



'Protection needs to be much better'

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The role of gut bacteria

A 'poo machine' is helping to reveal the link between gut bacteria and health

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BOOKS BY ALUMNI

Easter next year...



Jan Siemonsma PhD, Tropical Plant Breeding 1974, writes short stories about his day trips in the Netherlands and beyond. In his latest book, he takes 65 trips to places ranging from Kampina and Strabrechtse Heide to Fochteloërberg and Leenderbos. He cycles around Vlieland and along the military defence canal at Mill, and he explores the history of Villa Sanoer in Wageningen.

Bookmundo, 18.55 euros

The turning point



A radical turnaround is needed to save the world, argues **Prof. Marten Scheffer**, Professor of Aquatic Ecology. Scheffer carries out research at Wageningen into tipping points in complex systems such as lakes and ecosystems. He believes the world is fast approaching such a tipping point: social unrest is increasing, tensions are rising and climate change is exacerbating. But Scheffer is hopeful. 'We

can let the fundamental changes flow smoothly in the direction of a better future. We already have the ingredients for that, such as technology and knowledge of the past.' *Athenaeum*, 26.99 euros

Mastering Food Innovation



The innovation strategist **Mary van Hoek-Hendriks MSc**, Food Technology 2004, has written a guide to innovation in the food industry. This book (in English) offers practical and strategic advice to food industry professionals, from start-up entrepreneurs to innovators working in multinational companies. Van Hoek-Hendriks uses examples from the

food industry to show how to make the innovation process quicker, smarter and more effective.

www.startafoodstory.com, 79 euros

Hotel De Wereld



As a student, **Frank Westerman MSc**, Tropical Land Development 1989, wanted to build water wells in the desert. He got his jabs in Hotel de Wereld and set off into the world. It all went somewhat differently to what he had expected, he writes in this 'chronicle of the derailment of the development train'. The book contains travel reports on the mass suicide of 913 cult members in Guyana and the failed venture of the Nicaragua Grand Canal. The apotheosis takes place in the other Wageningen, a rice-growing village in Suriname that was founded by Wageningen scientists.

Querido Fosfor, 22.50 euros

Mesoamerica overland



Leon van Seeters MSc, Landscape Architecture 1993, spent over four months travelling across Central America with his Mexican girlfriend, from Mexico to Costa Rica and back. In this travel book, he describes all their ups and downs and the many unexpected

turns of events. He covers the stunning scenery and Maya ruins, as well as car breakdowns, bureaucracy and crime. Almost everything that could go wrong did. Even so, Seeters found it an amazing experience thanks to the incredible wildlife and jungle and the exciting adventures. *Boekscout*, 23.50 euros

Badgers: habits and protection



Jaap Schröder PhD, Agricultural Plant Breeding 1983, and **Ton Meijer MSc**, Biology 1989, were unhappy with the 'arbitrary, lax interpretations' of the legislation aimed at protecting badgers among ecological consultancies, government bodies and law courts. They thought it was time for an up-to-date account of badgers and the law.

The book explains what badgers need in their habitat and how such habitats should be protected.

KNNV, 29.95 euros

Among the farmers



Roelof van Til MSc, Plant Breeding 1988, and his wife **Remke van Til MSc**, Biology 1988, have lived in north-eastern Congo since January 2019. They live among farming families and work to combat poverty, protect the rainforest and savannah and make farming methods more sustainable. In this book, they share their experiences

– not just the warm moments and quiet triumphs but also the setbacks and loneliness.

Bookmundo, 14.48 euros

Navigating Foreignness



How can managers better understand and change a company's culture? **Egbert Schram MSc**, Forest & Nature Management 2004, spent years working as a consultant for multinationals including Unilever and Airbus. In this book (in English), Schram shows how genuine cultural change starts with the individual because personal values and convictions can shape entire

organizations. According to Schram, the power of culture is not just important for organizations but can also foster personal growth. *The Culture Factor Group*, 15.91 euros