

Last year (2023), 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.

Although the event was received positively under participants, attendance was lower than expected, primarily because many associations had already scheduled their own Oktoberfest celebration (be it small or larger), 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.

For 2025, W.S.G. Isaac Newton has once again found a committee to organise the event. To help with the problem mentioned, it would be beneficial if there are no other Oktoberfest celebrations during that year. It is then possible for W.S.G. Isaac Newton to also organise this for 2027, 2029 and so on when there is interest for the committee. But if another association wants or is able to organise this is of course also possible in consultation with W.S.G. Isaac Newton.

It is of course also possible that associations want to keep their own Oktoberfest celebrations each year. The UToberfest could then still be organised, but it is then highly possible that the attendance again is relatively low, making for a less fun activity.

During a previous GMA, associations mentioned the possibility that the activity is organised rotationally by each faculty (so, one year it's ET, then BMS, then S&T, then EEMCS and then ET again, etc.) This would cause for a more consistent and resistant system but would put the obligation on the associations of each faculty to organise this at some point. Here, the idea would still be that associations don't organise their own Oktoberfest celebrations in the year that UToberfest is organised.

So in short, there are three possibilities that have to be discussed:

- UToberfest organised by Newton in 2025, 2027, 2029, etc. In these years, no other Oktoberfest celebrations are organised by study associations. This can still be done in 2026, 2028, 2030, etc.
- UToberfest organised by a faculty, rotating every other year (ex. ET in 2025, BMS in 2027, S&T in 2029, etc.) In these years, no other Oktoberfest celebrations are organised by study associations. This can still be done in 2026, 2028, 2030, etc.
- The study associations still organise their own Oktoberfest celebrations each year. UToberfest can still be organised any year, but its success is not certain.

In hopes of having informed you sufficiently,  
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