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

On behalf of everyone that has been working for months to prepare Heidelberg University's 625th anniversary celebration, I am pleased to send you the newest information regarding the jubilee festivities. Many members of the Ruperto Carola, from all sectors of the university, will participate in the celebration, as will many of our university's partners, including, for example, the professional trainees currently organising an exhibit on their professions. We are also seeing quite a bit of dedication from our students. This dedication ranges from the organisation of the student council during the jubilee year to the hosting of congresses and the staging of theatre performances.

In order to provide a complete printed and electronic programme for the opening of the anniversary year celebrations, we will need all of the basic information concerning your planned events by the end of May 2010. Later submissions can only be incorporated into the electronic festival calendar, which you can find at our new anniversary website: www.625.uni-heidelberg.de.

There will be no special logo for the jubilee. Instead, the university's logo will call attention to the festivities with a characteristic colouring and unique lettering. You can obtain a list of suggestions for this lettering from the Department of Communications and Marketing.

Further, we are still welcoming ideas for the planned University Mile, which will take place on 25 June 2011 and which we presented in the last issue of this newsletter. We also decided to organise a "University Hour" during the anniversary celebrations. Every Thursday at 5 pm, one institution at the Ruperto Carola will open itself to the public. These events will be announced in the daily press. We are soliciting exciting and interesting offers from departments and institutions to showcase your work in research and teaching in a way that is also understandable for the layman.

Wishing you – and us – a sunny spring!

Yours,

Jochen Tröger





Marstallhof



Zeughaus-Mensa



Biochemistry-Center

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Heidelberg University's anniversary year celebrations will kick off on **Saturday, 17 July 2010**, with a summer party at the Marstallhof. Students, employees, friends and supporters of the university can look forward to a night full of meeting new people, conversations, dancing, and information about the anniversary year. We would be pleased to host as many as wish to attend the kickoff.

On **17 November 2010**, Prof. Dr. Peter Frankenberg, Minister of Science, Research and Art for the state of Baden-Württemberg, will participate in a meeting arranged by the state's liaison office in Brussels. This event will occur just a few days after a similar event hosted by the state's liaison office in Berlin, as described in the previous issue of this newsletter. We will try to show portions of the anniversary events in the liaison offices in Berlin and Brussels, as well as in other liaison offices abroad, such as in New York.

Scientists from Heidelberg University will convene the largest international conference in Systems Biology during the jubilee year. Organised under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Roland Eils (Heidelberg University / German Cancer Research Center), the conference will take place from **28 August to 1 September 2011** in the Rosengarten in Mannheim. Further information can be found at: www.iscb-2011.net.

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The contours of the festival week marking the 625th anniversary of Heidelberg University are becoming more and more clear. Here are two events that have recently been added to the programme:

Following their traditional Nobel laureate meeting in Lindau on Lake Constance, the Nobel laureates in Physiology or Medicine will meet in Heidelberg on **2 July 2011**. Prof. Dr. Harald zur Hausen, the 2008 recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, is helping put together a very attractive programme. This conference is being made possible by the generous support of the Klaus Tschira Foundation.

Montpellier on the Mediterranean coast in France is a close partner both of the city of Heidelberg and the Ruperto Carola. A ceremony marking Montpellier Day will be held on **28 June 2011** in the ballroom in the Heidelberg city hall.





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Anniversary Year Working Group

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

Christiane Wickenhöfer has served as personal aide to the rector's delegate and to his representatives on the 625th anniversary team since 1 April 2010. Following a traineeship in banking business management, she studied European art history, classical archaeology and Egyptology in Frankfurt (Main) and Heidelberg. Christiane Wickenhöfer's previous experience includes working for Sotheby's auction house and for the Ribbentrop Gallery in Eltville (Rhein). She has worked at Heidelberg University since the end of 2001, first as a personal aide to the Prof. Dr. Jochen Tröger, vice rector for research and structure, and subsequently in the same position for his successor, Prof. Dr. Kurt Roth.

Nikolai Sexauer, one of the student academic assistants in the working group, helps managing public relations and the coordination of dates and appointments. Born in Freiburg, this student of political science and psychology did a volunteer year in Rotterdam with "Art.1," a national association working against discrimination. He began his studies at Heidelberg University in October 2009 and joined the working group two months later.

Julia Wünsch also joined the working group in December 2009. She also helps managing public relations and the coordination of dates and appointments, alongside supporting the preparations for the anniversary year festivities. Born in Duisburg, she completed a paralegal traineeship in Krefeld before beginning her studies in law at Heidelberg. Julia Wünsch also served as a student assistant in a law office in Heidelberg until May 2009.

