

Last year, W.S.G. Isaac Newton, in collaboration with S.V. Paradoks, organised UToberfest to bring students together for a campus-wide Oktoberfest celebration, instead of having various associations host their own separate events. This was an effort to revive an event that had been popular before the pandemic but was lost due to the interruption caused by COVID-19.

The event was funded through ticket sales and the sale of sausages. It took place in a large tent on the O&O square, with plenty of tables for participants. A DJ provided entertainment, and Wilfried Wildschwein made a guest appearance. Overall, the feedback from those who attended was positive.

However, attendance was lower than expected, primarily because many associations had already scheduled their own Oktoberfest events, resulting in reduced interest in UToberfest. Attendance was not as high as it had been before the pandemic when UToberfest was the primary Oktoberfest event on campus.

In response to this, I propose that we adopt a rotating schedule for Oktoberfest celebrations. In this approach, we would alternate between a unified UToberfest event one year and individual association-organised events the next. For example, this year associations would host their own Oktoberfest events, while next year, an association would organise and all associations would promote UToberfest as the main Oktoberfest celebration on campus. In any year where a UToberfest committee cannot be formed, associations would be free to organise their own events in place of UToberfest.

To make this plan work, a dedicated UToberfest committee needs to be formed, and an association must take responsibility for finding, guiding and supporting this committee. Therefore, I ask if any association would be willing to take on this role.