Dear Colleagues,

Warm greetings to you all – I am delighted to send you the new edition of the Caroline newsletter! And I would particularly like to draw your attention to three items:

I want to thank all of the staff in the central administration and in the faculties and institutes for your professional engagement before and during the on-site visit of the German Council of Science and Humanities as part of the Excellence Strategy. Now we are eagerly awaiting the announcement of the results on 19 July 2019.

Our cooperation with TU Graz in relation to the joint Campus Management Project has been signed and on 5 April 2019 the project officially began with a big kick-off meeting on the orientation phase. This is an interdisciplinary project which will affect almost all areas of the university in both the centralised and decentralised institutions and in the end will lead to improvements in completing tasks for staff and students.

And now a motivating message with respect to your earnings: With retroactive effect from 1 January 2019, all employees and civil servants will receive 3.2% more money (further information in the newsletter below).

I am very happy to have your support and remain, with best wishes,

Dr Holger Schroeter
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Wage agreement and salary increase for public sector workers in Baden-Württemberg

The Employers’ Association of the German States and the unions have agreed on the terms of a wage agreement for employees in the public sector. The agreement stipulates that workers’ salaries will increase in three stages by a total of around 8%. With retroactive effect from 1 January 2019, salaries will be increased by 3.2% (at least €100 per month), from 1 January 2020, by a total amount of 3.2% (at least €90 per month). The third stage will follow on 1 January 2021 with a total amount of 1.4% (at least €50 per month). It is nice to note that the state of Baden-Württemberg has, at the same time, applied the wage agreement to the compensation and benefits of civil servants in Baden-Württemberg.

Information (in German) from the Baden-Württemberg State Office for Compensation and Benefits

lbv.landbw.de/-/tarifeinigung-der-tarifgemeinschaft-deutscher-lander-mit-den-gewerkschaften-des-offentlichen-dienstes

Letter (in German) from the State Prime Minister on the application of the wage agreement to civil servants


New DFG Priority Programme – Coordination Networks: Building Blocks for Functional Systems

The Senate of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) has established the Priority Programme «Coordination Networks: Building Blocks for Functional Systems (COORNETs)» (SPP 1928). The programme is scheduled to run for six years. Proposals for the second three-year funding period (2020 – 2022) can be submitted. The specific functionalisation of interfaces and the integration of functional nanostructures into devices is a topic of utmost importance in the field of material sciences.

The work of various national and international research groups means the fascinating prospects of integrating CCN-based nanostructures and thin layers into optoelectronics, data storage, electrochemistry, and sensor technologies are tangible. The goal of the Priority Programme COORNETs is to strengthen the developments of these highly interdisciplinary efforts.

Proposals for the second three-year funding period must be submitted no later than 4 June 2019.

Further information on the DFG websites

www.dfg.de/foerderung/info_wissenschaft/2019/info_wissenschaft_19_14/index.html
**Volkswagen Foundation funding call: World Knowledge – structural support for ›rare subjects‹**

This funding offer aims at a sustainable strengthening of structurally precarious areas of knowledge in research and teaching. It is intended to encourage representatives of these areas to develop innovative ideas for structurally strengthening their fields, and to invite university leadership to create sustainable prospects for these ›rare subjects‹. In addition, funding is available for scientific communications projects which increase awareness of the treasure trove of knowledge of these ›rare subjects‹ among the public and politicians.

The funding offer is aimed at tenured professors of the ›rare subjects‹ along with representatives of university management (funding line 1) and academics at universities or extra-university institutions representing the ›rare subjects‹ (funding line 2).

Draft proposals will be sent to the Rectorate for evaluation and selection before submission. Please send your draft proposals in electronic format to Dr Simon Kopp in the Research Division (simon.kopp@zuv.uni-heidelberg.de) by 16 July 2019.

The project managers for the individual fields will answer your questions

- [www.uni-heidelberg.de/einrichtungen/verwaltung/forschung/d6_2.html](http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/einrichtungen/verwaltung/forschung/d6_2.html)

**Announcement and information on application**


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**Administrative changes**

**Guest stays in the course of a research project – update**

An updated version of the form »Annex to a payment order relating to a period of stay by a guest (PDF)« is now available.

**Link to form**


**Explanation of guest stays in the course of a research project**

- [www.uni-heidelberg.de/research/service/guide/handling_third_party_funded_projects.html#accomodating_guests](http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/research/service/guide/handling_third_party_funded_projects.html#accomodating_guests)

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**Further information which is only available in German**

**Project eRechnung**

- [www.uni-heidelberg.de/einrichtungen/verwaltung/finanzen/eRechnung.html](http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/einrichtungen/verwaltung/finanzen/eRechnung.html)

**Reduction of internal cash office (Seminarstrasse 2) and payment office (INF 327)**


**Administrative regulation on the consideration of administrative costs**

- [www.uni-heidelberg.de/universitaet/beschaeftigte/service/finanzen/haushalt/vwv_kostenfestlegung.html](http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/universitaet/beschaeftigte/service/finanzen/haushalt/vwv_kostenfestlegung.html)

**Job descriptions**

- [www.uni-heidelberg.de/universitaet/beschaeftigte/service/personal/taetigkeitsdarstellung/index.html](http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/universitaet/beschaeftigte/service/personal/taetigkeitsdarstellung/index.html)
BMBF funding: International partnerships for sustainable innovations (CLIENT II)
www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/bekanntmachung-2211.html

From material to innovation – BMBF-competition for young scientist NanoMatFutur
www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/bekanntmachung-1388.html

MWK Baden-Württemberg announcement: Prize for open science
www.mwk.baden-wuerttemberg.de/de/service/ausschreibungen/

Announcement of DAAD prize for foreign students
www.uni-heidelberg.de/studium/kontakt/auslandsamt/Preis18-DAAD.html