



Editorial

Dear World CUR Alumni, dear readers,

The World CUR team is very pleased to present you this special edition of the “forsch!” journal dedicated to the 2nd World Congress on Undergraduate Research.

The aim of the 2nd World Congress on Undergraduate Research was to increase the relevance of undergraduate research, to set an example for the increasing participation of young people in world affairs and to offer young scientists as well as program coordinators and faculty members a platform for exchange and joint project development. This special edition of “forsch!” is dedicated to this goal and thus we are happy about the numerous high-quality submissions. Even one year after the event our community from 35 countries and over 100 institutions is still active and busy!

The present edition is divided into two parts: The first part of the publication contains the **SESSION REPORTS**, which were written by faculty members¹ who were present during oral sessions as experts in a given sessions’ topics. Those reports provide an overview about the presentations as well as the general discussions after. The second part consists of the **ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS** of student participants, which have successfully passed the scientific review process for this special issue.

As with the presentations at the World Congress, we have structured the contributions in this issue according to the six **RESEARCH THEMES**: Environment, Global Health, Economy, Communications, Politics, and The World We Create. This applies for both, the session reports as well as for the academic contributions.

Taken together, the session reports and academic contributions give us the picture of an enormously diverse, highly qualified and critical research community in which both committed young scientists and passionate mentors make their valuable contributions.

¹ Some of the session reports were written by Glenn Arthur Ricci, a staff member of the forsch! editorial team. Therefore, these are rather summaries outlining the presentations of a session.



We hope that the World Congress on Undergraduate Research was and will be a substantial opportunity for young academics as well as faculty members and program coordinators. This special issue is the final expression of the 2019 convention. For some authors this might have been the first academic publication – hopefully to be followed by many more innovative and meaningful research projects!

We like to thank all participants of the World CUR 2019 for their presentations, all authors of this issue for their dedication and engagement, and all reviewers for their essential support.

The World CUR 2019 team wishes you an insightful and interesting reading!

Warm regards

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