University of Bonn News

Strategic Partnership between the Universities of Bonn and St. Andrews Agreed

The universities of Bonn and St. Andrews in Scotland plan to expand their cooperation. This is what the rector of the University of Bonn, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Michael Hoch, and the Vice Principal for International Strategy and External Relations at the University of St. Andrews, Prof. Dr. Brad MacKay, agreed at a meeting in Bonn. They signed a cooperation agreement that foresees far-reaching collaborations in research, study and administration.

The agreement will be implemented through a lively exchange of students, academic staff and administrative and support staff. Teachers and students will be given the opportunity to research, teach and study at the partner location. The agreement also provides for the establishment of joint study and research programs and work-shadowing offers for administrative staff. Both universities also intend to develop joint research and teaching activities. The aim of the partnership is to promote the mutual understanding of the respective university structures as well as the scientific exchange of information and to explore possibilities for collaboration in international networks.

The Rectorate of the University of Bonn is very pleased to announce this strategic partnership with the University of St. Andrews, one of the most prestigious universities in the world.
Welcome Center Events

► January 18, 2019 - Behind the Scenes: Villa Hammerschmidt

At the beginning of the New Year 2019, we will visit the secondary seat of the Federal President of Germany - the Villa Hammerschmidt. How does the President live? What do the representative rooms look like? And how often is the President here in Bonn anyway? A guided tour will answer these and many more questions. The tour takes place during the day - so maybe a plan for an extended lunch break?

- **Location**: Adenauerallee 135
- **Time**: 11.00 am – 01.00 pm, Thursday, July 11
- **Public Transport**: U-bahn 66 or 67, stop ‘Museum König’
- **Price**: Free

► February 1, 2019 - Exhibition: Europe in Motion. The Early Middle Ages

Join us for this fascinating introduction to a chapter of European history that is much underestimated. We have arranged for an exclusive guided tour at the LVR-LandesMuseum Bonn in English.
• **Location:** LVR-LandesMuseum, Colmantstr. 14-16  
• **Time:** 04.00 – 06.00 pm, Friday, February 1  
• **Public Transport:**  
• **Price:** Free  
• **Web:** www.landesmuseum-bonn.lvr.de/de/ausstellungen/europa_in_bewegung/standardseite_11.html

► **March 13, 2019 – Meet the Expert: Social Security in Germany**

Are you interested in acquiring a better understanding of the German social security system? Health insurance, pension scheme, nursing care insurance, unemployment insurance or accident insurance - this event will give you a good overview and basic introduction into this important topic.

• **Venue:** International Office, conference room, 1st floor, Poppelsdorfer Allee 102  
• **Time:** 04.00 to 6.00 pm, Wednesday, March 13  
• **Web:** www.uni-bonn.de/international/advice-contact/welcome-center/events/13.03.19-meet-the-expert-social-security-in-germany

► **April 12, 2019 – Welcome Day for New International Researchers**

The Welcome Day is for International researchers who have just recently arrived in Bonn. Get to know other International researchers, learn more about your new employer as well as available services and get introduced to living in the city of Bonn and its surroundings.

After having lunch together, we will visit the university museum in the main building.

• **Venue:** International Office, conference room, 1st floor, Poppelsdorfer Allee 102  
• **Time:** 10.00 am to 03.00 pm, Friday, April 12
Events in Bonn

► 12th Bonn Christmas Circus – December 21, 2018 to January 06, 2019

Artistic performances from all over the world, fascinating show acts, funny clowns and cute animals, as well as many surprises await during the shows of this traditional circus. Details, performance times and ticket prices are to be found on the website given below.

- **Location:** Siegburger Str. 178, 53229 Bonn
- **Time:** Diverse
- **Public transport:** buses 529, 604, E, N4, stop ‘Maria-Montessori-Allee’
- **Price:** Varied
- **Web:** www.bonner-weihnachtscircus.de

► Beethoven Week ‘BTHVN’ 2019 – January 24 to February 03, 2019

The Beethoven Week 2019 features 12 exquisite chamber music concerts, not only by Beethoven.

- **Location:** Beethoven-Haus Bonn, Chamber Music Hall, Bonngasse 20, 53111 Bonn
- **Time:** Diverse
- **Price:** Varied
- **Web:** www.beethoven.de/konzert/95068

► Over the Border, Music Diversity Festival – March 22 to April 07, 2019

This wonderful local music festival, featuring acts and musical styles from all over the world, is going into its third year now. The details for all the 12 concerts and how to get tickets are to be found on the website.

- **Locations:** Different
- **Time:** Diverse
- **Price:** Varied
- **Web:** www.over-the-border-festival.de

► Jazzfest Bonn – May 17 to 31, 2019

The ticket sales for this prestigious and very diverse annual Jazz festival have begun. The festival features renowned international Jazz stars, as much as exciting (local) newcomers. Every evening features two concerts of different musicians, all at high-class venues in Bonn. The full program and tickets are available on the Website given below.

- **Locations:** Different
- **Time:** Diverse
- **Price:** Varied
- **Web:** www.jazzfest-bonn.de
New Year’s Eve Celebrations

► Here are some ideas how and where you could spend New Year’s Eve in various places in North-Rhine Westphalia:

• www.nrw-tourism.com/new-years-eve

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas break and a very happy New Year 2019!
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