

New Year's Reception 2021 | Transfer Award

Film Transcript

Voice-Over:

Short distances between basic research and transfer. The professor of physical chemistry at the University of Potsdam has been using the connections in Golm for over 20 years. Equipment, competence profile and team spirit – fit together perfectly in this case.

Prof. Löhmannsröben:

There was no reason for me to go somewhere else.

Voice-Over:

In fact, he contributed to the further development of Golm as a location for innovation. He remembers the days when there was no underpass, only a bridge over the railroad tracks. Meanwhile, Science Park Potsdam and the university's Golm campus have become closely intertwined. His most memorable experience was when he received the funding notification for the Center for Innovation Competence.

Prof. Löhmannsröben:

That was in 2008. This is a large research project in cooperation with the astrophysics department here in Potsdam and has been running for 12 years now and is actually our most important research activity. In addition, of course, and this is all connected: We succeeded in taking over this new building – initially conceived as a photonics center. That included a 10-year preparation period, quite time-consuming, but it was worth it because we have a really great infrastructure, really great premises.

Voice-Over:

His colleagues share his passion for research, transfer and numerous projects with the industry. Physical chemist Dr. Oliver Reich has known Hans-Gerd Löhmannsröben for 20 years.

Dr. Oliver Reich:

You can really depend on him. On the one hand, in terms of confidentiality and things that have been agreed upon and that are not necessarily fixed in a contract. He has a lot of curiosity and almost no mountain is too steep for him.

Voice-Over:

Dr. Lena Bressel attended his lectures as a student and he supervised her during her doctoral studies. Now, she works in the laboratory in Golm, with an excellent view over the Science Park. She wouldn't want to miss this atmosphere, also because many things go hand in hand. But she would like to increase the number of exchanges with others.

Dr. Lena Bressel:

It would help us if we had more contact with others. That is, if we could open the laboratory to others. Maybe not only for our samples we want to test, but also for others, so that they can come here to test theirs – which we often try, but does not always work. But if we could intensify that, that would be nice.

Voice-Over:

Researchers from all over the world work here under one roof. Dr. Kalaga Madhav from the AIP leads a team in which 13 nations are represented.

Dr. Kalaga Madhav:

When I see him he is always laughing and smiling. I believe that breaks the ice immediately. And I think that kickstarts everything else after that. Nobody is more approachable. I think that is what we like most about him.

Voice-Over:

Löhmannsröben has always had transfer on his mind. He tackles theories, which he then wants to put to use. For this commitment, he receives the Potsdam Transfer Technology Transfer Award granted by Potsdam Transfer – for his life's work...

Laudation Prof. Uta Herbst:

Prof. Löhmannsröben has been a professor of physical chemistry at the University of Potsdam since 2000 and has worked harder than anyone else to transfer his research into practice. His work therefore always proceeds from an initial basic idea to a concrete technology – in other words: from the very first research results to concrete economic application. In doing so, he has often collaborated inter-disciplinarily and also across institutions in order to make his findings available for practical application. Dear Mr. Löhmannsröben, I am delighted that you are this year's award winner and would like to congratulate you from the bottom of my heart.

Prof. Löhmannsröben:

The responsibility of a university teacher is, of course, also to ensure that the people, the graduates, have good job opportunities, and this often succeeds in cooperation with industry partners. Because not all graduates go into academic research. That is one of my goals as a university teacher.

Voice-Over:

He wants to continue to accompany transfer processes in order to ensure that the university's cooperation projects with non-university institutions become even more closely interconnected by 2028.