



Some display panels from the interactive exhibition "himmelwärts" (Towards heavens)



Kepler-Award 2025

For students of the 21 Kepler Grammar Schools in the EU, as well as institutions significant to Kepler's education.

What the Kepler-Award includes:

- Invitation of the award winners to Weil der Stadt for a public presentation of their paper or project. The invitation usually covers up to two speakers and, if applicable, one accompanying person.
- Invitation to a programme following Kepler's footsteps in the former dukedom of Württemberg
- The presentation of certificates and cash prizes of 1000, 500 and 250 euros for the three best papers and projects - taking into account the age group and field of study.
- Free membership in the Kepler Society for the award winners until their start into a professional career.
- Inclusion of the award-winning works in the archive of the Kepler Society. They can be viewed at: <https://kepler-preis.kepler-gesellschaft.de>

The Jury:

The jury consists of members of the Kepler Society who select the best works from the submissions.

Legal recourse is excluded.

Deadline:

The latest deadline for submitting works and projects to participate in the Kepler-Award 2025 is October 18th, 2025 (postmark date).

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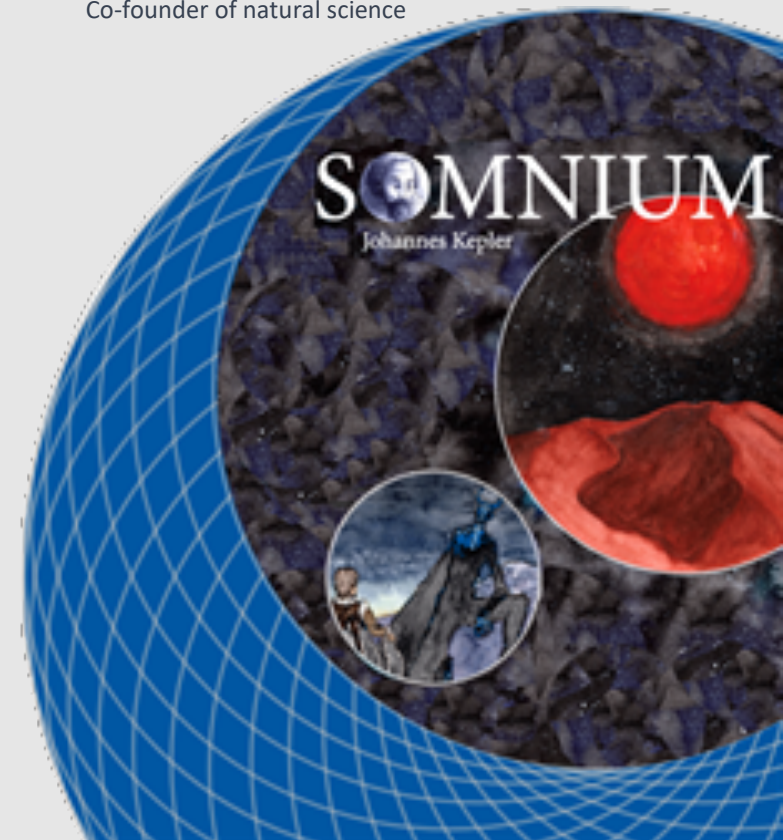
Award Ceremony Date:

The award ceremony will take place during the Kepler Society's Annual General Meeting 2025 in November 2025 in Weil der Stadt. Details in due time.

"SOMNIUM" is the title of a science fiction novel by Johannes Kepler, which focuses on an imaginary journey to the Moon. One exhibition panel was dedicated solely to this topic (see illustration in the image gallery "Johannes Kepler's Dream").

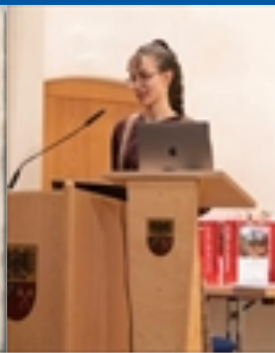
Johannes Kepler (1571 - 1630)

Discoverer of the laws of planetary motion
Imperial Mathematician
Co-founder of natural science





Educational System and Kepler's quarterly Report



Ceremony Award on November 17th, 2023



In the *Kösterle* in Weil der Stadt

Central Idea of the Kepler Award

"He who has Kepler, has everything" - thus writes the English astronomer and pastor Jeremiah Horrocks at the beginning of the 17th century. His great role model was Johannes Kepler, whose life was marked by bitterly fought religious struggles and personal misfortunes.

Johannes Kepler continues to serve as a role model for today's generations through his life's work:

- Co-founder of modern natural sciences and a new celestial physics based on his laws of planetary motion,
- author of fundamental studies in scientific optics, mathematics, music theory, theology, and natural philosophy,
- inventor of the astronomical telescope,
- inventor of the gear pump,
- Author of the first science fiction novel "Somnium – The Dream or Astronomy of the Moon " in defense of the Copernican worldview, through his thinking and ideas: visionary, unorthodox, and undogmatic,
- boundary-crossing, through his personality and character:
- unshakable in his convictions and faith,
- tolerant towards those who think differently,
- always striving for understanding in matters of religion and worldview,
- humble in all his successes.

To fulfill Kepler's legacy and specially to convey it to the youth is a primary concern of the Kepler Society. Therefore, it wishes to invite the students of the 21 Kepler Gymnasiums in the EU as well as institutions that were significant for Kepler's education to participate in the competition "Kepler Prize 2023.

Tasks set for the Kepler Award 2025

The Kepler Award 2025 runs under the motto "Kepler Today."

Even though 2025 does not mark a special Kepler anniversary, Johannes Kepler's diverse legacy across various fields, see Johannes Kepler - Interdisciplinary 1st Prize 2006 - offers a wealth of topics that extend beyond mathematics, physics, and astronomy for papers or projects in the humanities, at theater-project, or even a project in music (see special award in 2023). Perhaps Kepler's wonderful narrative Somnium - The Dream or Astronomy of the Moon, where he proves with his thoughts on space travel that he was far ahead of his time. All these examples could inspire a forward-looking project or theme.

Therefore, no specific task statement is planned for the Kepler Award of 2025. All projects, works, and activities related to Johannes Kepler, his life, work, and his legacy, which were created during the 2023/24 school year or which are in due process in the 2024/25 school year, can be submitted.

- Team or class projects
- Independent papers as part of special performance assessments within the grading regulations or final exams
- Individual works as part of talent promotion (e.g., Jugend forscht, calls for submissions in STEM subjects, history competitions, state competition in ancient languages, etc.)

In this context, we would like to draw attention to the guide book of the great Kepler-Anniversary-Exhibition "*himmelwärts*" (*skywards*) in Stuttgart in 1922. It can be downloaded in PDF format at: <https://www.project.uni-stuttgart.de/kepler2022/literatur/>. It prides for an excellent survey both of Kepler as a man and a scientist in many fields of studies.

Participation Conditions

Eligible to participate are all students of the Kepler Grammar Schools in the EU as well as institutions that played an important part in Kepler's educational career.

- Additionally, all Kepler projects from schools or students who apply for participation in the Kepler Award are eligible.
- Independently created papers or projects as part of special performance assessments in the grading regulations of exams or special tasks in the curriculum etc., can serve as the basis for the paper submitted, provided there is a connection to Kepler.
- Declaration that the paper or project was genuinely created (i.e. not produced by AI etc.), including the name and date of birth of the author or the participants in a group.
- Listing of the sources used and computer programs—including AI sources and aids.
- If the work is accompanied by sponsors or mentors, their names must be specified in the declaration of independent creation.
- The works must be submitted in triplicate either in paper form or digitally on CD or DVD in the common versions of MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, or Adobe Reader.
- The award-winning works of previous winners can be viewed at <https://kepler-preis.kepler-gesellschaft.de>.