

## Review of the Year

**IPU President Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz looks back on 2021**

**Dear students, dear colleagues, dear partners and friends of the IPU,**

in looking back on the 2021 year, which is coming to an end, I can really only provide a review for the last seven months, as I only joined the IPU and its university management on 1 June. But in the weeks before that, I was welcomed by a smooth, gentle transition, which my predecessor Lilli Gast made possible in such a collegial and caring way. That is why this review also begins with a heartfelt thank you to her. We bid her a fond farewell on 7 October in conjunction with my inauguration.

*Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz took up the office of IPU Berlin President in July 2021. His background is in educational sciences, and he was previously head of the Institute for University Research in Wittenberg, president of the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, and Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs in Saxony-Anhalt.*



This date was surrounded by some challenging months. The pandemic, in particular, has proved to be a challenge. Everyone felt relief when we were able to return to in-person operations, albeit with great caution. This university is a vibrant community that revolves around science and academics, practices them, and communicates them. That is only possible to a limited extent in a digital mode, even though an online format has certainly opened up new possibilities for us. But my (and our) greatest wish for the new year is to get back to an “analog” academic normalcy.

Despite all the restrictions, university life continued in a vital way throughout the year. In addition to teaching and advances in various research projects, academic life has been enriched by numerous academic events

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## Events

### IPU Information Session for prospective students

Online event  
27 January | 5 pm



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