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Invitation to take part in the Dialog on Water - Integrated River Basin Management in Iran and Germany (DiWa)

Dear students in Iran and Germany,

we are delighted to inform you that the cooperation program between Ostfalia and SANRU has been expanded with a new scientific/cultural project entitled; “Dialog on Water - Integrated River Basin Management in Iran and Germany (DiWa)” under DAAD program as “Higher Education Dialogue with the Muslim World”. Having about one decade of mutual activities and exchange in addition to the idea and planning of DiWa, there were strengths that led to a successful proposal eligible for one year of DAAD financial support (until the end of 2020) in the first step and in case of extension for the next two years. In general, DiWa is a dialogue between students together and with professors from both sides to exchange their knowledge and experiences alongside the cultural contributions in different forms that will be suggested by you.

In DiWa project, we are going to orientate the dialogue in River Basin Management (RBM) to get the students familiar with the accomplishments of Iran and Germany besides the cultural activities that supposed to be reflected in it. The idea of higher education dialogue has been developed based on an interactive e-learning course to promote the modernization of teaching and foster the existing cooperation program. In fact, this is an opportunity to keep dynamically in touch together via an online platform and develop the DiWa e-learning course on RBM together. The current situation of the Coronavirus outbreak has unfortunately affected all face-to-face activities. From the early stage of project planning, it was supposed to have face-to-face meetings in form of student excursion in Iran and a summer academy in Germany in addition to the student exchange from SANRU to Ostfalia for the winter semester 2020. These ideas did not come true; therefore, we will focus at the beginning more on the DiWa e-learning course and conduct all project activities in the “Moodle” Learning Management System (LMS) hosted by Ostfalia University.

In light of the existing cooperation program, the RBM short-course was held in February 2019 at SANRU (<http://en.sanru.ac.ir/international-short-course-on-river-basin-management-and-flood-risk-management-2/>) and some of you participated in it. We got positive feedback from last year's event, and it made the situation clearer for us to know students' interests to develop the forthcoming e-learning course in advance. Considering the concept of the DiWa project, in terms of dialogue, the DiWa e-learning course is going to be completed through the collaborative effort from students and course organizers. With this in mind, we expect you to contribute as interlocutors to provide us with the interactive content that will be offered you during the e-learning course beginning from August.

The start point of our dialogue will be a webinar for you. The DiWa team at Ostfalia would be happy if you could attend the webinar to introduce you the dialogue and its objectives in detail. The webinar will be held at **11:00 AM** (local time in Suderburg)/**13:30** (local time in Sari) on **Tuesday, June 02nd, 2020!** The responsible professors for this course are Associated Prof. Mohsen Masoudian in Sari and Prof. Klaus Röttcher in Suderburg.

If you are interested to participate in the webinar, please send us an email (To a.sadeghi@ostfalia.de) (Subject: "Confirmation of Participation in DiWa Webinar") including your first name, last name and your level and field of study. For example, B.Sc. or M.Sc. or Ph.D. of X. One week prior to the webinar, you will be provided with the webinar link! This webinar is only for enrolled students at SANRU and Ostfalia University. It is not an open course for all interested persons.

We are looking forward to receiving your emails. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions. We are available Mondays and Wednesdays to answer your questions. Your contact persons at Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences in Suderburg:

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Kind regards,

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