

**Dear colleagues,  
research partners and all those  
interested in our research,**

“On the right track together” is a suitable motto for my first foreword for our research magazine TU Graz research. In October 2023, I took over the Vice Rectorate for Research from the incumbent Rector, Horst Bischof, and thus took on an exciting task with huge responsibility for one of the strongest and most innovative universities in Austria in terms of research.

I have learnt and experienced a lot of new things in these first three months. With joy and curiosity, and on an almost daily basis, I gained on an almost daily basis insights into new fields of research, research centres, central research infrastructure and much more. My visits to faculties and institutes, the exchange with the excellent researchers and – last but not least – the warm welcome I received, not only made my start at TU Graz easier, but enriched it immensely.

That TU Graz is a top university was not news to me. But being there now on the ground – in the midst of university life – I am nonetheless impressed by the outstanding achievements of the faculties and institutes, in cooperation with partners from science and industry in a national and European context. I am therefore delighted to present some of our latest research projects and innovations in this issue of TU Graz research.

For me, it is a privilege to play an active role in ensuring that we at TU Graz stay on track and continue to set the right course in a dynamic, competitive and constantly evolving research environment.

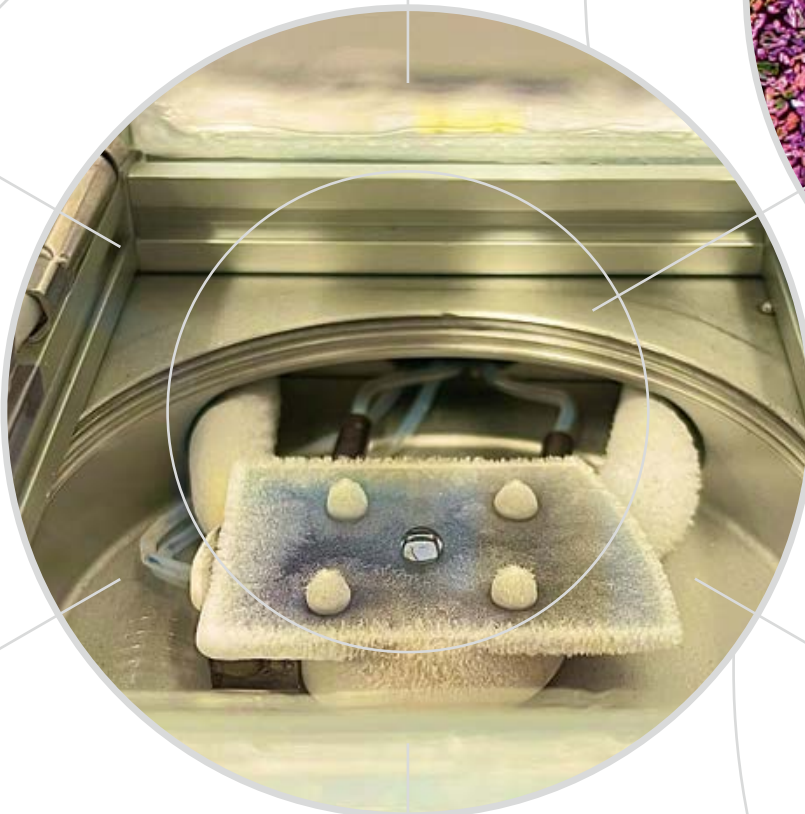
On behalf of TU Graz, I wish you a good start to the new year.

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