

## Press Release

### TU9 – A Voice for Engineering for 15 Years

TU9 celebrates its birthday with launch of new website

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On January 26, 2006, an informal exchange between the heads of nine leading Technical Universities became the TU9 Alliance. For 15 years now, TU9 has embodied forward-looking, creative research in engineering and the natural sciences and has been acting as an advocacy group among partners from science, industry and politics.

A reason to celebrate – and as we can't raise our glasses together just yet, it seems only fitting against the current backdrop that there is a digital birthday present: the TU9 Alliance unveils its new website just in time for its birthday: [www.tu9.de/en](http://www.tu9.de/en).

"The TU9 Alliance consists of strong partners," emphasizes Prof. Dr.-Ing. Wolfram Ressel, TU9 President and Rector of the University of Stuttgart. "The research and teaching achievements of the TU9 Universities at the forefront of scientific and technological progress are a guarantee for the prosperous development of our society and receive much attention worldwide. The TU9 Universities are characterized by their enormous research dynamics and high reflective power. They also take a critical look at the economic and societal impact on technology acceptance. This merit is particularly evident in the current crisis situation of the Corona pandemic."

"The trusting exchange among colleagues, who are often competitors in everyday scientific competition, is a highly highly appreciated added value of our Alliance for all TU9 Universities. As TU9, we join forces and work nationally and internationally for German Engineering and the success of Germany as a science location," says the TU9 President. In 2011, the TU9 Alliance received the Award for University Communication and in 2012 the Location Initiative Award "365 Landmarks in the Land of Ideas" for its commitment.

The Alliance recruits the brightest minds at all career levels worldwide. The *TU9-ING-Woche*, a Study Exploration Week, has been an offer for students interested in STEM since 2011 and the *TU9-DAAD Innovation Week*, offers a workshop for young entrepreneurs with a start-up idea since 2019. With joint events and booths at international conferences and science fairs or on delegation trips, TU9 recruits young scientists on their way to professorships.

In the past 15 years, the TU9 Alliance has also repeatedly taken a position on science policy issues in Position Papers and Guidelines, whether on STEM subjects, digital teaching, open access, the Vocational Training Act or academic life in times of pandemics.

As of now, the TU9 Alliance offers *TU9 News by Email* to inform interested parties about new publications, projects, calls for proposals and events (<https://www.tu9.de/en/maillinglist/subscribe/>)

#### About TU9

TU9 is the Alliance of leading Universities of Technology in Germany: RWTH Aachen University, Technische Universität Berlin, Technische Universität Braunschweig, Technical University of Darmstadt, Technische Universität Dresden, Leibniz University Hannover, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Technical University of Munich, and University of Stuttgart.



Tradition, excellence, and innovation are the hallmarks of TU9 Universities. Founded during the Industrial Age, they contributed decisively to technological progress back then and continue to do so today. They enjoy an outstanding reputation around the world as renowned research and teaching institutions that promote the transfer of knowledge and technology between universities and practice. As such, they train exceptional young academics for careers in science, business, and administration and assume social responsibility. TU9 Universities foster top-class international networks and diverse cooperation with industry, making them a key element of Germany's position as a location of science and innovation.