



Dear Members of the University

A very intense year is nearly over. We never expected that war would be back in Europe – but it is now a reality and will keep us occupied for months or even years to come. It is also a deep blow for the research community in Ukraine. We are very grateful for the straightforward funding from the Swiss National Science Foundation for researchers from Ukraine with status S. And even more for the substantial funding for 2023–2024, which will allow nine Scholars at Risk (SAR) researchers to continue their projects together with members of the University of Basel to the benefit of both. Special thanks also to all the members of the University of Basel who are supporting researchers from Ukraine via their resources. It is a small light in a dark tunnel.

Best end-of-year wishes,

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This newsletter is aimed at all university members; in order to reach as many as possible, we publish it largely in English.

NEWS

Welcome & Euraxess Center

New video clip: Euraxess Switzerland



Euraxess Switzerland is part of a global consulting network for mobile researchers and comprises 14 Euraxess Centers in Switzerland > <https://www.euraxess.ch/>. Since 2016, the Welcome Center of the University of Basel has additionally taken over the duties of a Euraxess Center.

A new video clip (3 min.) from October 2022 presents the services of the Swiss Welcome & Euraxess Centers and outlines the most important steps for incoming arrivals (researchers and students) when moving to Switzerland. The promo clip helps international newcomers prepare for their arrival in Switzerland and informs them about the popular Euraxess advice service. The clip was funded by swissuniversities, Euraxess Switzerland, the Swiss Euraxess Center, and the EU.

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Links: <https://www.unibas.ch/welcome> ; to access the video clip, see the QR code above or click this link <https://vimeo.com/761415578>

Student Exchange

Deadline for exchange programs

Time sure flies, and it is already time to think about and register for mobility programs for the academic year 2023/24.

In the last weeks and the weeks to come, many departments and faculties have been organizing information events to promote student-exchange programs at their partner universities abroad. The Student Exchange team is glad to share its information and expertise at these events. We were delighted that, for example, a session at the Faculty of Psychology drew a large crowd of students, all interested in stretching their feathers to go abroad.

For exchanges within the Swiss European Mobility Program SEMP, students usually apply first via their departmental exchange coordinators, who also set the internal deadlines.

The deadline for exchange programs outside Europe is **15 December 2022**, so students need to get ready to apply via our exchange platform MoveOn: <https://unibas.moveon4.de/locallogin/550187bb140ba0171600001/deu#>

Link to the partner database: <https://unibas.moveon4.de/publisher/1/deu>

Student Exchange

Learning by going



Screen in the entry hall of the Kollegienhaus: The shoe, the simple and arguably the ultimate symbol and tool for mobility, aims to motivate young people to move, to get out of their comfort zone, and to discover new horizons. The added value of such an experience is extremely enriching for young people. Exchanges and mobility help develop important professional and personal skills, and of course language skills. These skills make it easier for them to enter the labor market. The development of exchanges and mobility also represents additional value for the university's education system and for the economy, which benefit from new impetus.

Movetia, the national agency for exchange and mobility, has launched the "learningbygoing" communication campaign. After the pandemic, the agency's mission to enable young people to go on an exchange at least once during their education has never been more topical.

The Student Exchange Office is promoting the campaign through various activities in cooperation with faculties and departments and distributing paper and digital promotional materials. For more on "learningbygoing," see: <https://learningbygoing.ch/>

Student Exchange / Welcome & Euraxess Center

Certificate on intercultural competence for admin/lab/tech staff (group IV)



Flyer Certificate on intercultural competence

Our new certificate program offers intercultural training and competence building for members of group IV. This new offer is supported by the "Project for fostering mobility" of movetia, the national agency for exchange and mobility.

Here are some testimonials from staff members who attended one of the certificate components, i.e. the new course "Interkulturelle Kommunikationssituationen im Hochschulalltag" taught by Andrea Delpho, MA, and Dr. Tanja Popović, intercultural trainers at higher education institutions, in April/May 2022:

"The use of different methods (theory, exchanges of experiences, activities) helped lot in experiencing the topic of intercultural communications on all levels."

"Personal exchange and sharing experiences with other participants. We all became resources."

"Finally an offer that provides solid ground for university's strategies. A lived

diversity strategy. Thank you very much, and more of this, please 😊!!”

“Hands-on intercultural communication. That’s how internationalization can work!”

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Link: More information incl. registration link is available on <https://www.unibas.ch/intoffice> > Zertifikat interkulturelle Kompetenz (program mostly in German for the time being).

EVENTS

International Relations

Swiss–African Cooperation

In the framework of the 2021–24 collaboration scheme between Swiss and African higher education institutions, the University of Basel received a visit from nine very committed and rigorously selected start-up companies from universities in South Africa, Rwanda, and Nigeria from 29 August to 8 September.

In their fields of education technology (edtech) and cleantech, the company founders visited research and innovation places of interest like the EdTech Collider in Lausanne, the Urban Energy System Lab of EMPA, or the Venturelab start-up space in Schlieren.

Prior to their arrival in Switzerland, Swiss cleantech and agritech companies went to business sites of the African program countries for forging relations and expanding their businesses internationally.

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Link: <https://www.sareco.org/kigali-conference-2022/>

International Relations

University partnerships: Strengthening collaboration with Seoul (Republic of Korea)



Singing of the Memorandum of Understanding: Vice President for Research Torsten Schwede and Vice President of International Affairs at Korea University Hikyoung Lee

On the occasion of the Seoul city government’s visit to Basel on 25 October, the two cities as well as their universities, Korea University and the University of Basel, signed a framework agreement for strengthening collaboration. The vice president for research, Prof. Torsten Schwede, who represented the University of Basel, looked back on already fruitful collaborations between these two universities in the fields of digital humanities, English linguistics, and literary and cultural studies. The vice president of international affairs at Korea University, Prof. Hikyoung Lee mentioned the great potential for collaboration in the biomedical field and an expanded vision for student, faculty, and staff mobility.

Contact Frich.Thaler@unibas.ch for information about this agreement and for general inquiries about setting up exchange agreements with university partners outside of Europe.

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