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General and Appointments (written by Lal Sonel)

On the 8th of July and the 22nd of September, the AV had meetings with Nina Rörig from TK and AStA. Current rules and regulations for insurances for Germans and internationals were discussed. The special regulations for internationals from Türkiye were cleared to better the consultation process.

The AV joined the first JF with the Rector on the 31st of July, where the new AStA introduced themselves.

On the 18th of September, the Humboldt Haus board meeting took place, where room allocation regulations and the constructions were once again in the focus.

Some people from AV joined the video shooting for the 100th year of DAAD on the 23rd and 24th of September. This video shooting has been organized by the International Office, and the videos are expected to air starting November.

The president joined the Forum Internationales on the 8th of October. This is a new format introduced by the International Office. The “Runder Tisch Internationales” has been split into two separate meetings.

Additionally, the planning meetings for the Welcome Week took place on these following dates:

- 13.08.2025 Welcome Week Kick Start Your Social Life event planning
- 20.08.2025 University politics
- 21.08.2025 Kick Start Your Social Life event planning
- 22.08.2025 IO First Steps in Aachen post collaboration
- 23.09.2025 Pitch Battle event planning

Welcome Week (written by Lal Sonel and Taha Dani)

The AV played a very active role in this years Welcome Week for new international students and was involved or (co-)organized the following events:

- 29.09.2025 Kick-Start Your Social Life
- 29.09.2025 Speed Friends
- 30.09.2025 Get Set: Orientation & Breakfast for degree students
- 01.10.2025 Freshers' Fair

- 02.10.2025 Humboldt Haus Cafe during the Tours

AV, AStA and IO organized the **Kick-Start Your Social Life** event together. The purpose of the event was to introduce the student initiatives in a new format (as Global Village was not being organized by the Welcome Week team this semester), get the new internationals familiar with AV, AStA and GSP/ARS and show that the engagement can be awarded. The event was moderated by Lal Sonel and Vivien Kutz.

The first part of the event included a speech by RWTH Rector Ulrich Rüdiger, and the recipients were awarded the DAAD scholarships and the DAAD Prize. This was followed by the introduction of AV, AStA, and GSP/ARS. Afterwards, five students' initiatives had the chance to pitch themselves to the new students. They also needed to answer 3 questions: what makes your initiative stand out? Why are you interesting for international students? What was the most memorable thing that happened in the past year?

The initiatives that joined the pitch battle were Debating Club, Sky Campus Aachen, BEST Aachen, AIESEC, and Syrian Student Association. The winner was determined by the audience via Mentimeter. The winning initiative was BEST Aachen, and all the participating initiatives have received presents as a thank you.

The last part of the event was a Game Show. The AV is organizing a game show event in December and had the chance to test the concept out. There were three groups of five people, which were made up of volunteering newcomers. There were three types of game shows, which were based on Family Feud, Price Is Right, and Jeopardy.

In Family Feud, participants guessed the most common answers to survey style questions about student life. Price Is Right featured everyday items and Mensa meals, challenging teams to estimate their correct prices. Finally, Jeopardy presented three categories of questions with increasing difficulty, where teams earned points by selecting and correctly answering questions from a board. Prizes were given to the participating volunteers for their effort and enthusiasm.

The main challenge of this event was the overall duration. The entire kickoff, including all segments, lasted quite long, which led to some audience members leaving towards the end. The game show itself also went on longer than expected, which affected the pacing. For future editions, it might be better to shorten the games or reduce the number of rounds. Another

idea could be to include more interactive audience moments such as quick crowd questions, live polls, or short mini games between rounds to keep the energy up and engagement high.

On the same day, the AV has once again started the new semester with the beloved **Speed Friends** event. This year, the part “Surviving Aachen” was not included, as it would cause overlaps with the events in the Welcome Week program. The event took place on the 6th Floor of Super C from 18:30 to 21:00, which drew an impressive turnout of approximately 350–400 participants, making it one of AV’s largest social gatherings of the semester.

Rows of chairs were arranged in two facing lines, allowing participants to engage in quick, five-minute conversations with the person seated across from them. After each round, attendees shifted seats to meet new people. The format consisted of twelve rounds in total, split across two sessions of roughly sixty minutes each.

The event maintained a lively and welcoming atmosphere throughout, encouraging students to connect with one another in a relaxed and structured way. Feedback from attendees was positive, with many appreciating the opportunity to meet new friends in a short time. AV plans to repeat this event next semester, potentially hosting it in Humboldt Haus for a cozier indoor setup during the winter months.

The AV has also participated in the **Get Set: Orientation & Breakfast for degree students** and answered questions about representation, student parliament, how to get involved, and personal experiences.

The AV also had an information stand during the **Freshers’ Fair** and **Humboldt Haus Café**, during which one-on-one conversations with the students took place. Humboldt Haus Café was the start point of various tours and allowed the new students time to connect with the people in their respective tour groups over coffee and snacks.

Events (written by Taha Dani)

09.10.2025 Karaoke Night

On October 9th, AV hosted its first Karaoke Night of the winter semester at Humboldt Haus, starting at 18:00 and concluding around 22:00. The event attracted approximately 40

participants who gathered to sing, cheer, and enjoy a relaxed evening together.

Using the Karafun website, AV managed a playlist where participants could write down their song choices, which were then queued in order throughout the night. The atmosphere remained lighthearted and energetic, with attendees enthusiastically supporting one another during performances.

Feedback was positive, with many students expressing appreciation for the familiar and entertaining format. Karaoke Night continues to be a well-loved AV tradition, and the team plans to organize similar events in future semesters.

16.10.2025 Paint the Night Away

On October 16th, AV hosted its first Paint the Night Away of the semester at Humboldt Haus from 18:00 to 21:00. The event quickly reached full capacity, with all 70 participant spots filled just ten minutes before the start.

Following a Halloween theme, participants painted along with a live demonstration, with an example image projected on the screen. The featured artwork was selected through an Instagram poll conducted prior to the event. The guided format created a relaxed and creative environment where attendees could follow the steps while adding their personal touches.

Feedback for the event was overwhelmingly positive, reaffirming its status as one of AV's most popular activities. Given the strong turnout and enthusiasm, AV plans to organize another Paint the Night Away later this semester.

Further events planned in WS25/26

- **30.10.2025 Escape Room (New!)**
- 06.11.2025 Game Night
- 20.11.2025 Karaoke Night
- 27.11.2025 Pub Quiz
- 29.11.2025 Run 'n Dine
- 04.12.2025 Karaoke Night
- **11.12.2025 Game Show Night (New!)**
- 18.12.2025 Paint the Night Away

- 08.01.2026 Craft the Night Away
- 15.01.2026 Pub Quiz
- 22.01.2026 Karaoke Night

Consultations (written by Zakaria Jafar)

The consultation team helps international students with their immigration law problems by e-mail on a daily basis. The in-person consultation sessions are offered twice a week every Thursday in Humboldt Haus and Fridays at AStA office. In August and September due to the exams-phase the sessions were held once a week and alternating between Humboldt-Haus and the AStA-office. Each session is for 1,5 hours. In the week of 06.-10.10., the consultations appointment was changed to 06.10. (Monday) and was available for a longer period (10:00-14:00). In the following are the in-person consultation sessions from July 11th 2025 until October 16th 2025.

- 09.07, 16.07, 30.07, 27.08., 13.08., 10.09., 24.09, 15.10. in Humboldt Haus and
- 11.07, 08.08, 28.08, 11.09., 25.09, 06.10., 17.10. at AStA office

The Consultations Team is planning a joint seminar with the BSHK on the 10.11. in Humboldt-Haus about working while studying. Further collaboration with the career center is also in planning.

The lawyer appointments took place over Zoom. In the following are the lawyers appointments from July 11th 2025 until October 16th 2025.

- 23.07.2025, 06.08.2025, 20.08.2025, 03.09.2025, 17.09.2025, 24.09.2025, 15.10.2025.

Social Media (written by Maria Kayra Saskia)

The AV continues to use its social media channels to promote its events, inform students, and provide useful tips for international students through posts. In addition to posts, the AV also make reposts whenever relevant information is posted on official accounts such as the RWTH, International Office, and Stadt Aachen.

In the last months the AV informed students on its social platforms about the different events organized and gave general information. The AV published a post about its events

'Speed Friends' (22.09), 'Karaoke Night' (02.10), and 'Paint the Night Away' (10.10). To thank participants and promote the event 'Karaoke Night' further, the AV also posted a reel (11.07) following a popular trend on Instagram about different ways people sing, another reel (22.07) to do the same for the event 'Craft the Night Away' following another Instagram trend that shows the transformation before and after crafting, another reel (10.08) to do the same for the event 'Scavenger Hunt' showing highlights of the event, and a reel (02.10) to do the same for the event 'Speed Friends' following the superwide Instagram trend. The AV also informed students about the continuation of the in-person consultations for August and September (01.08), as well as November (02.10), then reposted the November schedule due to a schedule change (12.10). The AV informed students that registrations are open for those interested in joining the AV through 3 posts (14.08) for all 3 teams of the AV. After a meeting with a representative from International Office (22.08), the AV agreed to a collaboration post about 'First Steps in Aachen' (18.09) aimed at newly arriving students, where the AV agreed to take care of the layout while International Office provides information on topics agreed upon during the meeting. The AV also informed students about International Welcome Week (24.09) and all AV events planned for the Wintersemester 2025/26 (27.09).

The social media platforms the AV uses to inform the students are Instagram, Facebook, Telegram and Discord.

Website (written by Maria Kayra Saskia)

The website has been updated to reflect the latest information about the events. Additionally, the consultation times have been revised. The layout of the website has been optimized and improved for a better user experience. A calendar to show AV events has been added. Redundant sites and information have been removed.