

A Christmas greeting. One that comes from the heart. To bring a little joy. To create a smile. Therefore, we wish only the best. For a contemplative celebration.

Dear Partners of the SAP UCC Munich,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the trusting and collaborative partnership throughout the year 2023. We joyfully reflect on this eventful year.

A central focus was the intensive collaboration with our partners from research and industry. In the past year, we strengthened and expanded the **partnership between SAP, IBM, and TUM**. The ongoing installation of **IBM Power 10 hardware in the TUM data center** marked a significant milestone in expanding our hosting capacities. TUM is one of the first German universities to deploy the IBM Power 10 server for the provisioning of educational services. This technology enables us from the SAP UCC to provide innovative environments for research and teaching, allowing us to offer even more powerful systems with academic support to our lecturers in the future. At this point, we would like to sincerely thank our partners for their collaboration and patience in overcoming challenges. Changing hardware in a running system is no easy task, and we appreciate your patience and support.

A key highlight this year was the SAP Academic Community Conference 2023 D-A-CH from September 11th to 12th at the TUM Campus in the Olympiapark at Munich. This year's conference was particularly special for us as our team had the opportunity to organize the event in collaboration with the SAP University Alliances team under the leadership of Dr. Katharina Schäfer. The participation of numerous partners from research and industry, along with the honour of welcoming SAP CTO Dr. Jürgen Müller, Prof. Dr. August-Wilhelm Scheer, and David Faller, IBM Vice President and Managing Director of IBM Deutschland Research & Development GmbH, as keynote speakers and discussion partners, made the event a success. We greatly appreciate the work of our partners in our community, who made valuable contributions, inspiring insights, and engaging discussions. The <u>conference proceedings</u> provide a vivid retrospective of the impressive projects in our community.

Another highlight was the **20th-anniversary of the SAP UCC at TUM**, which we celebrated with an evening event at Löwenbräukeller following the first day of the conference. Symbolically, the baton was passed from Prof. Dr. Helmut Krcmar to Dr. Holger Wittges, who now leads the SAP UCC at TUM. **Prof. Dr. Gerhard Kramer, Managing Vice President for Research and Innovation at TUM**, and **Prof. Dr. Hans-Joachim Bungartz, Dean of the School of Computation, Information, and Technology,** shared solemn words with the guests and expressed their gratitude to Prof. Dr. Helmut Krcmar for his valuable contributions to the establishment of SAP UCC at TUM.

We hope to meet you again next year at the **SAP Academic Community Conference 2024 (D-A-CH)**, planned to take place from September 2nd to September 4th, 2024, in Vienna. The event will be organized by **SAP ACC Wien** and led by Prof. Dr. Alexander Redlein. If you are interested, the e-mail address <u>office@ifm.tuwien.ac.at</u> is your first point of contact.

This year, we also worked intensively on **advancing our products and services**. We are particularly pleased to announce the successful launch of our new curriculum **"Process Mining with SAP Signavio Process Intelligence."** In three modules, students learn the basic **concepts of process mining**,

creating processes in SAP Signavio, importing process data, and generating analyses and process insights based on this data. We thank all partners who supported us during the development and pilot phases. Furthermore, we initiated the **pilot phase for our SAP Business Technology Platform (SAP BTP) Development Curriculum**, teaching students how to **develop innovative applications on SAP BTP**. The modules cover an introduction to the basic concepts of SAP BTP and its development environment, an introduction to the Restful Application Programming Model and the Cloud Application Programming Model, guidance on integrating on-premise systems, and deployment of BTP-native and non-native applications. Lecturers interested in contributing to the curriculum during our pilot phase are welcome to contact us. Additional information on both curricula can be found on the <u>SAP UCC TUM homepage</u>.

After a successful year, we now look forward to the future and anticipate further collaboration with our partners from research and industry. A significant organizational milestone will be the move to the **SAP Labs building on the Garching Forschungszentrum Campus**. Next year, the SAP UCC team at TUM will be among the first project partners to occupy this space.

We would like to remind you that we will again offer **Train-the-Trainer sessions** next year. Feel free to sign up for our spring sessions. Information about each training and the registration link can be found at the end of this e-mail and in the <u>SAP UCC customer portal</u>.

We hope that you can enjoy a peaceful season's holidays and we wish you a happy and healthy start into the new year.

As usual, we will be available for you between the holidays via phone, e-mail, and service desk.

With pre-Christmas regards,

Dr. Holger Wittges, and the SAP UCC Munich Team