Welcome to D+ June 2016 Newsletter. It is the thirtieth edition of the D+ Newsletter compiled with some of the news published in June 2016 on D+.

Half of 2016 is gone and D+ celebrated that in style and with great enthusiasm. As always, D+ sent out Thank You notes to its global volunteers and well-wishers on this annual occasion.

Also, we would like to take this opportunity to say “Thank You” to all of our readers from around the world. We encourage you to continue to discover and share positive news from each country of the world.

We have put together a great plan for rest of the year, which also includes our grand event of World’s Most Positive Countries (WMPC) 2016. This year WMPC will be bigger and better than ever before.

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D+ News: June 2016

- **Albanian** football team made history by sealing their first ever win in a major tournament by beating Romania 1-0 at the EURO 2016 football tournament.
- The World Health Organisation (WHO) validated the elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis in **Armenia** and **Belarus**.
- **Belgian** journalist Philippe Leruth was elected as the President of the International Federation of Journalists, a global union federation of journalists’ trade unions—the largest in the world.
- **Chile** beat Argentina in penalty shootout 4-2 to win the 2016 Copa America football tournament as the game ended scoreless after 120 minutes. It was Chile’ second Copa America title in two years.
- **Chinese** supercomputer, the Sunway TaihuLight, captured the top spot on the TOP500 list of powerful supercomputers.
- Fiji’s ambassador to the United Nations, Peter Thomson, was elected as President of the 71st UN General Assembly session. Peter became the first person from the Pacific islands to hold the position.
- **German** composer Hans Zimmer won the inaugural Stephen Hawking medal in the Arts category for his contribution in the science-fiction blockbuster Interstellar.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the end of Ebola virus transmission in the Republic of **Guinea** for the second time.
- **Iceland** ranked as the top most peaceful nation in the world, according to the 2016 Global Peace Index published by the Institute for Economics and Peace, in an attempt to measure the relative position of nations' peacefulness.
- **India** successfully launched a record 20 satellites in a single mission aboard its Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle rocket, the most in the history of the country's ambitious space program.
- **Iran**’s car manufacturer Iran Khodro and French car manufacturer Peugeot-Citroen signed the final joint venture agreement to produce latest-generation vehicles in Iran.
- Osteria Francescana in Modena, Italy was named the Best Restaurant in the World for 2016.
- **Kazakhstan** was elected as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for two-year terms starting on 1 January 2017. It was the first time that Kazakhstan secured a seat on the United Nations Security Council.
- The National University of **Singapore** claimed the top spot at the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2016.
- The world's longest and deepest rail tunnel, Gotthard Base Tunnel, opened in **Switzerland**.
- **Tanzanian** conservationist Makala Jasper, chief executive officer of the Mpingo Conservation & Development Initiative, a Tanzanian non-profit committed to improving the well-being of rural communities as well as the forests upon which they rely, won the 2016 National Geographic/Buffett Award for Leadership in African Conservation.