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The Mars rover makes its way across rough terrain - but not on its own. A school pupil controls it. Although it is not a real rover conducting scientific experiments, the child is clearly thrilled by this game. Dirk Stiefs' objective is to spark an interest in science. The latest issue of the DLR Magazine features the creative head of the DLR\_School\_Lab in Bremen. And just a few doors down, DLR scientists are conducting research into satellites that fly with the power of the Sun. Their vision: solar sails that self deploy in space. While on the topic of space, we present the force behind DLR's Center for Satellite Based Crisis Information. Their objective is to provide assistance to relief organisations during times of natural catastrophes and crises. DLR is currently chairing the International Charter 'Space and Major Disasters', and we are taking the opportunity to explain the actions taken in the event of an emergency - the challenge of working against the clock. Just like DLR's HALO research aircraft, which takes us to the Antarctic and back in just ten days.

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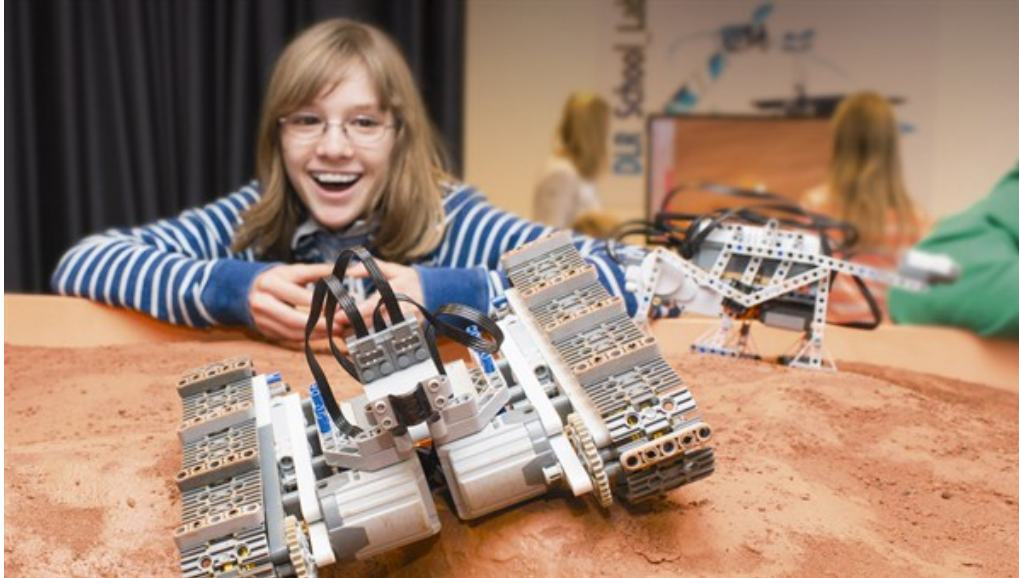
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## A test drive on the Red Planet



Explore science while having fun! Students can do this at the DLR\_School\_Lab in Bremen - Mars rovers, rocket construction or experiments in microgravity. Each morning, when Dirk Stiefs, head of the DLR\_School\_Lab in Bremen starts work, he knows that this day will bring something new. Enthusing people about science is his thing. He achieves this, as seen on the cover of this issue. He has also entered a few Science Slams. The 33-year-old is happy to explain science – sometimes unconventionally. You will get to know him better in the article 'Making science fun'. Stiefs heads one of the 10 DLR\_School\_Labs; three of them celebrate their tenth anniversary in 2013.

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