Call for Application

On behalf of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) the Centre for International Capacity Development at University of Siegen is organizing an

*International DAAD Alumni Expert Seminar*

“Environmental Strategies and Water Technologies”

08th - 15th October 2019 at Kochi, Kerala, India

*in combination with a visit of the International Trade Fair IFAT India*

16th - 18th October 2019 at Mumbai, India

The participation at the expert seminar including the visit of IFAT India 2019 is scheduled from October 08th (day of arrival) to October 19th (day of departure).

The expert seminar is organized by the University of Siegen in close cooperation with the SCMS Water Institute (SWI), SCMS School of Engineering and Technology, Ernakulam, and the German Association for Water management, Waste water and Waste (DWA). Venue of the first part of the seminar will be the SCMS Water Institute (SWI), SCMS School of Engineering and Technology, Kochi, India.

The seminar is offered by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in the framework of the program Alumni Special Projects (http://www.daad.de/alumni-special-projects). The costs will be mainly covered by funds from the DAAD provided by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

**Objective**

The objectives of the seminar reflect the topics of the trade fair: Water Management, Water Sewage, Reuse and Recycling. The seminar will concentrate on:

- Increased sensitisation for sustainable use and management of the resource water,
- Improved networking of the local actors, and
- Exchange of experiences and strategies available in the region regarding the efficient use of water and water distribution systems, waste water collection and waste water treatment, and technologies to measure and control water pollution including laboratory techniques.

In preparation of IFAT India, existing contacts between educational institutes, authorities and the business sector in South India will be demonstrated. Concepts shall be developed
to improve cooperation on national as well as on international level in the South East Asian region. Alumni shall demonstrate links between private sector, Government institutions and Universities in their home countries and develop mechanisms to improve their relations. The network GAWN and activities of alumni related to water management shall be highlighted at IFAT India.

**Tentative Programme**

The seminar will have two parts:

1.) Six days’ seminar at SCMS Water Institute (SWI), SCMS School of Engineering and Technology, Kochi

Presentations of alumni, German lecturers and guest speakers from South Indian organizations and institutions will focus on water use efficiency, waste water treatment, water distribution systems, and measurement and control mechanisms for water quality and pollution.

New types of learning material will be demonstrated and actively used in working groups.

The cooperation of business sector with universities and public private partnerships in preparation of the fair will be demonstrated. A one day excursion or a visit of an institution in the vicinity of SWI will allow insights into practice, and possibly demonstrate existing German - Indian cooperation in the water sector.

2.) Three days at IFAT India 2019, Mumbai

All alumni participate at the IFAT India 2019. A common presentation at the fair shall will be organised. Side events at the fair will be organised in cooperation with DAAD and DWA.

It is necessary to participate in the whole programme: seminar, IFAT India and social programme.

**Eligibility criteria for participation**

Eligible for participation are alumni who meet the following requirements:

- **Germany alumni from developing countries** (DAC countries). A stay in Germany of at least 3 months for study, work or scientific research has to be proven.
- **A proven working background** in academic fields relevant to the topics water use efficiency, waste water treatment, water distribution systems, measurement and control mechanisms for water quality and pollution.
- **To act as potential multipliers**, e.g. people who are decision makers or people who are in a position to disseminate the acquired knowledge for regional implementation.
- **Adequate language proficiency** which is essential to actively participate in the workshops and discussions as the seminar will be held in **English**.

**Cost Coverage**

The project covers the following costs:

- Flights (economy) to Cochin International Airport and back from Mumbai up to **600 Euro from South East Asia** (excl. India); and up to **300 Euro from India** against receipts of
actual costs. Please provide tickets and boarding pass upon arrival.

- Travel from Kochi to Mumbai
- Accommodation and part of living expenses during the stay at Kochi and Mumbai
- Visa costs against receipt
- Travel health insurance (max. 30 Euro)
- Working material during the seminar

Note: All other costs, such as transport costs from participants’ home to the airport or travel costs for visa application in the home country have to be borne by the participants. Please keep in mind that living costs are only covered partly during the stay in India.

**Travel Dates**

The date of arrival in Kochi, India will be 08th October 2019.
The date of departure from Mumbai will be 19th October 2019.

**Special offer for alumni who are active in teaching**

For **two alumni who are active in teaching**, DAAD offers the opportunity to bring **three of their current students** to the fair IFAT India 2019 in Mumbai.

The selected alumni are expected to accompany and supervise their students during the three-day fair.

In order to promote the students’ insights into practice and to establish contacts for subject related networks, the DAAD in cooperation with the German Association for Water, Wastewater and Waste (DWA) will also provide suitable programme items for the students.

Students will only be invited for the duration of the fair.

The DAAD will pay the students' subsistence and travel expenses as well as any expenses incurred for visas and health insurance abroad.

If you are an alumna/us who is active in teaching and would like to bring three of your students to IFAT India 2019, please send your motivation letter (max. 1 page) by answering the following questions:

1. Why is the participation in IFAT India 2019 of special interest for my students?
2. How can my students benefit from participating (e.g. practical relevance, networking, future job market etc.)?
3. How can my students report on their participation and share their acquired knowledge (e.g. social media, seminar presentation etc.)?

DAAD in cooperation with the University of Siegen will select the two alumni alongside these criteria. The representation of Indian Universities and Universities from the sub-continent will be taken into consideration as well.

*If you are interested in this opportunity, please send us your motivation letter (max. 1 page) together with further application documents.*
Application

If you are interested, please send your application by 30th May 2019 via e-mail to:
Mr. Ruger Winnegge, ruger.winnegge@uni-siegen.de

The application (in English language) must include the following documents:

- Filled form of application including your motivation for participation. The form is available on https://gawn.alumniportal.com/expert-meetings-at-trade-fairs-and-conferences.html
- A short CV with passport size photo: surname, name, date of birth, organisation and current position, department, city, country, phone, e-mail.
- Indicate your alumni status in providing details about your previous stay in Germany. Please indicate if you are a PhD candidate or a student.
- Short description of your present field of activities, your tasks/position and your personal professional goals.
- An overview on workshops, conferences and seminars visited in Germany after finishing your studies/your stay in Germany.
- A single sided abstract on one of the topics of the expert seminar. Use Arial font, font size 11, 1.5 line spacing. The abstracts will be selected for presentation during the seminar.
- (if suitable and wanted: 1 page motivation letter for alumni active in teaching who would like to bring three of their students)

The PDF-document with a total of max. 5 pages (or rather 6 pages including the application for the special offer mentioned above) has to be named ‘Last name_First name_country’ (e.g. Winnegge_Ruger_Germany).

Please note: Completeness of personal data mentioned in the application form will affect your eligibility as a participant.

With your application you agree that your data (name, organization, email) is given to selected company representatives and that you might appear on pictures which will be published on the DAAD website after the event.

With your application you commit yourself to participate in the whole program (expert seminar, congress visit and social program).

After the review by the local organizing committee and DAAD, the invited participants will be notified in June 2019.

Further questions

For any further questions please contact the organization team:

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