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Dear Members, Friends, Sponsors and Alumni of Ruperto Carola!

The big day is almost here: On 23 October Heidelberg University's anniversary celebrations will officially kick off in the Aula of the Alte Universität. We are especially pleased that Minister President Stefan Mappus will take part in the ceremony. We want to take the whole of the coming year to present the research and teaching of the university in all its diversity – and, of course, to celebrate it accordingly.

The unofficial starting date for the Anniversary Year is on 17 July. The »Ruperto Carola Summer Party« will be held on this hopefully sunny Saturday in the Marstall's inner court. We hope that large numbers of you will participate. Why don't you and your colleagues celebrate together in a group? You may order tickets via the online form at: www.uni-heidelberg.de/sommerparty, or via email at: sommerparty@uni-heidelberg.de.

The »University Mile,« scheduled for 25 June, 2011, and the »University Hour,« which we introduced in the previous newsletter, are gaining increasingly wide exposure. These two events will regularly present the university's different institutions to the public. We would be happy to incorporate additional contributions to either event. Please allow me one more request: we are having serious difficulties in organising inexpensive lodging for students and early-career academics during the semester. We therefore have decided to start a »bed and breakfast« programme. If you would be able to provide a room and breakfast at no charge for one or several days, please notify us via email. We will contact you with the details.

Finally, on behalf of the other members of the Anniversary Year Working Group, I would like to thank you for your remarkable support thus far – we will continue to rely on your efforts and engagement. I hope that we will see you on 17 July at the Marstall!

Yours,

Jochen Tröger





Renovating and Modernising the New University

Over the course of the »Dem lebendigen Geist« campaign, we have made considerable progress renovating and modernising the New University. We are pleased to report that the work is scheduled to be completed until the beginning of the festival week in June 2011. Hörsaal 13 reopened in May this year. The Manfred Lautenschläger Foundation contributed 1.2m Euro to this project. Curt and Heidemarie Engelhorn donated 4.3m Euro to the renovation of the New University's Aula. Their donation also enabled us to restore and refurbish the Aula's organ, which had not been in usable condition for several decades. Former German Chancellor Dr. Helmut Kohl, Heidelberg alumnus and patron of the »Dem lebendigen Geist« campaign, also contributed 700,000 Euro to the renovations.



Students at the Center

Many different students have filled many different roles in helping to shape the anniversary celebrations. Heidelberg will host three nation-wide student council conferences during the anniversary year. Given the variety of scientific congresses and conferences that will be held over the coming months, the deans of students have agreed, as far as it is possible, to award students credit points for attending or participating in any congresses or conferences that relate to their studies. We are currently negotiating with the conveners of the various congresses and conferences to waive registration fees for students.



Professional Trainee Exhibit

Heidelberg University's professional trainees have also been highly engaged with the jubilee planning. At the moment, they are preparing an exhibit showcasing the respective histories of their professions. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 am to 4 pm on 30 October, 2010 and will be held on the University Square. The exhibit will subsequently be permanently housed at the Triplex Cafeteria. Further, the trainees will have their own booth during the University Mile event.





Further Information

All of the jubilee year events will be featured, with short accompanying descriptions, in Heidelberg University's electronic event calendar. The calendar can be accessed at: www.uni-heidelberg.de/termine. Selected events that are of special interest to the public will also be advertised via print media (posters, brochures, flyers, etc.).

If you're planning to host a conference during the anniversary year, you should make block reservations in nearby hotels soon. Heidelberg's communications and marketing office offers a special fee-free room pre-reservation service. Please contact Irene Feilhauer for this service at feilhauer@heidelberg-marketing.de.

It is also possible to rent a room from the Studentenwerk's student housing during the semester break. A single bedroom costs 140 Euro per week; a room with shared shower and bathroom facilities is 72 Euro/week.

All items in the Unishop are available at a reduced price for you and your guests. You may browse the items at www.unishop.uni-hd.de.

Anniversary Year Working Group

In this portion of the newsletter, we regularly introduce the participants in the anniversary year working group:

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