This is the first Newsletter provided by the Welcome Center. From this month on you will find useful information about interesting events of the University of Rostock, recent announcements for funding programs or job opportunities, activities provided by the Welcome Center and other suggestions for leisure time activities.

1) Changed office hours of the Welcome Center
The Welcome Center provides new office hours:
Tuesdays 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursdays 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
(Other consulting meetings are possible by appointment!)

2) The new Qualification Program of the Graduate Academy for the Winter Term 2017/2018 is online now!
As a new addition to our program for all junior scientists, we now also offer courses specifically geared to postdocs. As of now, course registrations are possible. To get information on our program and all course descriptions, go to our website: https://www.uni-rostock.de/en/research/promotion-of-early-career-researchers/graduate-academy/qualification-program/
As doctoral candidate or the holder of a doctoral degree you have access to all of our workshops and events. With our program, we seek to provide you with academic training and opportunities for your professional development. **Members of the Graduate Academy can use their member budget to cover the course fees.** Of course, non-members are invited to participate as well!
**Here you can find information on a membership of the Graduate Academy:** https://www.uni-rostock.de/en/research/promotion-of-early-career-researchers/graduate-academy/membership/
We are looking forward to hearing from you and wish you a good start into the new semester!

Best regards,
Your Graduate Academy Team

3) Information about the Orientation week at the University Rostock
Have you just started your PhD in Rostock? The Rostock International House (RIH) organizes every semester an orientation week mainly for full students such as Bachelor- and Masterstudents but you are free to take part in the events as well. Please see the program attached (in English and German). The most interesting event for you might be the “Crash course: Intercultural basics for studying and doing a PhD in Germany” on Friday 27th of October from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
4. **1st Stammtisch on October 20th at 7 p.m. at Fritz-Reuter-Stuben**

The Welcome Center of the University of Rostock invites you to come to the International get-together. All PhD students and guest researchers are gladly invited. The “Stammtisch” is a chance to chat about all manner of topics, like your own projects, networking, and career opportunities – or just to spend a nice evening together with a group of colleagues from different Faculties. Contact persons of the Welcome Center and the RIH of the Rostock University will be present and available to answer your questions regarding doctoral studies in general. We will meet regularly for the next months in another restaurant, bar or café. This is meant to provide you a great opportunity to meet new people from the University and more interesting places in Rostock.

The first “Stammtisch” will be held at “Fritz-Reuter-Stuben”. It is one of the oldest German style restaurant/bar and popular meeting point for young and old alike. Drinks at reasonable prices and a variety of typical German food and small snacks can be enjoyed while chatting with your neighbor.

**Meeting point for the first “Stammtisch”: Friday, October 20th, 07:00 p.m. at “Fritz-Reuter-Stuben”, Fritz-Reuter-Str. 17, 18057 Rostock.**

We are looking forward to seeing you!

5) **Leisure Time**

**American night with live music:**

On October, 9th from 7 p.m. you can enjoy a nice theme event at Café Central. The regional band CRAZY BOYS will entertain you with the finest of Rock’n’Roll music while you can enjoy your American burgers fresh from the barbecue. Entrance is free. Reserve your seats in person (Leonhardstr. 22, 18057 Rostock) or call: 0381 / 49 04 648.

[https://www.cafecentral-rostock.de/events/](https://www.cafecentral-rostock.de/events/)

**Visit to a rehearsal of the Theatre Production “Das Sparschwein”** (French: La Cagnotte/ English: Piggy Bank) on October 11th at 6 p.m.

Do you miss watching theatre performances? Or do you even like to make your first contact with theatre events? In cooperation with the Volkstheater Rostock we will provide visits of theatre productions and other offers such as guided tours within the main theatre building. The theatre’s program provides productions for Internationals without any German knowledge such as Dance Theatre performances and operas. But for those of you who already have learnt some German we can even extend the offer with German plays. We will choose the suitable plays in cooperation with the theatre and provide an introduction in “easy” German or English and/or . We will always tell you which language level will be required for a better understanding.

The first production will be the play “Das Sparschwein” by the French author Eugène Labiche. The play will premiere on October 13th. We will get the exclusive opportunity to watch the first part of the play for free and get an introduction by the director Johanna Schall. The play is in German but there will be at least five popular French songs which will be sung by the actors. German language skills of B1/B2 will be needed to understand the play in general. Don’t miss the opportunity to get a sight behind the curtains before the productions premieres.

For all of you whose language skills aren’t sufficient – don’t worry - we will provide a production visit of the Dance Theatre next month for which no German language skills will be necessary.

You will receive a separate email with more information about the play and information about how to take part in this event.
Selection of films in original versions (English, French and others)

Original Sunday at the cinema Cinestar “CAPITOL”
Every Sunday at about 8:00 p.m. you can enjoy one current film in the original English version.
Address: Breite Straße 3, 18055 Rostock
If you plan to see films more often it is cheaper to purchase a “5-Sterne-Ticket” for 32,50 €. It will save you some money for five visits.

English original: (usually around 8:00 p.m.)
8th of October: Blade Runner
15th of October: American Assassin
22nd of October: The Snowman
(more is following but yet not to see at the homepage)

Russian original:
15th of October: Life goes on (Russian Original) at 5:00 p.m.

Original versions at “LIWU”
At the cinema LIWU (Lichtspieltheater Wundervoll) you can enjoy independent movies from all around the world. They offer various films on special dates in the original version. The prices for tickets don’t change, you always pay 6€ for one visit - no matter what date. The LIWU has actually two cinemas, the FRIEDA (Friedrichstraße 23, 18057 Rostock) and METROPOL (Barnstorfer Weg 4, 18057 Rostock). Most of the selected films for October are shown at FRIEDA.

French originals with German subtitles:
FÉLICITÉ:
07.10./08.10. at 8:00 p.m.
09.10./10.10./11.10. at 4:30 p.m.

English originals with German subtitles:
TRAINSPOTTING: 07.10. at 10:00 p.m.
FINAL PORTRAIT: 17.10. at 8:00 p.m.
DAVID LYNCH: THE ART LIFE
20.10. at 5:00 p.m.
21.10./25.10. at 6:00 p.m.
23.10. at 8:00 p.m.
BABY DRIVER (cinema: Metropol, Barnstorfer Weg 4, 18057 Rostock)
26.10./27.10./28.10./29.10./30.10./31.10./01.11. at 9:15 p.m.

Korean/Japanese original with German subtitles:
THE WAILING: 14.10. at 10 p.m.