

March	The Annual Report of 2019 will be online soon.
April	Decisions on the EPU-Projects by BMBWF
Мау	50 Years of Chinese-Austrian relations online activities
September	EPU Contributions to the future of Chinese- Austrian relations Meeting



A Happy Easter in Covid times

Dear Colleagues!

A cordial greeting to all of you as part of the member universities. We are facing difficult times at the moment. A deep regret goes to the ones who are and were seriously ill or even passed away.

Here in Europe, the countries are locked against each other. The international flights are greatly reduced. Long quarantines are waiting for the really courageous who need to travel.

So this newsletter wants to give an optimistic outlook for the general situation as well as for the future of the network.

Our network is in its 21st year of existence. There is good news as well. The support from the ministry continues. We just finished a round of fellowship applications. A second round of fellowships is scheduled for October 1st 2021 (further information at <u>www.grants.at</u>). The projects of 2019 have been approved and are waiting for their completion. The projects of 2020 are currently under approval by the ministry BMBWF.



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This year we celebrate 50 years of Chinese-Austrian diplomatic relations

EPU congratulates that and will contribute with academic activities Events are planned for September 2021

Even despite of Corona, new members have decided to join our network. There are ongoing negotiations with Qinghai University. So there is always a reason for optimism.

The network as well joined an Initiative of the Chinese Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences to fight Covid-19 by Traditional Chinese Medicine. Our network partners at the BJAST (Beijing Academy of Science and Technology) support us from the Chinese side in Beijing.

The OeAD helps us with the management of the fellowships and the financial administration of the projects.

In this context, the EPU-Team wishes you all a Happy Easter, a healthy Spring time and we hope things come back to normal as the spring flowers show up in our gardens. Sincerely, your EPU-team

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New Members in 2020

- East China University of Technology, Nanchang
- Hangzhou Dianzi University
- Yangzhou University
- Shandong University of Finance and Ecomonics
- Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics
- Vitebsk State Academy of Veterinary Medicine, Vitebsk (Belarus)

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