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DIT Alumni

- Thurs, 15 April 2021, 6 - 7.30 pm:**
Online seminar for (Young) Professionals „Boost your digital performance“
- Tue, 20 April 2021, 6 pm:**
Virtual Alumni founders talk - Lisa Praeg, Office for Collaborative Culture (in cooperation with the DIT Startup Campus)
- Thurs, 27 May 2021, 6pm:**
Virtual Alumni founders talk - Martin Oehm, TIM Solutions (in cooperation with the DIT Startup Campus)
- 29 – 31 July 2021:** DIT Graduation ceremony for graduates of the years March 2020, September 2020 and March 2021
- Sat, 23 October 2021:**
Seminar for (Young) Professionals "Goals, time and self-management"

AlumniNet e.V.

- Fri, 23 April 2021, 6 pm:**
Annual Meeting AlumniNet e.V.
- Thurs, 06 May 2021, 6 - 7.30 pm:**
AlumniNet Scholar Meeting
- Sat, 13 November 2021:** 20-year anniversary celebration of AlumniNet e.V. at the Glashaus at DIT

University

- Tue, 13 April 2021, 10 am - 3 pm:**
Job fair firstcontact (virtual)
- Wed, 14 April 2020, 4 - 5.30 pm:**
Virtual DigiCamp „Co-Working-Space: Innovative and flexible working“
- Tue, 27 April 2021, 6 pm:**
Info evening part-time master's programme "Digital Business Engineering"
- Thurs, 10 June 2021, 6 pm:**
Info evening part-time master's programme "Digital Business Engineering"
- Fri, 11 June 2021:**
Open Day (cancelled)
- Fri, 11 June 2021 von 10.30 – 13.00 Uhr:**
Dies Academicus (cancelled)

Preface

Dear Absolvira,

there is a reason to celebrate. No, really now. AlumniNet is turning 20! We have therefore put together a programme, to connect students with alumni, alumni with each other and with the university, both virtually and in person.

The latter, despite all the optimism, is more likely to happen towards the end of the year.

Take a look here to find out more: <https://alumninet.th-deg.de/>

Of course, we depend on you, dear alumni, to become active and support us. We've had enough birthday parties without guests, now it's time for another big party, an annual party so to speak, so don't miss it.

Whether a mentor, networker or, best of all, as a member. Did you know that the association finances five German scholarships from membership fees? Five Deutschlandstipendien, that's five young, talented DIT students who are relieved of the burden of having to look for a job in times of a pandemic. You are helping them to enjoy their studies in a somehow carefree way - it is hard enough for students at the moment. We would like to thank all our members and hope that many more will be inspired today to become small supporters of young people. What better time than the 20th birthday?

By the way, AlumniNet has almost 1,000 members; who wants to become our honorary 1,000th member?

We're also planning the second big graduate party, this time at the Deggendorf Campus and with the pandemic behind us. But we remain confident that we will be able to organise an event that complies with the current hygiene regulations, as well as our ideas of a successful big event. But it remains exciting, that's for sure. By the way, we continue to grow and you will find introductions of new professors in this issue.

So enjoy discovering the latest developments in and around your alma mater, the Deggendorf Institute of Technology.

Yours,
Ulrike Sauckel

More detailed information and other events can be found in the events calendar: www.th-deg.de/en/dit/events



PASCAL GRILL


Winner of the Bavarian Culture Award for his master's thesis in Mechanical Engineering.

Since 2005, Bayernwerk, together with the Bavarian State Ministry of Art and Science, has awarded the Bavarian Culture Prize annually for outstanding achievements in science and art.

In addition to artists in Bavaria, graduates and doctoral students from Bavarian universities, universities of applied sciences and state art colleges are also honoured. In addition, the Bavarian State Ministry of Art and Science awards a special prize. The Bavarian Culture Prize is intended to provide an impulse for the preservation of cultural diversity and at the same time to create a stage for art and science in the region.

All prize winners receive the bronze statue "Gedankenblitz" sculpted by the Schwandorf sculptor Peter Mayer and €2,000 prize money. While an expert jury selects the five art award winners, the Bavarian state colleges and universities

nominate their best graduates and doctoral students. In autumn 2020, among 32 graduates from various Bavarian universities, Pascal Grill, a graduate of the Master's in Mechanical Engineering at the Deggendorf Institute of Technology, was awarded the prize in the "Science" category.

Mr Grill, your Master's thesis was awarded with the Bavarian 2020 Culture Prize. We congratulate you on this award. First of all, please tell us a little bit about your thesis and the award nomination.

In my master's thesis, I worked on flow simulations (CFD). I used simulations to investigate the fluid flow in the drive area of a gear pump. In detail, the influences of different geometries were examined more closely in order to be able to optimise them, e.g. with regard to pressure loss or hygiene.

You cannot apply directly for the prize or anything similar. Professors can propose final theses that they have supervised in the past two semesters. The university then selects the best of these proposals and nominates it for the Bavarian Culture Prize.

What was your first reaction/though when you found out that you were being awarded the Bavarian Culture Prize?

I was very happy to receive the award because it meant that the hard work and time that went into the thesis has been honoured once again. It's a great feeling to be one of the few in Bavaria to be awarded the prize.

Have you already found your place in the working world and what are your plans for the future?

I wrote the thesis in cooperation with the company AVS Römer. Immediately, after finishing my thesis, I started working for the company as a calculation engineer.

Many thanks to Pascal Grill for the lovely interview!



STARTUP CAMPUS

What is the Startup Campus doing?

The DIT Startup Campus is seen as the central point for all students, members of staff and alumni, who want to start their own business. All founders of tomorrow can rely on a big network and get support from the Startup Campus Team.

Where can I find the Startup Campus?

The Startup Campus is now located in the new Startup Lab in ITC2 (D2, 2nd floor). Not only the Startup Campus team, but also the founders can use the office space, the co-working space and the seminar room. A particularly creative working environment has been created. The Startup Lab is open to everyone and can be visited for an exchange. Everyone is welcome!

The Startup Campus currently supports three teams whose innovative business ideas have won them an EXIST start-up grant:

Vourus

The start-up Vourus stands for the highest possible security. Nicolai Roider and Sebastian Schreiner have developed an encryption system that makes the exchange and transfer of data more secure than ever.

Ti4F

Constantin Vogel, Thomas Brunner and Hamidreza Abolpourmoshizi are

working with the Industry 4.0 application lab to develop a strategy to digitalise processes in tool and mould making across the board. With the help of a self-learning knowledge database working in the background and an online community provided by ti4f, process optimisation should succeed.

SEPP

The team around Andreas Stockinger, Martin Seidl, Martin Leitl and Sandra Eichenseher is pursuing the vision of developing a vegetable robot „SEPP“. The aim is to make it easier for hobby gardeners to grow vegetables at home by automating the vegetable patch.

Do you also have an exciting idea and want to found your own start-up?

Then visit us in the new StartupLab (ITC2, D2, 2nd Floor) or contact us at startupcampus@th-deg.de (more information about the Startup Campus at: www.th-deg.de/starting-a-business)

What support programmes are available

KICKSTART INCUBATOR

The incubator programme „Kickstart“ prepares start-up teams in the best possible way for the EXIST Start-up Grant or for the upcoming start-up. Participants in the Kickstart programme receive funding of up to €7,500 for building a prototype, free access to the Startup Lab and many other benefits.

Daniel Fuchs was able to convince the Startup Campus jury a good year ago. His project involves the development of a 360° indoor drone, whereby the drone itself is not visible in the video recordings. He has since successfully completed the programme and founded his own company called „threesixty-drones“.

Maximilian and Sebastian Hau, Maximilian Anzinger and also received funding through the Kickstart programme and were mentored by Startup Campus for the last six months. The young founders are developing a platform on which pupils can orient themselves with the help of an AI-supported test and explore suitable professions in virtual company worlds.

EXIST-GRÜNDERSTIPENDIUM

Students, alumni and employees who are involved in the following start-up projects can receive funding through the EXIST Start-up Grant:

- Innovative technology-oriented start-up projects
- Innovative services with a high customer benefit, which are based on scientific findings and are expected to have unique selling points on the market.



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Retirement Professor Popp

HE HAS SHAPED TEACHING AT DIT OVER THE PAST 24 YEARS



As a farewell gift, University President Prof. Dr. Peter Sperber (2nd from right), Senate Chair Prof. Dr. Martina Heigl-Murauer (right) and the Dean of the Faculty of Applied Economics Prof. Dr. Jürgen Sikorski (left) presented Prof. Dr. Heribert Popp with a certificate, a medal and an engraved pocket watch.

Prof. Dr. Heribert Popp was a professor at the Deggendorf Institute of Technology (DIT) for almost 24 years to the day. He was appointed on 15 March 1997, and he has now been officially bidden farewell with a special honour on 10 March 2021. As Professor of Mathematics, Business Informatics, Knowledge Management and Artificial Intelligence, the now 67-year-old has taught at the Faculty of Applied Economics in the focus areas of e-business, information management/knowledge management and business informatics.

„You have had one of the greatest impacts on teaching at the university and the university itself over the past 20 years,” thanked President Prof. Dr. Peter Sperber. In memory of this time and as a tribute, he presented a certificate of honour, a medal and a pocket watch engraved with the DIT logo. „The subjects you teach are not easy. Nevertheless, you have always managed to inspire the students for it,” praised Prof. Dr. Jürgen Sikorski. As a pioneer and expert in the fields of virtual teaching, blended learning and in-service training, Heribert Popp can

look back on several highlights in his career.

Heribert Popp recognised the advantage of virtual teaching early on. In 1998 he began using digital teaching materials in his classes. In order to further spread virtual teaching at DIT and give it a stronger foothold, he set up and headed the Competence Centre E-Learning at the Deggendorf Institute of Technology (DIT) from 2006 to 2015. By then he had also gained experience in virtual teaching at the Virtual University of Bavaria (vhb), which he helped to set up from 2000. As a joint institution with 31 universities, the vhb promotes and supports the development of digital lectures in Bavaria and advocates their use across universities. To this day, Heribert Popp's vhb course Mathematics I is one of the most frequently attended courses. Also in 2000, he installed Bavaria's first further education course, which also featured a high proportion of virtual teaching (blended learning): the Bachelor of Business Information Systems. Together with the educational channel BR-Alpha, he initiated television lectures for the course. A total of 320 programmes were produced. In 2002,

DIT thus produced Germany's first graduates who had completed at least 50 percent of their lectures with digital materials. In 2014, Heribert Popp recognised that blended learning and artificial intelligence can be combined well, and he developed the first concept of an early warning system for students at risk. In the development and execution of the newly introduced Artificial Intelligence degree programme, he found another major project shortly before retirement. „In September, we will then say goodbye to the first AI graduates nationwide,” Heribert Popp says proudly.

But someone who has been committed as a professor for so long doesn't just stop. In the coming summer semester, Heribert Popp will take over eleven semester hours per week and remain with his colleagues and students. He wants to spend his newly won free time with his second passion: cycling.



Co-Working Space in Deggendorf

A SMART WORKPLACE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS?



The Deggendorf Institute of Technology is offering five free co-working spaces in ITC1 from 1 April. The co-working space is project-supported and can be used free of charge until the end of 2022. The offer is aimed at companies, employees, founders and freelancers. We cordially invite you, dear alumni, to be the first to experience the co-working space.

Co-working stands for innovative, flexible and collaborative work. Behind it is an integrated and flexible working model in which employees, start-ups and freelancers rent a flexible workspace in an openly designed office for a limited period of time. The focus is on networking and the exchange of innovative ideas.

The office of the future?

The potential is there: a wide range of workplaces for different fields of activity, innovative equipment and plenty of space for collaboration. At

ITC1, co-workers will find a wealth of opportunities in buildings F and G1. Various co-working workplaces in spacious rooms, as well as smaller offices and quiet areas for concentrated work are available. There is plenty of room for inspiration and creative moments. The proximity to the Digital Startup Centre at ITC1 offers a smart community and an established network.

Co-working vs. home office

Corona has changed the world of work a lot. Home office has become part of the professional world. But in the meantime, after a year of pandemic, many realise: All that glitters is not gold. Isolation in the home office, the balancing act for working parents with homeschooling and childcare, the boundaries between work and private life are blurring. This is tearing at the former feel-good atmosphere at home.

“Co-working space the potential to combine the best of both worlds”

Lisa Geib,
Digitalisation Officer
at DIT



Would you like to learn more?

Would you like to test the DIT co-working space in Deggendorf? Then get in touch at coworking@th-deg.de.

In the next issue of PostGraduate, we will introduce you to the new co-working space in House G1 at ITC1 with a photo spread. If you don't want to wait, you can try out the co-working space yourself from April. We will be happy to advise you on your individual options!

INVITATION

DigiCamp „Co-Working-Space: Working Innovatively and Flexibly” On 14 April 2021, 4 pm

Dear Absolvias, you are cordially invited to dive into the topic of co-working space with us.

2 Impulse lectures :

•“Co-Working as a necessary building block in the working world 4.0” Adrian Maier, Inventive Sales Consulting.

- „Opportunities & possibilities for rural areas”-Hanna Schürzinger, DIT

Virtual tour of the co-working space at ITC1

Discussion panel „Corona & Co-Working: A controversy?”

We look forward to your active participation. What are your needs for the working world of the future?

The event will take place virtually and is free of charge. Register now in the DIT registration portal and be there on the 14th.



New Professors

DR. MED. MICHAEL FREY

Faculty Applied Healthcare Sciences



Alumna/Alumnus of:
 Fachschule Munich, degree in social work. Social Pedagogy 2000; Ludwig-Maximilians-University, State Examination in Human Medicine 2010

Doctorate in:
 Doctorate in Medicine at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (2010).

Topic:
 Integration and evaluation of a teaching method on Breaking Bad News. Effect of the teaching method on the inhibition of medical students to conduct a conversation to convey a serious diagnosis.

Professional Stages:
 Worked as a social pedagogue from 2000-2010 in adult psychiatry at the Psychiatric Crisis and Treatment Centre Atriumhaus and as part of the Psychiatry Crisis Service Munich. 2003 Start of medical studies, after graduation start of residency training at the Clinic and Polyclinic for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Psychosomatics and Psychotherapy at the LMU. 2012-2013 for one year as a resident at the paediatric clinic in the Dr. von Haunerschen Kinderhospital (LMU). After completing his specialist training as a child and adolescent psychiatrist in 2016, worked as a senior physician at the Clinic and Polyclinic for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Psychosomatics and Psychotherapy at the LMU. Since 2011, he has worked as a freelance reference on psychiatric crisis intervention in children, adolescents and adults, child and adolescent psychiatric clinical pictures and therapeutic approaches.

At the DIT for (faculty/subject area):
 Applied Health Sciences, Department of Biopsychosocial Medicine

What do you particularly appreciate about the DIT:
 The great innovative power!

Favourite holiday destination:
 Spain

PROF. DR. MOUZHIGE

Faculty European Campus Rottal-Inn



Studies and doctorate:
 Computer Science, Dublin City University in Ireland

Doctorate in:
 Law

Professional background:
 Dublin, Brno, Boston, Dortmund and Munich

At DIT for (faculty/subject area):
 ECRI/Data Analytics in Health Economy

What do you particularly appreciate about the DIT:
 Especially the diversity, internationality and impartiality have fascinated me at DIT.

Special projects:
 One of my research results is a health-conscious food recommendation system that can contribute to our healthier lives. This recommendation system was presented in the World EXPO in Milan in 2015.

Favourite holiday destination:
 None in particular, preferably with a beach, ideally with a German beer, but with childcare is already a luxury



New Professors

PROF. JÜRGEN WITTMANN

Faculty Applied Natural Sciences and Industrial Engineering



Alumna/Alumnus of:

Diploma in Physics, University of Regensburg, 1995.

Professional background:

Infineon Regensburg Product Engineering, 1 year;
 Infineon East Fishkill, NY, Technology Development, 3.5 years;
 Infineon Mch Perlach, Quality Management, 2 years;
 Infineon Dresden, Technology Development, 9 months;
 Infineon Munich, Head of Technical Procurement Silicon Base Material, 4 years;
 Qimonda Munich, Head of Quality Management Business Unit Personal Systems, 2 years;
 centrotherm photovoltaics AG, Blaubeuren near Ulm, Head of Quality Management & Occupational Safety, Beuth Hochschule Berlin, Professor, 10 years;
 Deggendorf Institute of Technology Institute of Technology, Cham Campus

At DIT for (faculty/subject area):

Cham Campus, NuW, „Design of intelligent sensor/ actuator systems“.

What do you particularly appreciate about DIT:

„something is happening here“, good facilities, Cham campus with international orientation

Special projects:

Sensor technology: investigation of sensor quality and reliability and machine learning methods in the quality and manufacturing environment

Favourite holiday destination

Italy, if Corona allows it

PROF. DR. CHRISTIAN MANDL

Faculty Applied Economics



Alumna/Alumnus of:

Technology- and Management-oriented Business Administration, Technical University of Munich

PhD in: Quantitative Methods for the Optimisation of Procurement and Logistics Processes at the Chair of Logistics & Supply Chain Management, TU Munich.

Professional background:

Management consultant at McKinsey & Company in Munich; founder of the logistics start-up prelytico

At DIT for (Faculty/subject area):

Faculty of Applied Economics;
 Subject area: Procurement, Logistics & Supply Chain Management and Financial Management

What do you particularly appreciate about DIT:

The beautiful campus between the Danube and the Bavarian Forest as well as the exciting research topics at the technology campuses.

Special projects: Since I am new at DIT, I am still brainstorming. In the past, I have worked intensively on the potential of Big Data and Machine Learning to optimise procurement and logistics processes. This is a topic that I would like to continue in the future together with regional companies.

Favourite holiday destination: Since my guest stay at Cornell University, the north-east of the USA has been high on my list.



New Professors

FRAU PROF. DR. KRISTINA WANIECK

Faculty Applied Computer Science



Alumna/Alumnus of: Biology studies, Diploma degree 2006, KIT - Karlsruhe Institute of Technology.

PhD in: Bionics, degree: Dr. rer.nat., at the TU Munich at the Straubing site

Professional background:

Research assistant at KIT 2006-2008; since 2009 at DIT in the Bionics working group headed by Prof. Dr. Martin Aust, research assistant, at the Technology Campus Freyung; 2010 Further training as „Manager for Innovation and Product Development“ (WIFI Unternehmer-Akademie and IHK Niederbayern); 2014-2020 Doctorate on „Bionics as a systematic methodology for product development and innovation“; 2021 Appointment as Professor for Bionics and Innovation

At DIT for (Faculty/subject area): Bionics and Innovation, Faculty of Applied Computer Science, Technology Campus Freyung

What do you particularly appreciate about DIT:

The overall university atmosphere, the practical orientation of the degree programmes, the combination of research and teaching, the opportunity to work at one of the campus locations

Special projects:

Participation in VDI committee and ISO committee for the development of guidelines and international standards on bionics; 2015: Visiting scientist activity in Paris and Canada; 2019: Participation in expert workshop at NASA, Cleveland, Ohio; 2019-2022: BayBionics - From Nature to Technology project network (www.baybionik.de): how academic research can lead to innovative and nature-inspired engineering products that take environmental protection into account; and all other previous projects, because they led me here

Favourite holiday destination: India, as that is where my partner's home is.

HERR PROF. DR. ROLAND PLATZ

Faculty Applied Natural Sciences and Industrial



Alumna/Alumnus of: Mechanical Engineering, 1998, TU Berlin

PhD in: Rotordynamics, TU Darmstadt

Professional background:

TU Darmstadt (1998-2008), Fraunhofer Institute for Structural Durability and System Reliability LBF in Darmstadt (2008 to 2019), Penn State University in State College, USA (2019-2021) in the area of Active Vibration Isolation in the Department for Architectural Engineering.

At DIT for (Faculty/Topic Area):

Applied Science and Industrial Engineering/Motion Dynamics and Design.

What do you particularly appreciate about DIT:

I appreciate that, as a university of applied sciences, it invests more than average in research and offers me an environment to further develop my application-oriented research topics and to profitably incorporate them into industry and teaching.

Special projects: Reliability testing for high-voltage batteries for e-vehicles and the Collaborative Research Centre SFB 805: Control of Uncertainty of Load-Bearing Systems in Mechanical Engineering, funded by the German Research Foundation DFG. In the latter, especially active stability and vibration control in structural systems.

Favourite holiday destination: There are many, impossible to choose one.



New Professors

PROF. DR. JAVIER VALDES

Faculty Applied Computer Science

**Alumna/Alumnus of:**

Economics of Energy and Sustainable Development (Universite Pierre Mendes France - University of Grenoble, 2013).

PhD in:

Economics and Management of Innovation and Sustainability. Department Economics and management of Territory (Univeristy of Ferrara, 2017).

Professional background:

At the University of Ferrara I started my career as a researcher and I had the opportunity to do different research stays and work on different projects. After arriving in Germany, I first worked at the European Patent Office before joining the Geoinformatics Group of the Technological Campus Freyung as a Senior Scientist.

At DIT for (Faculty/subject area):

Applied Informatics Institute of Applied Informatics (Technological Campus Freyung) Subject area: BigGeoData and Spatial-AI.

What do you particularly appreciate about DIT:

The freedom and support in developing research projects is enormous. As a Senior Scientist, I had the opportunity to develop various national and international projects, with different departments of the university involved by providing assistance. I also very much appreciate the close contact with DIT students, which goes beyond the exchange in seminars and lectures. I find their participation in the research projects in the form of internships and in the development of final projects to be an enrichment.

Special projects:

We are currently working on projects that are closely linked to improving areas with low population density and generating new business models and approaches that contribute to improving their attractiveness. In particular, we are dedicated to urban development projects in the field of digitalisation and sustainability with a focus on energy issues. These issues are fundamental because they force us to rethink the organisation of transport and energy systems, which have a major impact on the way activities are organised and carried out in these regions. In particular, I would like to promote the development of geographic databases for modelling energy systems. This is a very relevant topic nowadays, as we generate a lot of data that has a geographical dimension in one way or another, but we don't yet know how to fully incorporate it into energy systems modelling.

Favourite holiday destination:

Spain, for sure. That's how I get back to my roots. I visit my family there as often as I can and that helps me clear my head. Apart from that, there are of course many things for me to explore in Germany, the Bavarian Forest, for example, appeals to me because it exudes something wild, but also a tranquillity. I like to go hiking and afterwards I love to relax in front of the fireplace.



Anniversary

20 YEARS ALUMNINET E.V.



The network association for students and DIT graduates celebrates its birthday! Many exciting programme items are waiting for you in our anniversary year 2021!

AlumniNet e.V., the alumni and student association at DIT, celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2021.

Founded in 2001 by the first graduates of the university, the association is now the largest network of DIT with over 900 members. In addition to graduates and students, university staff are also part of the association. Networking, both professionally and privately, is the key to success and so easy for members of the association: whether at regulars' tables, joint trips or events at the university, our network is growing, both nationally and internationally.

A very special highlight are the annual business trips to alumni of DIT who organise tours of their companies in neighbouring countries or in Germany. Once on site, we also visit the city at the same time. In 2020, our business trip unfortunately had to be cancelled; the year before, we visited alumni at LaLaLab in Paris and at Mann + Hummel in Ludwigsburg. We hope to be able to make another joint trip to visit an alumna/alumnus in October, especially in this special year.

Furthermore, we regularly organise alumni talks, seminars for (young) professionals and many other great events, of course always in connection with the networking idea of our association.

Our anniversary year is characterised by many highlights for both student members and alumni. The highlight of this special year will be the 20th anniversary celebration in the Glass House at DIT on Saturday, 13 November 2021. In addition to the President of DIT, Prof. Peter Sperber, and other members of the university management, there will also be a key note speaker who will talk about successful networking and illustrate why alumni work at the university is so important. In addition, the 1,000th AlumniNet member will be honoured in this way, because reaching the number 1,000 in the anniversary year is the great goal of our association. The 1,000th member can look forward to a lifetime of membership free of charge. It can happen at any time, only a few new members are still missing. Part of the event is also the drawing of the big anniversary raffle. We are looking forward to many participants! Further

information and the official invitation to the event will follow shortly.

Of course, especially our long-standing members should not miss out in this special year. At this year's Dies Academicus we want to honour loyal members in a special way. The selected people will receive the invitation in the coming weeks.

You are not yet a member and are interested in the AlumniNet association? You can find more information and the possibility to register here: alumninet.th-deg.de



20 YEARS ALUMNINET E.V.

Get to know our Alumni

- 5 virtual Alumni Talks
- Business Trip
- Company visits (e.g. adidas, Playmobil)

Look forward to our anniversary promotions

- 1000th member - no fee for life
- Film „20 Years AlumniNet“
- 20th anniversary raffle
- Virtual „Get together“ with all AlumniNet scholarship holders

Educate yourself

- 8 virtual seminars
- 3 seminars for (Young) Professionals

Celebrate with us

- 20-year celebration at the Open Day
- Honouring at the Dies Academicus
- Graduation ceremony
- Grand 20th anniversary event with member honours, Key Note Speaker and Raffle



EVENTS

Online SYP: Boost your digital performance

**Thurs, 15 April 2021
6 - 7.30 pm***

For AlumniNet members, participation is free of charge,
Non-members pay € 50.00
for the course.

This online seminar helps you to be optimally prepared for work in the virtual world, to appear professionally in the virtual setting and to leave a positive impression.

A self-confident appearance in virtual contexts has many positive effects: Confidence in front of the camera helps to leave a professional impression and to convey content in such a way that it can be followed attentively. In addition, you are better remembered as a person.

In this digital training, self-presentation and impact skills are taught and tested interactively. The focus is on optimising

verbal and non-verbal communication skills, especially in the virtual space and in contact with customers, colleagues and other stakeholders. Participants will gain a higher degree of confidence, avoid typical (sometimes unconscious) missteps and be able to better develop their impact and use it in a more targeted way in the future.

The online course „Boost your digital performance - convincing self-presentation and impact in video conferences“ will take place on Thursday, 15 April 2021 from 6 - 7.30 pm.

In our Alumni Talks series (before: „The Best Jobs in the World“), DIT alumni who work in management positions and/or interesting companies talk about their professional activities and how they got there. They provide insights into their daily work and give students and young graduates tips for their professional future.

In our start-up series, we invite alumni who have already successfully founded a company and would like to share their experiences with us.

In the approximately 45-minute presentation, the alumnus/alumna briefly introduce their company and discuss the motivation that led them to take this step. In addition, our alumni will then answer everything that concerns the participants on the topic of business start-ups in a relaxed round of talks. The StartUp Campus team will also be there to answer any questions that may arise on the topic.

Alumni Founder Talk (in cooperation with the DIT Startup Campus)

**on Tue, 20 April 2021 from
6pm - Lisa Praeg,
Office for Collaborative
Culture**

**By registering you agree to our seminar guidelines (see homepage).*



EVENTS

The workshop „Goals, Time and Self-Management“ will take place on Saturday, 23 October 2021 from 10 am to 5 pm at DIT. The seminar is free of charge for AlumniNet members. For non-members, the cost is € 50.

To make the best use of your time and achieve goals as stress-free as possible, you need good self-organisation. Running after time, getting bogged down in trivialities, no longer being in control of your own time, triggers stress and excessive demands. However, it is amazingly easy to improve work processes, your own working style and personal time planning. Take a critical look at your own working style and optimise your individual working methods and self-organisation.

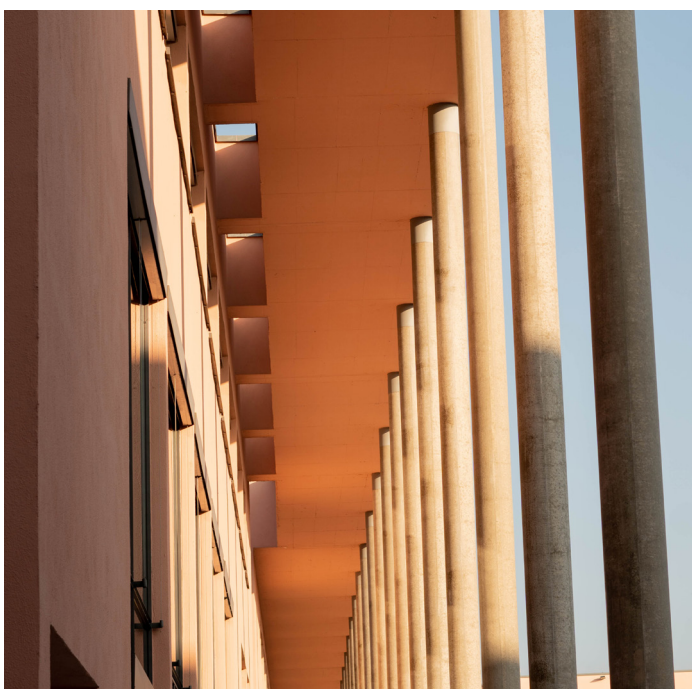
(Should there still be room:) Contents of the workshop:

- Analysis of your own working style and self-organisation
- Different methods of setting priorities
- Recognising and using opportunities for optimisation
- Analysing and eliminating waste of time and eliminate them
- Beat procrastination
- Clearly define tasks
- Organise meetings effectively
- Successful communication - concise and to the point
- Principles of precise and motivating delegation

SYP:
Goals, time and
Self-Management

on Saturday, 23 October 2021
from 10 am at DIT*

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UWS

10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF OUR DOCTORAL PROGRAMME WITH THE UWS



PhD students in the cooperation programme UWS (from left to right): Dr. Sarah Schöllhammer, Zeljko Loncaric (still doing his doctorate), Dr. Michael Kozak, Dr Susanne Reimann

Dr. Susanne Reimann

The Deggendorf Institute of Technology (DIT) has had a cooperative doctoral programme with the University of the West of Scotland (UWS) since 2011. The University of the West of Scotland is a university located in the west and southwest of Scotland. It has campuses in Paisley, Ayr, Hamilton, Dumfries and the Docklands area of London. Doctoral students are supervised at both universities as part of the programme and are awarded the title PhD upon successful completion. Due to the increasing internationalisation of science, the PhD, which is much more widespread in the English-speaking world than the traditional doctoral title, is becoming more and more important. In Germany, the PhD may not only be used as a doctoral title, it is even recognised as a habilitation equivalent at some universities.

The PhD can be completed either full-time (approx. 3 years) or part-time (approx. 7 years). The programme is therefore also explicitly aimed at

external doctoral students who are planning a part-time doctorate. A great advantage is that the doctoral students have two supervisors right from the start - one from DIT and one from UWS. Due to the intensive supervision by both institutions, excellent scientific quality of the dissertations is thus ensured. In addition, the International PhD Research Conference takes place once a year in Scotland, where you can exchange ideas on methodological and organisational issues through networking with other PhD students from different countries.

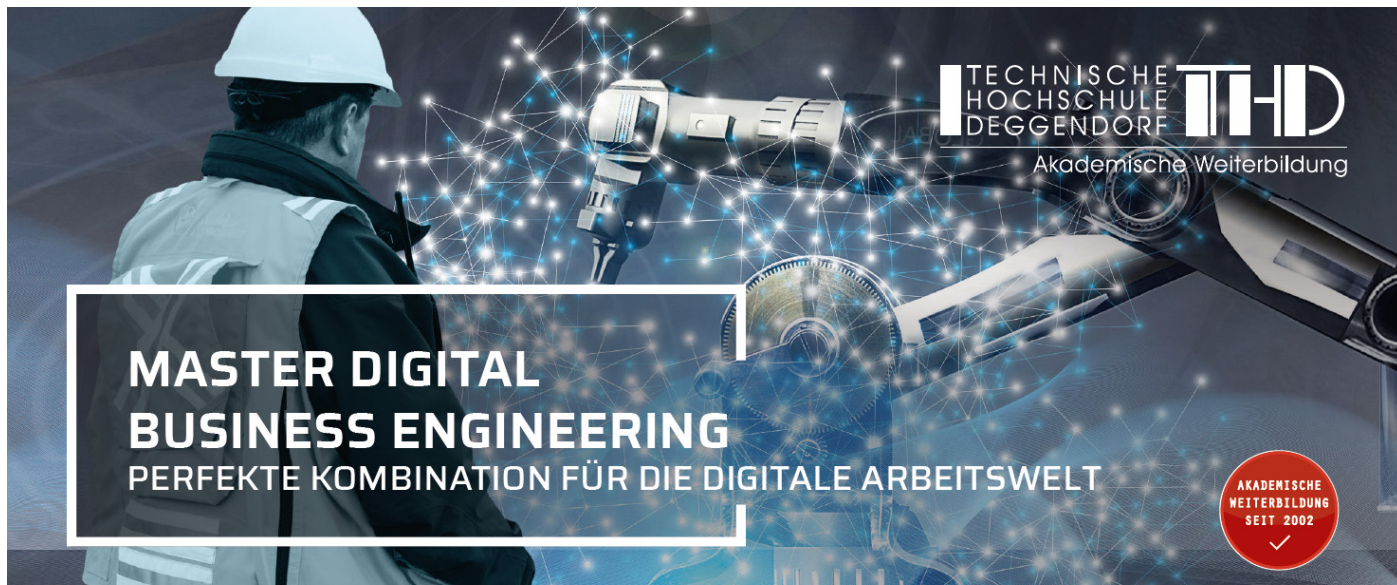
Brexit has so far not affected the costs of the programme with regard to UWS. The current conditions, which apply from the start of each PhD for its entire duration, will remain unchanged until at least March 2022. The tuition fees for part-time PhDs will remain at €1,500 per academic year until then.

Interested people with a Master's degree can find information about the PhD programme on the DIT website

(<https://www.th-deg.de/en/research/doctorate>). The DIT Graduate Centre (graduierzentrum@th-deg.de) provides further information about the programme and can help in the search for supervising professors at DIT. Interested students from the departments of Finance or International Management can also contact Prof. Dr. Adrian Hubel directly (adrian.hubel@th-deg.de).



NEW PART-TIME MASTER'S PROGRAMME "DIGITAL BUSINESS ENGINEERING"



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Specialist engineering knowledge combined with digital components and management know-how is unbeatable in today's working world. Engineers, computer scientists and natural scientists think in dynamic processes and are therefore in high demand for top positions. This is exactly where the Centre for Academic Further Education at the Deggendorf Institute of Technology (DIT) comes in and has launched a new part-time Master's programme in Engineering. Digital Business Engineering is scheduled to start for the first time in September 2021. In April and June, interested people can find out more during an online info evening.

Frank Thelen, European series founder, tech investor and TV personality, especially known for the show „Die Höhle der Löwen“ (The Lion's Den), has the following to say about the new part-time Master's programme at DIT: "Our future is digital. We will see many new business models based on digital solutions in the next few years. If you look into the possibilities early on, you will be offered many great opportunities in this field."

The special feature of this Master's is the individual focus through subject-specific elective modules and the unification of the three fields of competence:

- Innovation & Engineering
- Digitalisation & Information Technology
- Management & Business Administration.

This opens up a wide range of fields of application in companies for graduates. The degree programme is deliberately designed so that participants can combine it with their professional and private lives. In terms of content, the extra-occupational orientation gives students the opportunity to deal specifically with matters from the company. In addition, the small study groups create a very good network, which makes it possible to discuss current topics from one's own professional life with fellow students and lecturers during lectures and seminars. The lecturers are also experienced practitioners and specialists in their fields.

The contents as well as the structure of the Master's in Digital Business Engineering are designed to produce highly qualified and motivated graduates who not only have engineering skills but can also combine these with economic, entrepreneurial and IT-based expertise. Future programme director and lecturer in the Master's programme Prof. Dr.

Peter Firsching adds: „The focus is on engineering methods combined with the know-how for IT-based value-added processes as well as the technical and strategic know-how for the comprehensive computerisation of companies. Selected contents are, for example, the use of modern IT solutions, technology development, the interaction of man and machine as well as methods of artificial intelligence.“

The Master Digital Business Engineering will start for the first time in September 2021.

All applicants with a first degree in engineering or computer science are eligible for admission. Those interested can find out more at the online information evening on Tuesday, 27 April and Thursday, 10 June, both at 6 pm. You will receive the access link and further information by e-mail from Corina Welsch: corina.welsch@th-deg.de.





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