



### Analia from Paraguay

Analia is 25 years old and comes from Asunción, the capital of Paraguay. Besides her native language Spanish, she speaks German and English fluently.

During her school years in Paraguay, her

enthusiasm for sciences as well as for the German language were awakened. The visit of the Studienkolleg Bochum paved her way to RUB, where she started her Bachelor's degree in Chemistry in 2010. Currently, she is successfully studying the corresponding Master's programme.

“For me, Germany is a safe country full of opportunities, which is characterized by hard work, discipline, progress, efficiency and cosmopolitanism. RUB combines all aspects that are relevant for a successful course of studies, which is why this university – from my point of view – belongs to the best educational institutions in Germany.”

Analia understands social commitment as an integral part of everyone's education. Therefore, she is voluntarily involved at [IAESTE Bochum](#), even acting as treasurer since June 2014 by managing the finances of the association. IAESTE is an international organisation that arranges internships and organises many activities for participating students in Bochum. She is a member of the [JungChemikerForum](#) (JCF – Young Chemists' Forum) in Bochum too, supporting students of the disciplines of Chemistry and Biochemistry in academics through various events.

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Markus Thewes (Tunneling and Construction Management): “Analia is a very reliable, committed and self-operating person who is importing her own ideas.”

Analia knows the challenges of studying far away from home very well, so she has many ideas regarding internationalization, particularly at the faculty's level. For example, she

wishes for more specialized contact persons especially for international students and for a better contact between international and local students. For this reason, she will continue to get involved and wants to join other projects such as [BeComing Friends](#).

“Studying in Germany is a great opportunity for me. This is the reason why I understand my social commitment as a possibility to thank Germany, RUB and all people who supported me in order to graduate successfully abroad. I think effective education is strictly related to social competences and social commitment.”

We are wishing Analia a lot of success for her further studies and for implementing her ideas!