

Newsletter February (Peters Ferien Sch***)

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Throwback WS 23

After an intense exam month (hopefully, you passed all of your courses), it's time for a well-deserved break. The last semester was a completely new experience for us as the student council. We want to express our gratitude for those who supported the UBRM-Community by taking part in the Laubhaufen, EST, and the various committees. If you have any wishes, feedback to share, or are interested in getting more involved, please feel free to reach out.

We were able to kick off the semester together with some of you and our first-year students at the EST. Next, we had our first Semester Opening Party at Flucc, which became a fantastic start to the semester, largely thanks to our many helpers at the cash register, in decorating, in the awareness team, or as enthusiastic party animals. With your help and participation at the bridge festivals, game night, Open Mic, the karaoke night, or the regular get-togethers, the semester passed by way too quickly. Thanks to everyone who supported us in our work; we hope we can count on you in the SS 24 (Summer Semester 2024)!

A sneak peek into SS24:

There will be another Semester Closing Party.

We are planning additional bridge festivals with other student councils.

At the beginning of the semester, we are organizing a laubhaufen-seminar.

Look forward to various Laubhaufen-Events like Open Mic or Karaoke.

Important Infos: Since early December, BOKU-IT has transitioned to Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA). Until early March, its usage is still optional, but it will become mandatory thereafter. We advise you to take some time in February to become more familiar with it.

The tuition fee is due again (31.03.24), and you also need to reapply for the cafeteria sticker/"Mensapickerl" (don't forget to update your card)

UBRM-Forum 2.0

At the beginning of the year the UBRM-Forum 2.0 (beta) went online. You can sign up using your Office365 address, which you can activate on BOKU-Online. The forum is still in its early stages (for example, the master's degree programs are still

missing completely), but you can already download files. If you want to upload summaries and memory protocols, you still need to be granted access, but don't let this stop you from helping your fellow students (a better solution for granting access is being sought).

Logo Wettbewerb: As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are searching for a new logo for UBRM. Original yet simple enough for quick recognition. a clear symbolism, unmistakably UBRM. It should represent the study program (even recognizable for those not familiar with it) and have a rather minimalist design. Please submit your designs to our email address (stvubrm@oehboku.at). Note that by submitting, you automatically transfer the rights to the design to us.

Podcast: "Hör mal wer die Welt verändert" is a podcast by students that delves into sustainable and interdisciplinary topics. In the episode "Die Kreislaufwirtschaft & dein Kleiderschrank" Johanna and Christoph explore the world of the circular economy and resource consumption. Together with expert Ing. Reinhard Backhausen, they discuss how a sustainable circular economy system can be established in the textile industry. Additionally, they share audio impressions from the "Repair Festival 2023" and talk with curator Tina Zickler about her motivation for organizing this festival. Feel free to provide feedback at: podcast@oehboku.at. Enjoy listening!

Survey:

Dear Students! I still need participants for a study for my master's thesis. I am exploring various aspects of studying and aim to make a valuable contribution to gender research and equality. The specifics of the study will only be disclosed at the end to avoid

influencing the results. If you are currently a student, it would greatly help me if you could participate in my survey, which takes about 10 minutes. Please note: Since there is also a reaction test, the survey can only be conducted on a laptop/PC (not on a mobile phone!). I would be extremely grateful if many of you could participate in my study; it would hopefully bring me closer to completing my degree :) There is also a chance to win one of three gift vouchers worth 15 euros each. Thank you all!! Best regards, Mia Fallon

Environment News: The year 2023 was bad enough. As we have once again seen, global climate protection is urgently needed. However, there have also been events that bring hope. Deforestation in the Amazon in Brazil is decreasing (although there isn't much left). China could achieve its expansion targets for wind and solar up to 5 years earlier. Vienna also reports the achievement of its goals in solar energy and aims to increase the pace. The Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB) have completed the first section of the Koralm Railway (the rest will follow soon), and the Pottendorf line has been expanded to double track throughout (relieving freight traffic on the South Line to Wiener Neustadt). Additionally, a new enzyme called PET46 has been discovered, capable of breaking down PET plastic in the ocean. Austria has also managed to reduce its CO2 emissions by 7% in 2023. There is still much to be done, but these examples show that there is hope, and we are not alone in the fight for a better future."

Kuriose Feiertage:

Wed 01.02. Car Insurance Day: What an advantage if you don't have one...

Sat 04.02. World Cancer Day: Because it's one of the worst diseases.

Sat 04.02. Create a Vacuum Day: Like my brain, for example.

Sun 05.02. Have You Farted Day: In case that's something you've always wanted to ask your friends.

Tue 07.02. Send a Card to a Friend Day: You could make a creative or funny card (on certified paper).

Sat 11.02. Make New Friends Day: In case you don't have any after the 5th.

Sun 12.02. Darwin Day: I recommend the Darwin Award if you haven't heard of it.

Tue 14.02. Give a Book Day: I like books, especially fantasy and sci-fi.

Tue 21.02. Mother Language Day: Don't forget, Austrian is a language (not just a German dialect or something).

Thu 23.02. Curling Is Cool Day: At my home, we call it 'they're sweeping the ice again, they can continue with our floor.'

Fri 24.02. World Bartender Day: Seeing as many students work in catering.

Tue 28.02. Without Facebook Day: Many of us might need more of a Without-WhatsApp or Insta (...) -Day or Week. ^^"

Feedback: How do you like our newsletter: [Link 4](#)

Question of the Month: As is well known, the summer semester attracts fewer new students than the winter semester. Estimate: How many students will enroll for UBRM this SS, how many overall at BOKU, and what is the total number of UBRM students?

Last Month's Answer: In Vienna, for example, the PM10 (particulate matter <10µm) limits of 50µg/m³ were exceeded at various monitoring stations. The maximum value reached 81 µg/m³, while the average was around 40 µg/m³. (Information from the City of Vienna) I do not have good data for CO₂.

Consulation During the Holidays: During the holidays, we do not have office hours, but we will continue to respond to

emails (possibly a bit slower). Zoom meetings are also possible if needed.. E-Mail: stvubrm@oehboku.at

Thank you: We hope you had fun, joy, and gained new insights. Looking forward to a new semester with you. Until then, enjoy your holidays! Your Student Council (Bea, Flo, Hansi, Pamina und Yona)