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Zukunftskolleg Newsletter Issue 28

Dear Fellows and Friends,

Ten years ago, on 1 November 2007, the former Centre for Junior Researchers (ZWN) was transformed into the Zukunftskolleg. Since then, the Zukunftskolleg has established itself as a keystone in the University of Konstanz's institutional strategy to promote top-level research and independent researchers in the postdoctoral phase of their academic career. We are looking forward to many more years and are very excited about [celebrating this special occasion on 3 November](#). If you would like to join the festivities, please contact [Aylin Öngün](#).

We hope to see many of you around!

Best wishes,

the Zukunftskolleg team

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Zukunftskolleg Annual Report 2016/2017

[Edition 2016/2017 is now available](#)

The annual report of the Zukunftskolleg for the academic year 2016/2017 is now available. It describes the activities of our 5-year, 2-year, and Bridge Fellows between August 2016 and July 2017 and is full of statistics that provide an overview of our work in the past ten years.

You can have a look at it [here](#). For a printed copy, please contact [Aylin Öngün](#) or stop by Y323 to pick one up.

We hope you will enjoy reading it!



Statutes

The Zukunftskolleg updated its statutes

The Zukunftskolleg has updated its statutes. The main changes concern the executive committee: The Vice Rector for Research and Academic Staff Development, currently Dirk Leuffen, has been appointed as a permanent member of the executive committee. The term for fellow representatives has been shortened to one year; reelection is possible. The purpose of the shortened term is to make it easier for 2-year Fellows to run for the office, while the possibility of reelection ensures continuity. You can find the updated statutes [here](#). (Currently only available in German; translation is in progress.)

People, Careers, Changes

Decision on Investment Call

The Zukunftskolleg issued a call for applications for an investment programme to

improve apparatuses and equipment in research. One very special application reached us from **Blair Costelloe** (Dept. of Biology), who requested funds to purchase a used 4-wheel drive vehicle. Blair is conducting field research in Kenya for her research project "Mechanisms of collective detection and information transfer in African ungulates." A vehicle is essential to her research for several reasons: First, she works in areas that are home to large and aggressive wildlife species (elephants, lions, buffalo) that pose significant dangers to humans on foot. Second, her field sites are expansive, and without a vehicle it is impossible to transport herself and her equipment between data collection sites. Third, her research requires observation of unperturbed animal behaviour. Animals at her field sites are very wary of humans on foot, but are well habituated to vehicles due to daily exposure to tourist vehicle traffic. We are very happy to announce that we will fund the purchase of a suitable vehicle.

Furthermore, we will support the following research projects with apparatuses and equipment:

- **Jonathan Avaro** (Dept. of Chemistry) – ATR cell for FTIR
- **Einat Couzin-Fuchs** (Dept. of Biology) – Locomotion compensation setup
- **Ye Liu** (Dept. of Chemistry) – CC-505wl; E-grade "Professional"; Touchpen-Set Pilot ONE
- **Carlotta Martelli** (Dept. of Biology) – Motorized micromanipulator
- **Melissa Olave** (Dept. of Biology) – Fisher binocular stereostepic microscope X40; Fisher digital caliper; Nikon D5600 digital camera and lens; Computer for genomic data analyses; AirPort time capsule
- **Marco Paoli** (Associated Fellow/Dept. of Biology) – Four high-speed cameras
- **Dennis Pinggen** (Postdoctoral Fellow/Dept. of Chemistry) – Co-Solvent Addition Module; Gas Flow Meter
- **Cristina Ruiz Agudo** (Dept. of Chemistry) – Freeze-drying equipment to improve existing equipment, dry chamber and pH meter
- **Julián Torres Dowdall** (Postdoctoral Fellow/Dept. of Biology) – Portable spectrometer, optic fiber designed to be submersible up to 20 meters, light source required to calibrate the spectrometer

Calls for applications for two funding programmes are still open: You can apply for funds in the [Transdepartmental Collaborative Teaching Programme](#) and the [Intersectoral Cooperative Programme](#) until 1 November.



Awards, Distinctions and Grants

[Carolín Antos-Kuby](#) (Associated Fellow/Dept. of Philosophy) has been awarded a Freigeist Fellowship from the Volkswagen Foundation for examining the effects of the forcing technique on the foundations of mathematics. [More...](#)

[María Cruz Berrocal](#) (Research Fellow/Dept. of History and Sociology) was nominated for and took part in the STARS symposium from 23 to 26 September. [More...](#)

[Roxana Halbleib](#) (Research Fellow/Dept. of Economics) has received this year's Wolfgang Wetzel Award for excellent young researchers from the German Statistical Society. [More...](#)



Careers

[Doris Penka](#) (Research Fellow/Dept. of Linguistics) and [Sven Lauer](#) (Postdoctoral Fellow/Dept. of Linguistics) have accepted and will share a substitute professorship in general linguistics with a focus on semantics at the University of Konstanz in the 2017/2018 winter semester.

[Michael Pester](#) (Research Fellow/Dept. of Biology) has accepted a position at the TU

Braunschweig/ Leibniz-Institut DSMZ as a professor of evolutionary systematics of microorganisms.

[Maria Daniela Poli](#) (Postdoctoral Fellow/Dept. of Law) has accepted a position as visiting professor at the Italy Center (Italienzentrum) of the Free University of Berlin for the academic year 2017/2018.

[Sebastian Schutte](#) (Research Fellow/Dept. of Politics and Public Administration)) has accepted a temporary professorship in international policy at the Humboldt University of Berlin in the 2017/18 winter semester.

[Andreas Thum](#) (Research Fellow/ Dept. of Biology) has been appointed professor of genetics at the University of Leipzig, Germany.



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