Dear Junior Fellows,
the year 2018 has started and we hope you will enjoy our Newsletter which is somehow a last glance back into 2017! 😊
If you have any news to share don’t hesitate to contact us

BIGSAS@school needs you!

What is BIGSAS@school? BIGSAS members visit schools to talk about their home/research countries and to discuss with pupils and their teachers to convey a more diverse and realistic impression on Africa.

Why is BIGSAS@school so important? Information on Africa in German schoolbooks is often very one-sided and deals foremost with topics like poverty, famine, war and diseases. Teachers following the curricula have few chances to eliminate prejudices and stereotypes about Africa(ns).

What can I do? Join a meeting and share your experiences! Talk about living in Africa, (your) childhood and families, life style and culture in Africa or anything else that you find noteworthy. If available, bring your own photos, videos, music, clothes, etc.

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What is planned? The following activities are planned for 2018:

- Project Day “Africa” at Markgräfin-Wilhelmine-Gymnasium (MWG), 5 or 6 February 2018
- Workshop during the Bayerischer Schulgeographentag, 9 March 2017, 2 - 3.30 pm
- Workgroup on Africa during the project days at the Gymnasium Ernestinum Coburg, 2-6 July 2018 (one day)
- Several school visits
- For current information please visit the BIGSAS@school-group on Facebook. For questions contact Mirjam (mirjam.strasser@uni-bayreuth.de).

as shared by Mirjam Strasser

December Activities

December 2017 was a month full of BIGSAS events:

On December 15th the BIGSAS Colloquium took place, thanks to our Postdoc Emnet Tadesse for organizing it! The event offered the opportunity to hear about the current work of our fellow colleagues and engage in discussions with Junior Fellows from the same or different academic disciplines. It was a great programme and showed once more the huge variety of topics within our Graduate School.
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Some impression of the events in December

BIGSAS Elections:

On December 14th the General Assembly of BIGSAS came together in Bayreuth and elections took place. The Dean, Prof. Dr. Dymitr Ibriszimow, and our two Vice deans Prof. Dr. Martina Drescher and Prof. Dr. Martin Doevenspeck were re-elected. After many years of great work, our former Gender and Diversity Representatives, Dr. Eric Anchimbe and Dr. Ulf Vierke (Thank you for your work!), stepped down and new Representatives were elected:

GENDER AND DIVERSITY PROGRAMME (GDP)

GENDER AND DIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE

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DEPUTY GENDER AND DIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE

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Regulations: REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL COSTS 1 Nov. 2017 until 31 Dec. 2018

In April 2017, the AC resolved that all Junior Fellows starting in April 2017, who have been admitted without any kind for funding, are also entitled to apply for field work, conference and summer school funding as long as their trip is finished the latest by 30 June 2018. This deadline also applies for all other BIGSAS members travelling at the expense of BIGSAS.

The deadline 30 June 2018 was chosen in order to guarantee a 100% funding. In addition, the AC resolved in October 2017 that also travels which end or start after 30 June 2018 can be funded on the condition that the respective person is willing to cover the balance between the advance payment (usually 80% of the total approved amount) and the final accounting. With regard to the Sandwich candidates starting 1 October 2017 it was resolved that they are also eligible to apply for conference and summer school funding in order to fulfil the requirements according to the BIGSAS Doctoral Degree Regulations on the condition that the conference/summer school takes place within Europe.

Please note that the regulations for Junior Fellows receiving bailout funding remain unaffected!

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS - BIGSAS World III

A new issue of The BIGSAS World will be published in 2018 - BIGSAS World III. In order to complete the issue with your achievements the editorial ask you to send in the details of your recent publications, summer schools and conferences you attended of 2016 and 2017.

Please indicate...
for publications: as usual
for summer schools: title, location, dates
for conferences: title, location, dates, title of paper you presented

The deadline will be 30 January 2018. Please send your submissions to elisa.herrmann@uni-bayreuth.de and bigsas.world@gmail.com. If you plan an event of non-academic nature, you want to share any special experiences you made in Bayreuth or you want to (have someone) report about it, you can also contact them.

BIGSAS – Beginning of the Year Party: Organizers needed!

We would like to begin the new year together and decided to throw a Beginning of the Year Party on January 27th in Iwalewahaus. Therefore, we need some of you to help with preparing the party: organizing food, music and some other logistics. The JF Reps will help too of course 😊 Please email us if you would like to assist!
HERE WE ARE! BIGSAS FC

Between June and July 2017 BIGSAS FC participated for the sixth time in the Bayreuth Wilde Liga and performed with three wins, one draw and five losses. The team has the particularity of being open to anyone from any background willing to be part of the Family to enjoy football parties.

Just as illustrated above, in this years’ Wilde Liga, BIGSAS FC has friendly welcomed new soccer mates such as Issa, Abou, Mustafa, refugees respectively from Ivory Coast, Guinea (Conakry) and Iraq. The team has also registered for the qualification’s tournament of the Maisels 2018 and is more than excited to save its ticket for the final round in January 2018. Wait and see!

In case you are interested to join BIGSAS FC get in touch with Hanza Diman via hanza.diman@gmx.de.

Africa Caribic Festival

At the third weekend of July the annual Africa-Caribic Festival will take place. BIGSAS and JF have been participating in the last years contributing to the event by sensitizing about a more diverse picture of the African continent than generally produced during a festival with strong commercial interests. JF have shown interest to initiate a discussion-group on whether to participate in the event and if so, how JF engagement should look like. Mussa Ibrahim will be available as resource person for former engagement and Fabian Lehmann will be responsible to initiate the kick-off event for the discussion-group.

Fun-Runs

In 2018 as in the past years in May the Maisel Fun Run and in June the Mainauenlauf will take place. For all JF interested to join the event running or support their running fellow JFs by cheerleading along the way BIGSAS will provide T-Shirts and provide for the participation fee. Interested JF should get in touch with BIGSAS-PR Team latest in Mai 2018 since registration for the Run will end in April 2018.
And Since it is the end of the years: Let's enjoy a real comic bashing!

W- WHERE... WHERE AM I?!

REST EASY, NERD. YOU ARE NOW IN... THE REAL WORLD!

M - MY EYES!!

THEY HURT BECAUSE YOU HAVE NEVER USED THEM. YOUR EYES AND MUSCLES HAVE ATROPHIED FROM YEARS OF RESEARCH...

YOU'VE BEEN LIVING IN A DREAM, NERD. CALLED GRAD SCHOOL... THIS... IS THE REAL WORLD!

GASP! THERE'S EVEN MONEY IN MY POCKET!

IN THE REAL WORLD, THERE ARE NO 'STIPENDS'. COME, I'LL SHOW You WHAT REAL FOOD IS LIKE....
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If you have suggestions or information to add or if you would like to report about a certain activity, feel free to email us at bigsas.reps@googlemail.com

Yours Hanna Lena & Sebastian