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Alumni Letter #3 – Highlights 2025/2

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Dear alumni and friends of our institute,

*The year is drawing to a close and we would like to report on some interesting events at MPI-IS since the summer break. You can find the [two previous alumni letters on our website](#). Please **save the date** for our next **summer party with alumni meeting: July 03, 2025** in Stuttgart.*

We wish you all a Merry Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

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September

Three new Research Group Leaders in Tübingen

Shiwei Liu, Maksym Andriushchenko, and Maximilian Dax (from left to right) have joined the [ELLIS Institute Tübingen](#) as Hector Endowed Principal Investigators, co-affiliated with MPI-IS and the Tübingen AI Center as Independent Research Group Leaders.



Find out more about their research:

[WEI Lab: Wild, Efficient, and Innovative AI](#) – Shiwei Liu

[AI Safety and Alignment](#) – Maksym Andriushchenko

[Science and Probabilistic Intelligence \(SPIN\)](#) – Maximilian Dax

Science Day for Kids in Stuttgart

Some of the scientists and staff at MPI-IS Stuttgart organised a small, internal “Science Day” for preschool kids, mainly the children of their colleagues. Kids and adults had a lot of fun!



CACTus Scientific Symposium

The [symposium](#), marking the conclusion of the end of the program was a great success, highlighted by exceptional presentations from all participants.



IMPRS-IS Bootcamp

300 community members came together for the [IMPRS-IS in-house Boot Camp](#), which was filled with scientific talks, paper discussions, learning tutorials, social activities, and a career-focused panel discussion.

October



A new Research Group Leader in Tübingen....

Sarah Abdelnabi started her independent research group [COoperative Machine intelligence for People-Aligned Safe Systems \(COMPASS\)](#) as Hector Endowed Principal Investigators, co-affiliated with MPI-IS and the Tübingen AI Center.



... and a new Research Group Leader in Stuttgart

Antonia Georgopoulou launched her independent Cyber Valley Research Group at MPI-IS Stuttgart. She named her research group [Cyborg Robotics and Intel-ligenSensing \(CyRIS\)](#).

CLS at AI+X Summit in Switzerland

The institute was represented by a CLS booth at the annual and snazzy [AI+X Summit held in Zurich](#). This event featured a full day of engaging workshops, a vibrant exhibition, interactive sessions, and networking opportunities across the full breadth of AI innovation and application.



November

Another new Research Group Leader in Stuttgart

Philipp Müller started his independent Cyber Valley research group [Embodied Social Interaction](#) at MPI-IS Stuttgart.



Official Opening of Cyber Valley 1 Building in Tübingen

Baden-Württemberg's Minister of Science Petra Olschowski and Minister of Finance Danyal Bayaz [handed over the new Cyber Valley 1 building](#) to the University of Tübingen. Max Planck research groups are also based there.



Opening of New Max Planck House in Tübingen

On a sunny day with a blue sky, the new "golden" and very chic [Max Planck House](#) was officially opened in the centre of the Max Planck Campus in Tübingen. After four years, we are so happy that the "heart" of the campus is beating in the right place again.



Cyber Valley Demo Day of AI Incubator Batch #7

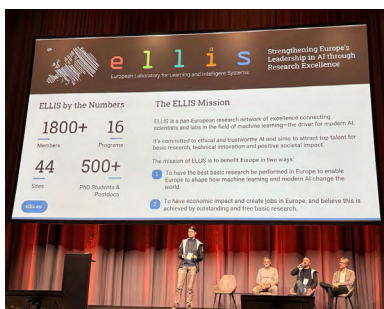
Innovation took center stage at the seventh [Demo Day](#), hosted at the Amazon Research & Development Center in Tübingen.



Over six weeks, the Batch #7 teams of the CyVy AI Incubator have developed their AI-powered start-up ideas, guided by mentors from the Cyber Valley Community.

December

ELLIS
[UnConference and EurlIPS](#) in Copenhagen, Denmark. MPI-IS/ELLIS was represented by an information booth.



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* Nomination sought for the [position of Director](#) at MPI-IS
* Open Position: Max Planck [Research Group Leader](#) at MPI-IS Stuttgart

Save the Date:

05.03.2026
[Max Planck Lecture](#) held by Professor Katia Bertoldi, Harvard University
03.07.2026
Summer Colloquium and party with alumni meeting in Stuttgart