Order from the Rector
(in connection with coronavirus)

Authorization for business trips cancelled / if necessary, to be reapplied for

Visitors of the university
Events
Research and training facilities

Ladies and Gentlemen, university members,

in the current situation the number of crisis regions is increasing to such an extent that we can no longer maintain the old system of autonomous decision-making in some areas. In particular, the closure of national borders, cancellation of flights, further spread of infections etc. have led to an increase in (travel) insecurity, which unfortunately makes new measures necessary. A large proportion of our employees are already in house quarantine after returning from holiday and business trips. Ensuring the functioning of the university must have absolute priority. I therefore order the following measures:

- With immediate effect (13 March 2020), all business trip authorizations already issued for business trips not yet taken are cancelled. This applies to all employees of TU Bergakademie Freiberg. It does not matter by whom the business trip authorization (approval of the business trip) was issued. In particularly urgent cases, the request for an authorization can be resubmitted. In agreement with the Chancellor or the Rector, the business trip authorization should only be issued if the business trip is essential for the maintenance of research and teaching or the functioning of the university and cannot be replaced by other means. For business trips which have not commenced and which are covered by this regulation of cancellation of the order, the previous accounting regulations shall apply.

- Secondary employment permits (Genehmigungen für Nebentätigkeit) for teaching activities abroad and in Germany outside of Saxony will be suspended with immediate effect if travel is involved. It should be examined whether suitable virtual formats can be used.

Der Rektor
13. March 2020
• Visits by invited persons (non-university members) who have not yet arrived are, with reference to the current situation, to be postponed indefinitely or the purpose of the visits is to be achieved via telephone and/or video conference (e.g. in the case of appeal proceedings).

• Events in rooms of the Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg which are not urgently necessary for the maintenance of research and teaching operations and which are not only attended by members of our university are hereby prohibited in the interest of maintaining the order of the university.

• The reading rooms of the university library will be closed from 14.03.2020 until further notice. The University Library provides information about an emergency operation, which is intended to serve primarily those students who can prove that they are currently working on a bachelor / master or diploma thesis.

• University sports will be suspended indefinitely from 14.03.2020. The USZ will look for ways to offer a sports programme that is adequate to the current conditions.

• Laboratories, test facilities and other research facilities must be operated in such a way that they can continue to be operated or closed in an orderly manner at any time in emergency operation while ensuring research and the safety of persons and facilities. The existing individual regulations for measures in this regard are to be observed.

• The terra mineralia will remain open for individual visitors for the time being. Group tours will not be conducted until further notice.

I regret these disturbances, but consider the measures to be unavoidable in the interest of the protection of our university staff and to maintain the necessary operation of the university. Please visit the homepage of the Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg for further information.

With kind regards

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Rektor