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Franz-W. Aumund

## Introduction from the Founder

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear Friends, Patrons and Partners,

During production of this annual report the worldwide coronavirus crisis began. Life was restricted in ways that had never before been experienced by the general public, and the economic consequences will only become clear over a period of time. This makes it even more important for us to show normality by issuing the annual report. We shall continue, no matter what!

Education shapes the future. This is what the Franz-W. Aumund Stiftung has been campaigning for over many years. But in reality, it is not always easy. Therefore, when selecting projects and initiatives, we constantly have to bear in mind what we are seeking to achieve. A major accomplishment of 2019 was the establishment of the new Aumund Foundation, as a strategic expansion dedicated in particular to supporting charitable, humanitarian and medical projects overseas. Katja Jüngst has been appointed Managing Director, as she already is of the Franz-W. Aumund Stiftung.

I am pleased to announce that Dr Silke Landwehrmann has accepted appointments to the Boards of both the Franz-W. Aumund-Stiftung and the Aumund Foundation. These will benefit from the support of the know-how and expertise of this experienced business leader from the HANIEL Group, one of the largest privately owned companies in Germany.

Alongside the work of the Foundations, the AUMUND Group also continues its social commitments. The subsidiary in China has been actively engaged in two

projects since last year, one is the “Cedar Foundation” project and the other is “Sun Village,” a school education and care programme for children whose parents have been imprisoned. AUMUND Managing Director Gang Gong keeps close contact to the funding partners and consequently assures part of the quality management for these projects. The 2019 “Welfare Annual Meeting” took place at the Cedar Charity Foundation. Once a year the team from AUMUND Beijing spends a full day on social volunteering. College students from poor rural regions receive financial help and practical support for a successful start to working life. In return, when they have graduated, they help out at schools in remote villages on a voluntary basis. The AUMUND team had the opportunity to spend the day exchanging experiences with the unsalaried teachers and the students. The passion and enthusiasm with which the teachers help their students impressed everyone.

As in all previous years, in 2019 scholarship students from AUMUND Fördertechnik ventured out of their familiar cultures. I am always pleased when my calls to experience other countries are followed.

With my best wishes for your good health

Franz-W. Aumund

“There’s no point in just being a good person,  
it depends on how you treat others.”

(Siddhartha Gautama Buddha)

# Establishment of the Aumund Foundation



**AUMUND Family Office "Weißer Rabe" -  
Head Office of the Foundation**

On 29th May 2019 the Aumund Foundation was recognised by the Düsseldorf Regional Government as an independent spend-down charitable foundation under civil law. This laid the groundwork for the significant expansion of foundation activities, because the Aumund Foundation will support projects not only in the areas of science and education, but also health projects all over the world. The combination of ensuring the physical wellbeing of children and young people with subsequent educational support is the coherent holistic approach taken.

## **The Concept of a Spend-Down Foundation**

Traditional foundations have been based for generations on the principle of perpetuity, meaning that assets of the foundation are to be preserved at their full value, with only the resulting income being able to be used to sustain and fulfil the objectives of the foundation. Continuing low interest rates, however, have presented many smaller foundations with the problem that earnings are no longer sufficient to fulfil their objectives.

The passing of a law in 2013 to promote and support volunteering made it easier to establish a spend-down foundation under the German Civil Code, as long as the foundation remains in existence for a minimum of ten years. Driven by the desire to donate considerable amounts for charitable purposes, Franz-W. Aumund established the new Aumund Foundation as a spend-down foundation which, in the coming decades, will progressively distribute all of its assets in the fulfilment of its objectives.

## **Objectives, Projects and Challenges**

As mentioned above, the Aumund Foundation will support projects in the areas of science and research, education and schooling, and in public health. All initiatives serve the purpose of changing lives and enabling young people to develop their personalities and skills without constraints.

As there could be many potential funding associates, the task now is to identify reputable project partners for sustainable and successful international operations. With the Germany-Vietnam Medical Support Association (DEVIEMED) and INTERPLAST Duisburg, the Aumund Foundation has already been able to lay the cornerstone of a trusted partnership. Both organisations exist through donations as well as the voluntary commitment of their members, and carry out humanitarian medical assignments which they combine with educational projects, aided by their respective local knowledge.

## **Organisation and Structure of the Aumund Foundation**

Alongside the Founder, Franz-Walter Aumund, Dr Silke Landwehrmann has been on the board of the Aumund Foundation since 1st January 2020. The Trustees of the Foundation, currently Dr Olaf Huth and Dr Cornelius Kruse, advise the Board and would be responsible in the event of the Founder's death for ensuring the objectives of the Foundation are preserved. Management of the Foundation's operations is carried out by Managing Director Katja Jüngst and Project Consultant Susanne Weiss.

## **开 AUMUND FOUNDATION**

The logo of the Foundation is a combination of the initials of the Founder, F and A. This creates a Chinese character which means "to open" and "to start". This logo is an excellent representation of the guiding principles of Franz-W. Aumund.





## Founder's Visit to The Sagar School in India

Since 2018 the Franz-W. Aumund Stiftung has been making it possible for two girls who had been orphaned to attend The Sagar School, a renowned boarding school in Rajasthan in India. The Founder took the opportunity during a business trip to get his own impression of the campus and of the philosophy of the school.

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” This is the motto that The Sagar School has dedicated itself to, so that the students learn to take social responsibility at an early age. The school helps socially disadvantaged women in a local village by teaching them a craft and giving indications on leading a healthy life. The students are regularly involved in this. Alongside its service to the less fortunate, The Sagar School also follows the other ideals of the “Round Square Schools,” an international network of schools based on the objectives and priorities of the German educationalist, Kurt Hahn.

During an extensive tour of the school, Franz-W. Aumund gained a positive impression of its international

nature, as well as its focus on an adventure-based learning approach. A group of The Sagar School girls proudly showed their classrooms and multimedia studios, where students from more than 20 Indian states and several other continents learn together in small groups. A particular emphasis is placed on encouraging sport, art and culture as well as extracurricular activities, in which the students can develop their individual potential. “I was convinced by the professionalism and the mindset of The Sagar School,” says the Founder. “We will increase our support and open the door to an autonomous future for two further orphaned children.”



**Franz-W. Aumund and Prasad Rao with the two scholarship students at the Sagar School.**

# Furthering Children's Development with the Diesterweg Scholarship

In close cooperation with the Polytechnic Foundation of Frankfurt am Main, the Franz-W. Aumund Stiftung has been supporting the Diesterweg Scholarship in Duisburg since 2015. Annika Julia Klement (11) and Awan Khedir (12) from Erich-Kästner Comprehensive School were among the graduates of the family scholarship last year. Its aim is to increase the educational opportunities of children with good performance potential, and to support their parents on subjects related to education.

This form of scholarship was initiated in 2008 by the Polytechnic Foundation of Frankfurt, and it has been awarded several times since. Its implementation in Duisburg has been carried out from the beginning by ZIUMA e.V. Centre for Integration and Migration. "The project is run for two years at a time and supports children and their families in the transitional phase between primary school and secondary school," explains Katja Jüngst, Managing Director of the Franz-W. Aumund Stiftung.

## Academy, Excursions and Meetings

Within the Diesterweg Scholarship six Saturday Academies take place every year on the topics of German language, mathematics, culture, art, literature, science, technology and theatre. Intensive language training and age-appropriate coaching in all of the subjects, by specialists working with educational institutes in Duisburg, are further characteristics of the content.

"We liked the trip to Berlin best, but the play we put on in the town theatre in Duisburg was great, too," agreed Annika and Awan. Parents' and children's gatherings, excursions and holiday courses as well as tutorials and home visits complete the programme for parents and children. "The Diesterweg Scholarship is aimed principally at children who show good potential for achievement at school, despite educational barriers such as German language deficiencies, financial difficulties, challenges faced by single parents, or lower levels of education in the family," says project team member Martin Möller, who together with project manager Ipek Gedik looks after the Diesterweg Scholarship for



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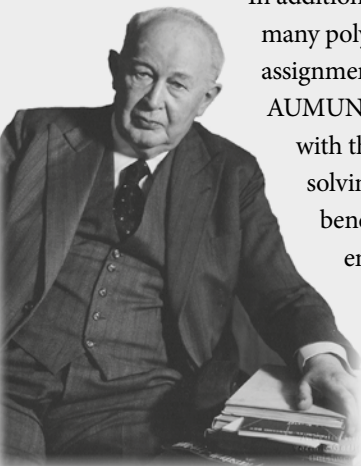
ZIUMA in the Duisburg suburb of Homberg. The Scholarship is now being used by the third generation of students. "For us this programme is exemplary in showing how education boosts the development of young people," explains Katja Jüngst. An impression which Martin Möller can only confirm, "It is astonishing what a positive influence participation in the activities has on the children." A very important aspect for him is the active participation of the parents in their children's educational path.





# Economics meets Science at AUMUND

AUMUND as a company is fast approaching its 100-year anniversary. The desire of the company founder, Professor Heinrich Aumund, to intensify the relationship between science and economics, is reflected more than ever on a day-to-day basis in the business.



Prof. Dr. -Ing. e.h. Heinrich Aumund

In addition to technical collaboration with many polytechnics and universities, student assignments have regularly been mentored by AUMUND since the 1990s. Young students with their unprejudiced views contribute to solving practical problems, and in return benefit from initial experience as budding engineers in a medium-sized heavy engineering company which operates internationally.

In particular the scholarship students of AUMUND Fördertechnik at Koblenz University of Applied Sciences have been taking

advantage for years of the chance to do their Bachelor's or Master's thesis in one of the AUMUND Group companies in Germany or overseas (see page 7). In 2019 Professor Detlev Borstell proudly celebrated ten years of awarding scholarships in his specialist area of mechanical engineering. A group of around 50 scholarship students who have been supported over periods of several years, culminating in their successful graduation, speaks for itself.

The partnership with Freiberg University of Mining and Technology, where scholarships have been awarded since 2014 is also growing and flourishing. In 2020 AUMUND will be installing a bucket elevator at the Institute of Processing Machines of the university, for trials and research purposes.

## 8th Scholarship Students and Alumni Meeting at AUMUND Fördertechnik



Twelve students from Koblenz University of Applied Sciences as well as five from Freiberg University of Mining and Technology met up at the invitation of Franz-W. Aumund for the annual exchange of ideas at the 8th scholarship students and alumni meeting at AUMUND Fördertechnik in Rheinberg. The focal point was a workshop entitled "Research and Development in a (more) sustainable future." The aim was to raise awareness among the aspiring engineers of their

personal responsibility to contribute to sustainable development, and to motivate the students to develop their own ideas for solutions for sustainable business models.

"Go overseas and get to know other cultures and peoples," is a call which Franz-W. Aumund repeats over and over to young people, and which does not go unheeded. At the meeting two students reported on their stay in Durban, South Africa.

In addition, there was a glimpse into operational life at AUMUND. Anne Passen, Group Leader in the design department, and team member Marvin Brand, recent graduate of a dual course of study at AUMUND, showed the students round the design department. Afterwards Marvin demonstrated the advantages of design aided by 3D CAD programmes. The planning of a complete plant layout gave students a good insight into daily working life in the product design.

# Broadening Personal and Professional Horizons thanks to Scholarships

AUMUND mechanical engineering scholarship student Diana Nett (23) graduated in January from Koblenz University of Applied Sciences. Her fellow student Alina Hövelmann (23) is working on her Bachelor's thesis, and Dennis Gibelhaus (24) wrote his Master's thesis in Bristol at SCHADE. These are three examples of young people who are accomplishing their academic education with the aid of a scholarship from AUMUND Fördertechnik.

“Professor Borstell brought the scholarship to our attention in a lecture.” Diana and Alina recall that it was because of his remarks that they applied for the sponsorship programme, and they were successful.

Diana Nett has now had a Bachelor of Engineering degree under her belt since January 2020. Her thesis entitled “Development of a Predictive Maintenance Concept in the Context of Industry 4.0” received the top grading of 1.0. Alina Hövelmann has to submit her thesis at the end of April. Both have decided to continue studying for a further eighteen months for their Master's degrees, and will be applying for the Aumund Scholarship for this phase as well. Apart from the financial aspects, Diana and Alina very much appreciate the variety of other opportunities presented by the scholarship. A presentation during the previous scholarship students' meeting motivated the two young ladies to consider spending a period of time overseas, and they did so.

Whilst Diana gained experience at AUMUND India for three months, Alina decided to go to Brazil, and started to write her Bachelor's thesis on implementing knowledge management at AUMUND Ltda.

Neither of them regrets the decision to go abroad. Diana reports that she was well looked after by the Aumund India Team, in particular by Mahesh Kumar, and she was made to feel very welcome, “even spending time with their families.” Alina too, would not want to have missed the time in Brazil, and would encourage

other students to gain experience overseas. “It was important for my personal development,” she says. “Outside your own comfort zone, getting to know foreign cultures and thinking outside the box professionally as well as personally, puts you at ease and broadens your perspectives. Plus, you learn a lot about yourself.” Diana Nett is convinced.

Dennis Gibelhaus has been a scholarship student of AUMUND Fördertechnik since March 2016 and is one of the few who knew about the benefits and processes beforehand. “My older brother Andrej did his degree five years ago within the scholarship,” says Dennis. While he was still at school Dennis discovered that he was particularly interested in the subjects of maths and physics. The experience of his brother, who is currently working on his doctorate, encouraged Dennis to start studying mechanical engineering at Koblenz University of Applied Science as well.

“During the last winter semester I spent five months at SCHADE Lagertechnik in Bristol in the UK, to write my thesis on the optimisation of the processes in unloading wagon tippers,” says Dennis Gibelhaus. Whilst being interviewed by telephone for this report he is “in lockdown” in his room, not because of the coronavirus, but to finish the last pages of his thesis! Once he has finished, and everyday life has hopefully returned to some semblance of normality, starting his career in the energy sector or in thermodynamics is on top of his list of priorities.



**Alina Hövelmann**



**Dennis Gibelhaus**



**Diana Nett with Raju Gupta (Managing Director AUMUND Engineering Pvt. Ltd./ right) and Mahesh Kumar (her mentor).**

# Funding projects

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Integration projects for disadvantaged children and teenagers

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**University Scholarships**  
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**GERMANY**  
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Promotion of young talents in Duisburg-  
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disadvantaged young people in Cologne  
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**Schulmaterialkammer Homberg**  
School supplies for children from  
low-income families  
**Rock your Life Duisburg-Essen e.V.**  
Mentoring programme for educationally  
disadvantaged young people starting work

**BRAZIL**  
**AUMUND Ltda.**  
*Operation Smile*  
Operations for children  
with facial deformities

**CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC**  
**Franciscan Mission**  
Educational support for  
pupils and students



**RUSSIA**

**German-Russian Meeting Centre St. Petersburg**  
Occupational orientation for young orphans

**BULGARIA**

**Concordia Social Projects**  
Social centres for underprivileged children

**ROMANIA**

**ACU**  
*Romanian Childrens Relief*  
Support for underprivileged children

**SCHADE Lagertechnik**  
*Concordia Social Projects*

**ERITREA**

**Interplast Germany e.V.**  
Humanitarian and medical projects

**INDIA**

**The Sagar School**  
Scholarships for orphans

**INDIA**

**AUMUND Engineering**  
Various education projects for children and young people from low-income families

**CHINA**

**AUMUND Machinery**  
*Cedar Foundation*  
Support/mentoring for students from rural areas  
  
*Sun Village*  
Education for children of imprisoned parents

**KOREA**

**AUMUND ASIA**  
*Sessak*  
Support for young orphans

**VIETNAM**

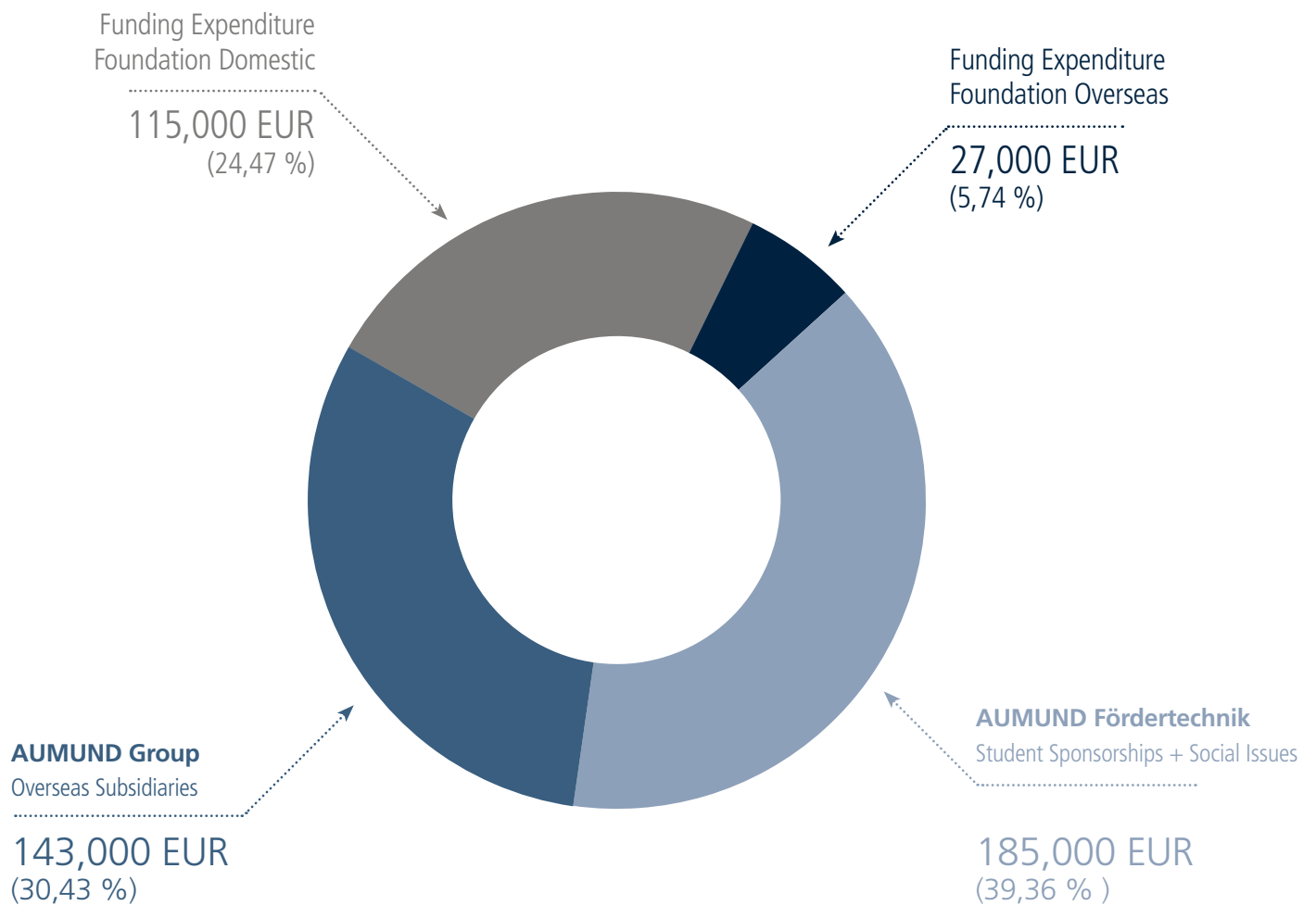
**DEVIEMED e.V.**  
Humanitarian and medical projects

**INDONESIA**  
**AUMUND ASIA**

*Putra Bansa Berbudi School*  
Scholarships for children from low-income families in Medan

# Funding Expenditure of the Franz-W. Aumund Stiftung and Donations from the AUMUND Group of Companies

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“Actions speak louder than words. Words alone are not enough.”

(Friedrich Schiller)

**Prasad Rao**

was Managing Director of AUMUND Engineering Pvt. Ltd. India and has many years of experience in the charity sector. He assesses the overseas projects around the globe, in order to evaluate their eligibility for funding and compliance with the Foundation's objectives.

**Susanne Weiss**

has been working as a project coordinator for the Foundation since March 2020 after having volunteered for many years before. She travels with Prasad Rao to the project locations worldwide and shares responsibility with him for their evaluation on site. Improving the lives of children in India, South America and South East Europe is a matter close to her heart.

**Katja Jüngst**

as Managing Director of the Franz-W. Aumund Stiftung and of the Aumund Foundation, is responsible for the organisation, planning and implementation of the projects. She also looks after the scholarship programmes of AUMUND Fördertechnik and all funding projects of the Group. In addition, Katja is responsible for staff development and talent management for the international Group Companies.

**Franz-W. Aumund**

is the third generation Managing Proprietor of the AUMUND Group. In 2006 he created the Franz-W. Aumund Stiftung in order to support young people from all over the world and to give them a better start in life.

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