

To all students
of TUHH

Präsident
Prof. Dr. Ed Brinksma

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Dear students of the TUHH,

confident that you are all well and staying healthy, and with all good wishes for those who are directly and personally affected by the effects of the coronavirus, I would like to write a few words to you today.

We are all now in the second week of basic operation modus at the TUHH. Every day, the Presidential Board and the Crisis Committee collect news on the situation from all areas of the TUHH, every day we re-evaluate the situation and plan necessary measures and instruments in order to keep an eye on the near future of the TUHH in normal operation modus.

At this point, I would like to start by expressing my warm, sincere and extremely great thanks to you all:

First of all for patiently enduring the still difficult situation of the suspended teaching activities at least until April 20, 2020. I would like to thank you for your great understanding that you are willing and obliged to meet all of our service areas that want and need to find solutions for you, so that study periods are not automatically extended, so that cases of hardship are avoided as far as possible and so that regular operations can be resumed.

All TUHH employees are working flat out to ensure that TUHH can return to regular operations as soon as we are allowed to do so. At the same time, we are preparing to ensure that teaching can be started as far as possible, or better still, completely digitally. We are also preparing to make up for the cancelled examinations in March and to schedule them firmly. At the appropriate time I will give you immediate news on this.

I am very optimistic that we will be able to manage all this and that we will be able to keep to a semester start on April 20.

Creative and technically sustainable solutions will be developed in all areas of the TUHH under the greatest time pressure and with the greatest possible focus.

We still have very few cases of illness or quarantine (a total of 11) of TUHH members, but we have to be prepared for the fact that this number will not necessarily remain as

low as it is now. But I am also confident that the number of people affected among you will remain low if the contact restrictions are strictly adhered to.

However, no system can work on its own, so the many tips and ideas are a good stimulus for our work. Therefore, please stay in dialogue with your fellow students. And stay in dialogue with us. You are also welcome to send us your messages, suggestions and questions to corona-info@tuhh.de

We all together in the TUHH family will create a very special new future for the TUHH in this special time. When we then return to normal operations, this hard time will make us more awake, attentive and trusting for each other in the world. Stay nordic optimistic, stay as hungry and curious as possible about the future!

And please: Stay healthy and safe.

Yours

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ed Brinksma', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ed Brinksma