

## **"It was so nice to meet new faces": International Afternoon at TH Wildau**

"It was so nice to meet new faces. Thank you to everyone who made this a memorable and exciting event. My special thanks to Ooha whose henna tattoos were on almost everyone's hands. I am already looking forward to the next event," says Devasish from India and a student in Aviation Management, reflecting on the International Afternoon at our university in mid-May.

The joy and enthusiasm for this regular event can also be seen in the exuberant international dances performed by students from Latin America, India or Pakistan (see video).

What was special this year was that the International Afternoon took place as part of the "Wildau International Staff Week". Guest lecturers briefly introduced their home universities and reported on their study programmes. Employees and students attended the lectures in the Audimax and found out about the possibility of exchange semesters or staff mobility.

The universities that presented themselves included VIVES University of Applied Sciences (Belgium), Technological University José Antonio Echeverría (Cuba), University Jean Monnet, Saint-Etienne Institute of Technology – IUT (France), New Vision University (Georgia), German-Kazakh University (Kazakhstan), HAN University of Applied Sciences (Netherlands), and Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University (Ukraine).

### **Country Tables**

At the various country tables, international students and employees presented their home countries with culinary specialities, games, information materials, and music. An informal get-together in the foyer of Hall 17 deepened the opportunities to get to know the cultural diversity on campus.

Students and employees represented the following countries: Bolivia, Afghanistan, India, Guatemala, Belgium, Switzerland-Germany, Indonesia, France, China, Nigeria, North Africa (Morocco, Tunisia & Egypt), Peru and Bulgaria.

"We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon with a great international flair, delicious food and a wonderful atmosphere! It was very nice to see the cultural diversity of TH Wildau gathered together," says Carolina Winkler, who is responsible for organising the international afternoon in the International Office, among other things.

Simon Devos-Chernova, who was responsible for the organisation of the "Wildau International Staff Week" in the International Office, adds: "I would like to thank all my colleagues for their support and hope that we can repeat this international week in 2023. Without your contributions - in looking after our guests, in talks, discussions and workshops, during great lab tours and with delicious catering - the 'Wildau International Staff Week' would never have been so impressive."