The first Alumni meeting of Bielefeld University took place at the DAAD Information Centre in Shanghai at the end of October.

Many former students and researchers from different graduation classes were welcomed by the delegation of Bielefeld University with the director of the International Office Dr. Thomas Lüttenberg and the director of IC Shanghai Thomas Willems.

Prof. Zhenbing Zeng who did his PhD in the early 90’s at Bielefeld University and is now teaching at East China Normal University in Shanghai, also took the opportunity to talk to alumni of Bielefeld University. Developments of the future Alumni work were discussed and memories about the time in Germany were exchanged while enjoying the German catering – sauerkraut and pork knuckle. Everyone agreed about the meeting being an enriching experience which should be repeated on a regular basis.

As part of an advancing process of internationalization, it is a main goal of Bielefeld University to promote international alumni work and to stay in contact with former students and researchers. Bielefeld University has cultivated many contacts to Shanghai and has several University partnerships. Therefore Shanghai is a central location for the expanding of the global Alumni network. Alumni work at Bielefeld University is promoted by the DAAD Alumni-Programme with funds of the German Federal Foreign Office.