

Content List: The World of Albert

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1. The World Of Science: First Steps As a child I always dreamed about being a famous soccer player. Masses cheering at one, scoring goals and winning important national and international championships. Now I know that this dream has not become true. Years have passed with average performances as a sports person, but with success in obtaining knowledge, a high education and earning a Ph.D. degree at the end. That I entered this way is about ten years ago and just recently I arrived the first finish with receiving a Ph.D. in physics. Be aware, the first finish. As a sports person the best years are over, as a scientist they will hopefully still come. I have the Ph.D., but this is only the beginning of a hopefully successful career as a researcher. I have it and I am happy about it. Now, as a postdoctoral researcher I have to start new projects, produce results, publish them and build up a network of researchers with whom I can collaborate. Later in a few years I would like to have my own research group and then who knows if it will be possible to make a step towards becoming a professor. Yeah, this is what I would like to do. Being a professor the big goal which would lead me onto a new path. Would this not be great! To gather new knowledge every day, putting new ideas into the world, being a mentor of young students and researchers, teaching and letting others profit from what one has learned in the past, in the present and in the future. Being your own boss, following your own ideas, just doing what you want to do. BUT, slow. This is still a long way and will take some time, some years. It will not be easy, but it should be fun.

2. The World of Albert: Shocked Last week Albert was at a conference. He was looking forward to this event. The conference he went to offers him many scientific surprises. This time there was a big surprise too, but only indirectly related to science. He returned home being shocked.

3. The World of Albert: Coffee Do you like to drink coffee? Albert does. Sometimes he spends his afternoons in the cafeteria and not in his lab. Still, he considers these moments to be the most productive. Does he usually not work? Learn more, what Albert means in saying this.

4. The World of Albert: There are days you would like to forget about The last weeks Albert was busy setting up a new experiment and starting to do first measurements. Things have not exactly developed as he had originally anticipated. Read more on why the situation is like this. The author is open for suggestions, critics and comments. Please contact him at any time: hseeger (at) xscience.info.