big issue at H-BRS. In 2017, Fraunhofer FKIE and H-BRS opened the joint Cyber Security Learning Laboratory "High Security and Emergency Response" on the Sankt Augustin campus. Here, specialists and managers from industry and public authorities can receive compact trainings in the fields of detection, analysis and reaction to cyber security incidents. ([Read the interview with Karl Jonas](#), Professor of Multimedia Communication in the Department of Computer Science).

H-BRS also participates in the newly founded Cyber-Security-Cluster Bonn which aims to become "the heart of cyber security in Europe.". The planned 'Cyber Security Tech Summit' is to attract around 3,000 experts to Bonn in March 2019.

[Interview with Prof. Jonas »](#)

[Agenda of the Cluster \(German\) »](#)



Researchers of H-BRS Contribute to More Safety in Rail Transport and Cargo Control

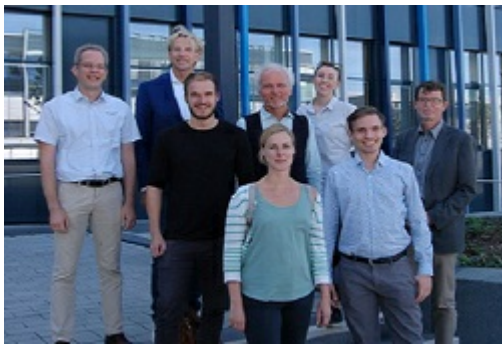
As part of the Franco-German RE(H)STRAIN project, scientists of the [Institute of Safety and Security Research \(ISF\)](#) have developed an airlock for ICE and TGV that enables the non-contact detection of volatile substances originating from explosives or drugs at railway stations or train doors.

Researchers of the ISF and of the [Institute for Detection Technologies \(IDT\)](#) finished their research within the framework of European project C-BORD. In 2018 they tested new security technologies for improved cargo control in harbours at external borders of the European Union.

Press releases (German):

[RE\(H\)STRAIN project »](#)

[C-Bord project »](#)



"Campus to World" - New Strategies of University Industry Collaboration

As a part of last year's winner project "Campus to World" (CtW) the university's Centre for Science and Technology Transfer (ZWT) shared experience with the LTU Business Group (Luleå University, Sweden) in order to expand established transfer instruments. The LTU Business Group is very experienced at a national level in R&D cooperation between entrepreneurs and researchers. In addition to industry, they also address society, research and public institutions. In addition to other activities CtW will set up what is known as an Innovation Mall for its research and transfer activities.

[More about "Campus to world"](#) (in German)



Four PhDs in 2018 - Hard Work, Eagerness and Perseverance Pay Off

The [Graduate Institute](#) of the University is pleased to announce four successful doctorates in 2018: Anastassia Küstenmacher (Robotics, [read interview](#)), [Shatha Abu Shanab \(Electrical Engineering\)](#), Daryoush Vaziri (Economics) and [Dominik Wild \(Detection Technology\)](#) are our new doctorates. With its independent Graduate Institute, the H-BRS is also a pioneer and advocate of independent doctoral opportunities for Germany's universities of applied sciences.



More Knowledge Transfers with Kenyan Universities

Together with four other German educational institutions, Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg is providing support for two Kenyan partner universities in improving and promoting the employability of their graduates and the transfer of knowledge into society. As a part of the CEPEU Initiative four colleagues from Mount Kenya University and Kenyatta University visited our university in December (picture above).

[Press release »](#)



Africa Conference: Workshops, World Cafés and Fishbowls

For the 7th conference "Universities, Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development in Africa" more than 200 national and international representatives from business, science, society and politics shared academic and practical ideas.

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Career for International Graduates in Germany

What are the expectations German employers have towards employees from abroad? How do I present myself as an international student or graduate? What is my USP? Since winter semester 2017/2018 international students and graduates get support by career coaching and application folder check and other services in order to alleviate their entry to the German employment market.

[Read more »](#)



coSTARK - Career Coaching for International Students

International students who are looking for internships and jobs in Germany may receive professional advice and intensive support from peer coaches. The coaches are students professionally trained by Prof. Patrizia Ianiro-Dahm in the Master's programme in Business Psychology.

[More about coStark »](#)
[coSTARK on youtube \(in German\) »](#)

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