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Dear Readers,

Behind us lies a great deal of hard work that we can be justifiably proud of: our application, with which we want to defend our title of "University of Excellence", has been submitted!

This application has been prepared in recent years with the help of many people: the results of 15 working groups, a university-wide survey, six Future Labs involving more than 500 participants, closed-session meetings and one-on-one conversations have all been incorporated.

Nevertheless, the application is only a single milestone, albeit a major one. In February 2019, international experts will come to TU Dresden for an on-site evaluation.



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The deadline for submitting the Excellence application on 10 December 2018 simultaneously marked the start of TU Dresden's new image campaign. Entitled "OUR UNI", the campaign will run alongside the Excellence application of TUD until the final decision is made in July 2019.

The protagonists of the campaign are students, professors, research and teaching associates, administrative staff, as well as staff from Central Units of TU Dresden, who explain in personal statements captured on photos and film why TU Dresden is "their Uni".

The campaign's motifs are being published step by step in **various print and online media channels**, including City Light Posters in Dresden's urban spaces, in newspaper advertisements, on the passenger TV of Dresden's public transport company, and on the Internet.

The campaign's actors introduce themselves in more detail on the campaign website www.unsere-uni-tud.de. In addition, all University members and the general public will have the opportunity to participate with their own photos. **Join in and help to actively support the TUD campaign!**

Dr. Verena Behringer To Be New Trefftz Professor

Dr. Verena Behringer from the [Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology](#) in Leipzig has accepted an invitation to come to TU Dresden from 1 January to 31 October 2019, within the [Eleonore Trefftz Programme for Visiting Women Professors](#).

As a **specialist in the field of comparative endocrinology in primates**, she will be a guest at the [Institute of Zoology](#). During her stay, she will participate in existing courses and set up new ones. Moreover, Dr. Behringer will also continue previous research activities as well as work on expanding collaborations at TU Dresden.

The [Eleonore Trefftz Programme for Visiting Women Professors](#) promotes the scientific careers of women and enables excellent female scientists to spend time teaching and researching at TU Dresden.

Broad Response to DRESDEN Fellowship Programme in 2018

The [DRESDEN Fellowship Programme](#) generated a broad response in 2018, with Chairs from all five Schools taking the opportunity to invite international scientists to TU Dresden. A total of **25 scientists from 13 coun-**

tries visited either as Senior or Junior Fellows to intensify collaborations, initiate project plans or develop joint publications.

The [DRESDEN Fellowship Programme](#) will continue next year. Nominations can be submitted at any time, and you can find information on how to apply in the [current programme advertisement](#).

"MEHRWERT" Project Reaches Successful Conclusion

On 24 October 2018, the [project "MEHRWERT durch mehr Perspektiven"](#) (*Added value through added prospects*) was officially concluded during an official function. After **six months of project work** by the three visiting professors, Dr. Martina Erlemann, Dr. Geeske Scholz and Dr. Waltraud Ernst, the closing event provided exciting [insights](#) into current research projects at TUD that focus on gender and diversity aspects. In addition, the project video entitled "TU mehr" (*"DO more"*) was presented. It was developed in co-operation with the TUD Media Centre.



From left to right: Dr. Waltraud Ernst, Dr. Martina Erlemann, Dr. Geeske Scholz (Photo: Crispin-Iven Mokry)

GA Workshop: „Good Doctoral Supervision“

On **5 February 2019**, the Graduate Academy (GA) will be offering an [all-day intensive workshop on "Good Doctoral Supervision"](#). In this way, the GA would like to support the professors at TU Dresden in promoting

young scientists and in the associated challenges.



Prof. Susanne Strahringer (2nd from left) and Junior Prof. Stephanie Duchek (2nd from right) received this year's **GA Award for "Excellence in Doctoral Supervision"**. The award was presented on 14 November 2018 by Prof. Hans Müller-Steinhagen (right) and Prof. Gerhard Rödel (left) during the meeting of the University Senate.
(Photo: Angela Böhm)

Science Café on the DDC Tram

On **29 January 2019**, a **Science Café on the topic "Universe"** will take place on the **DRESDEN-concept** tram.



(Photo: Ströer)

We are still **looking for four (junior) scientists** who would like to present their research projects and answer questions at the event. Are you working on materials used for rocket parts, on the topic of "the universal" or on the semantics of space literature? Does your research sometimes uncover galactic beings? **Then get in touch with sonja.piotrowski@tu-dresden.de by 21 December.**

At a Science Café, you can discuss current hot topics with experts in a relaxed atmosphere. Previously, the DDC Science Café has taken place at Groove Station, a club in Dresden's Neustadt district.

The event will now take place in the specially designed **DDC tram**, which began its one year of operations in August 2018. It is both part of the regular service of Dresden's public transport company and can also be used for special trips organised by the **DDC partners**.

CMCB Welcomes 73 New Students



(Photo: Sandra Mattick)

The Center for Molecular and Cellular Bioengineering (CMCB) welcomes 73 new students for this winter semester at their institutes Center for Regenerative Therapies Dresden (CRTD), Biotechnology Center (BIOTEC) and Center for Molecular Bioengineering (B CUBE).

A total of **450 applications were received** for the three CMCB Master's programmes. The selected students come from South Korea, Russia, India, Nicaragua, China, Italy, USA, Mexico, and other countries.

Five of the new students are Erasmus Mundus Master's students who have completed the first year of their Master's studies at KU Leuven (Belgium), and will finish their second year at the **CMCB**, receiving a double degree at the end.

On 1 October 2018, the new students met for a "Welcome Meeting" and explored the Neustadt afterwards.

10th Retina Information Day at CRTD

About 150 visitors came to the [Center for Regenerative Therapies Dresden \(CRTD\)](#) on 10 November 2018 to attend the 10th Retina Information Day. Visitors received information on **current research** as well as on new possibilities of **self-help**. The focus was on the diseases retinitis pigmentosa, macular degeneration and manifest glaucoma.



10th Retina Information Day (Photo: CRTD)

This event is jointly organised once a year by the CRTD, the [Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics](#), [Dresden University Hospital](#) and the self-help association [PRO RETINA](#).

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