

Alumni-Verein der Rochus und Beatrice Mummert-Stiftung e.V.

# ALUMNI NEWS

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# To become a member

If you are not a member yet, write an email at: <u>kiss@mummert-alumni.de</u> Dear members, partners and friends of the Mummert Alumni-Association,

Soon, another year is at its end, therefore – as in the previous years – the Board and the Management of the Alumni-Association would like to inform you about the news within the association in this newsletter.

2021 has been the second year of the COVID pandemic which we have witnessed. This year we kept on following the situation of the pandemic thoroughly and addressed the resulting challenges by experimenting with offering our events in new formats. One of our experiments of this year were the Mummert Talks; a fireside chat in exclusively online format, where our members can discuss about their interests, current issues, and developments in their lives – either professional or private.

Furthermore, we have organised a hybrid event for the first time: the Leadership Summer School in August 2021 was partially an online and partially a physical meeting within the regions. In the end of the year, our annual General Assembly of the members took place as an online meeting.

We hope you enjoy reading about our current activities. We would be glad to receive your feedback on our report on the following email address vorstand@mummert-alumni.de.

Hereby we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Best regards,

Brigitta Leitold (née Bóka, Chairperson), Sanja Vukanic, Eszter Kiss, László Leitold // Board of the Alumni Association of the Rochus and Beatrice Mummert Foundation

#### **Mummert Talks**

We have established a new online format, "Mummert Talks" for the Alumni: we came together this year for two Zoom fireside chats to hear the story of an Alumnus or an Alumna. Our goal is to have interesting conversations in a casual atmosphere, maintain contacts in the Mummert community and inspire each other. The pilot event took place with Nikola Jelicic in March. His topics were business consulting vs. management consulting, digitisation in banking vs. manufacturing industry, Vienna and Central-Eastern Europe. In the second event in June, Ilona Sonnevend told us about Supply Chains in the COVID pandemic, the lessons learned and the path forward. Both evenings led to interesting discussions and it was nice to meet each other, at least virtually.

After the successful introduction of "Mummert-Stories" with Nikola and Ilona, we would like to organise further fireside chats next year to learn about other exciting stories. If you would like to tell us your own story, suggest someone from the Alumni community, or you are interested in given topics but are not sure who has the suitable background, feel free to contact the Board. We will consider your ideas in our plan for the upcoming months.

#### **Regional meeting in Prague, June 2021**

At the end of June, five association members (Zuzana, Tereza, Jiri, Petr and Stanislav) met with their children and partners. At the invitation to the Simek family, we discussed a lot in a relaxed atmosphere about current issues, including culture in the United Arab Emirates, where Jiri is currently working on a project. The association members reminisced about common experiences and talked about future meetings.



## Board & Advisory Board Meeting in Frankfurt, July 2021

The Board and the Advisory Board met on July 10 for a meeting in Frankfurt, where we discussed the current developments within the Association.

Apart from the operative topics, such as the reports on the Mummert Talks and the Leadership Summer School, further strategic topics were addressed and discussed in detail, such as the finances of the organisation and the structure of the board and management for the upcoming years.



#### Leadership Summer School, August 2021

This year the LSS took place for the third time. Due to the cancellation of the event last year and because the realisation in Stuttgart in summer 2021 was not possible again, the organising team decided to try a hybrid version. The first half of the event took place completely via Zoom. Mr. Rossig from Holz Consulting and and Mr. Brosch from Horvath and Partners conducted their seminars online. During these three days, the participants dealt with the usual topics: Personal Development, Project Management, Conflict Management and Vision-Mission-Strategy.

The last two days were organised offline, in Warsaw, Sofia and Novi Sad. Thanks to the mentors (Isidora Gatarić and Sanja Vukanić in Serbia, Mikolaj Zurek in Poland and Simona Dakova in Bulgaria) who welcomed the students on the spot, it was possible for the participants to exchange ideas in person. They successfully worked on the Rimowa case study and presented the results on the last day using the "Miro" tool.

The feedback after the LSS was very positive, but



still indicates that a face-to-face event would be preferred. We hope that the pandemic in 2022 will allow us to organise the next Leadership Summer School in Stuttgart again. The new project leader is Laszlo Leitold, a former Summer School participant, who will be very happy to receive your applications to the organising team at the following email address: <u>laszlo.leitold@mummert-alumni.de</u>.

## **BAN Learning Journey for Community Building**

In June 2021, altogether 15 representatives of Associations and Alumni Clubs within the Bosch Alumni Network were invited to participate in a Learning Journey for Community Building. The event series was organised by the International Alumni Center (iac Berlin) and was supported by a Community Builder. The goal of the seminars was to provide knowledge and ideas on Community Management and Community Hosting to the organisations.

The Learning Journey consisted of four seminars where Brigitta Leitold (née Bóka) participated as a representative of the management of our Association. The platform around the Bosch Alumni Network and the International Alumni Center provides our Association excellent opportunities to learn and grow, to network with alumni from similar programs, and to exchange our knowledge with each other.

#### Online General Assembly of the members, November 2021

On November 28th, the General Assembly of the members took place in a virtual format via Zoom platform. The Board reported on developments in the areas of Vision, Mission, Membership Management, Finance, Event Management and Marketing & Communication. The membership fee for 2022 was set at 30 EUR.

After the event, the members had the opportunity to influence the future of the association through an online survey in which 39 members participated. Eszter Kiss, Laszlo Leitold, Sanja Vukanic were elected as board members for the next two years, joining Brigitta Leitold (née Bóka). Natalia Horvathova joined the management team. Nora Orsolya Kovacs and Tünde Dombi will take care of the internal financial audit.

The year 2021 was reviewed by presenting the project Leadership Summer School 2021 and the event series Mummert-Talks.

# Outlook for the year 2022

Last but not least, we would like to cover some personnel changes within the Association. At the end of the year 2021 the assignment of four board members - Dorottya Bérci, Tünde Dombi, Sinziana Elisei and Nevenka Subakov, expired. Hereby, we would like to warmly thank them for their work and engagement, as well as wish them all the best for their future. As for the newly elected board members - Eszter Kiss, László Leitold and Sanja Vukanic, we wish you a lot of joy in the work for the organisation, together with Brigitta Leitold (née Bóka).

We will definitely take these experiences from 2021, in particular the developments and learnings from experimenting with the new formats, with us for the year 2022 in order to continue developing our ideas and formats. Our offers and the annual plan for 2022 will be adapted and communicated shortly after carefully examining the pandemic situation.

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