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

On **23 October 2010**, 625 years to the day after Pope Urban VI approved the founding of Heidelberg University, Rector Prof. Dr. Bernhard Eitel will officially open the anniversary year. In this last newsletter prior to the start of the festivities, we would like to bring you up to date on the status of preparations as well as let you know about the initial events celebrating our university's 625th year.

Just a few days after the auspicious anniversary date, Ruperto Carola will host German and foreign politicians as well as representatives from the fields of science and business to the Baden-Württemberg state representation in Berlin. This event will be held on **28 October 2010** and moderated by Heidelberg jurist Prof. Dr. Paul Kirchhof. Heidelberg University will also give a presentation in the state representation in Brussels.

The University Hour, being held every Thursday at 5:00 p.m. during the anniversary year, is taking more specific shape. The first "Hour" on **28 October** is being held at the Institute of Environmental Physics and the topic is "Bad Air in Heidelberg? – New Methods for Determining Air Quality". To view other topics, see www.625.uni-heidelberg.de. There are just a few remaining slots open in the University Hour schedule. Scientific data, research and teaching presented in this series should also be appropriate for the lay audience.

Our attempt to gain support for the "Bed and Breakfast" campaign was largely unsuccessful. We were trying to find free housing for one or several days during the semester, especially for students and young academics. If you would still like to participate, please let us know at 625@uni-heidelberg.de in the next few days.

At this stage the anniversary staff would like to express our gratitude for the outstanding support we have enjoyed thus far, especially from the members of the board. Their advice has always been welcome and valuable.

We look forward to sharing with you this year of celebration for Ruperto Carola!

Yours,

Jochen Tröger

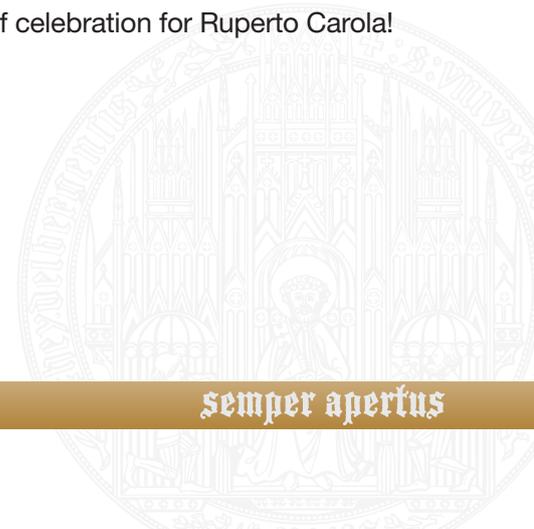




Exhibit of the Codex Manesse: The Discovery of Love

To mark the 625th anniversary of Heidelberg University, the University Library will put on display one of the most significant manuscripts of the Middle Ages, the 14th-century Codex Manesse. The exhibit, entitled “The Codex Manesse and the Discovery of Love”, will open on **25 October 2010**. Visitors will be able to view the magnificent collection of songs and verses in Middle High German, which rarely leaves the air-conditioned environs of the library’s vault, until **20 February 2011**. The Codex Manesse is part of the renowned Bibliotheca Palatina which ended up in Vatican hands in the wake of the 30 Years’ War. An exhibit at the Bibliotheca Palatina was the cultural high point of the university’s anniversary celebration in 1986. The opening ceremony in the Great Hall of the Old University starts at 6:00 p.m.

Campus store selling anniversary merchandise

Starting in October 2010, the campus store will be featuring a number of anniversary-related items, such as the “Nobel Prize Winner” mug bearing the signatures of the award winners from Heidelberg. This year’s annual mug commemorates the Codex Manesse and the Discovery of Love exhibit by the University Library and features artwork from the collection. The textiles selection now includes an anniversary tie and scarf, as well as anniversary shirts. Come explore the campus store at Augustinergasse 2. To visit online, go to www.unishop.uni-hd.de



Anniversary medallions

Heidelberg University is issuing a special medallion to commemorate its 625th anniversary. The front features the facade of the Old University building and the back the university seal. Quantities minted will be limited – 1,250 in silver and 625 in gold. The silver medallion is being struck in proof quality, is 35 mm in diameter and weighs 15 g. It is made of 99.9% pure silver and costs 39.90 euros. The gold medallion is likewise proof quality, is 20 mm in diameter and weighs 3.11 g. It is made of 24 carat gold and costs 229 euros. Both coins will be officially introduced in a presentation on **2 November 2010**, when they will also go on sale in the campus store. The gold medallion is available only through advance order. Depending on the quantities ordered, delivery can take up to four weeks.



Additional information

UniTT Event Management has negotiated special rates with several hotels in Heidelberg for the university year, including the NH Hotel and the Boarding-House. Special rates are also being offered for congresses in the town hall during the anniversary year. For more information, go to www.unitt-kongresse.de or contact Ms. Nürnberger by phone (06221) 54-3747 or email at info@unitt-kongresse.de.





The university is not only for research and teaching, but art and culture as well. Kicking off the musical aspect of the anniversary programme on **8 November 2010**, Eva Oertle, flute soloist with the Basel Chamber Orchestra and the “Il giardino armonico” Orchestra of Italy, will perform. Accompanied on piano by Prof. Franz Wassermann, Heidelberg University, Oertle will play works from Mendelssohn, Schumann, Fauré und Mozart. The concert will take place in the Great Hall of the Old University and starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is free. For schedule details on the fully array of events – lectures, symposia and cultural events – check the electronic events calendar at www.uni-heidelberg.de/termine.

University Anniversary Working Group

As we regularly do at this point, we now introduce more members of the working group:



Aneliya Vasileva

Aneliya Vasileva has supported the anniversary staff since the end of August 2010. On completing her Abitur, the native of Bulgaria selected Germany for her university studies and has been studying philology of German as a foreign language and sociology at Ruperto Carola since the summer semester of 2005. In addition to her studies, Aneliya Vasileva completed internships at the International Studies Center of Heidelberg University as a teacher of German as a foreign language as well at BASF Chemical Company in internal communication. Before joining the anniversary staff as a student assistant, she also worked as a student trainee in content management at the Neckermann catalogue company.



Claire Born

Claire Born has been a student assistant on the anniversary staff since September 2010. She was born in 1988 and grew up in Ingelheim on the Rhine and is currently in her third semester as a political science major and her first in psychology. After her Abitur in 2008, she volunteered with burundikids e.V. in Burundi in Eastern Africa helping orphans and street children in the civil-war torn country. Besides her work with the anniversary staff, she also runs courses related to political youth education.

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