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May 29 – June 1, 2012

COIMBRA GROUP

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2012



Prof. Dr. Ulrike Beisiegel

Welcome Address from the President of the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

On behalf of the academic community in Göttingen I want to welcome you to the Coimbra Group Annual Conference from May 29th to June 1st, 2012.

As we celebrate our 275th anniversary, this year is very special for the University. Founded in 1737, the Georg-August-Universität is one of the traditional and most renowned universities in Germany. We take great pride in our long research tradition and remarkable diversity of disciplines. It is therefore a great privilege for us to host this year's Annual Conference of the Coimbra Group as one of the events of the week-long celebration dedicated to the 275th anniversary.

Responding to the challenges in a rapidly developing global environment for research and higher education, the symposium of this year's Annual Conference will focus on 'Governance for Integrity and Quality in Universities'. The symposium will offer the rectors of the Coimbra Universities the chance to explore how modern academic governance can create an environment conducive to creative thinking and critical reflection and what steps need to be taken to meet the challenges ahead of us.

The responsibility for our cultural heritage – and in particular the responsibility of universities with a long and rich history such as the members of the Coimbra Group – provides the background for the workshop 'Collections

and Digitization'. The workshop will explore the various ways of handling collections in the 21st century and we will give you the chance to preview our exhibition 'Objects of Knowledge'.

The Task Forces of the Coimbra Group as important instruments for the close collaboration will hold their meetings in Göttingen and our thanks go to all active members of these groups. Last but not least we hope to provide the right environment for the various Board meetings and the General Assembly to make it a successful Conference.

The majority of the sessions of this year's Annual Conference will take place in historic university buildings. We hope that you will find the beautiful settings of the Historic Observatory, the Pauliner Church, and the Aula Building a source of inspiration for your discussions. The Task Force meetings will be held in the newly opened Centre for Cultural Studies which should allow for truly innovative ideas for the participants.

Certainly we hope that you will have the opportunity to enjoy parts of the social programme in the evenings and on Friday after the Annual Conference.

Prof. Dr. Ulrike Beisiegel
President of the University of Göttingen



Prof. Dorothy Kelly

Welcome address from the Chair of the Executive Board of the Coimbra Group

It is a very great pleasure for me to welcome you to the 2012 Coimbra Group Annual Conference in Göttingen. Once again, we have the privilege of holding our Conference in conjunction with special anniversary celebrations, on this occasion the 275th anniversary of the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. I would like to express our thanks to our hosts, under the leadership of President Ulrike Beisiegel, for inviting us to join in their festivities and for the hard work they have put into organizing this event.

The theme of this year's conference 'Governance for Integrity and Quality at Universities', is an important one for all our universities. We are particularly pleased to have been able to incorporate different international perspectives on the various issues it raises, through the participation of speakers and panellists not only from our member universities and Europe, but also from other continents.

Beyond the main theme of the conference, this event will allow us to continue the work initiated in Padova last year of bringing together people from those special activities at our universities that constitute much of our interface with the general public at the same time as providing research, conservation and

knowledge to the highest level. In Padova this took the form of a search for furthering knowledge of and cooperation amongst our botanical gardens; in Göttingen we will broaden the scope of our discussions to explore the optimization of all our university collections for teaching, research and outreach. As always, the Conference offers our eight Task Forces an opportunity not only to continue the very valuable work they maintain the year around, but also to hold joint meetings and workshops, and organize joint initiatives. And of course, it offers much room for networking with all our members, from the most longstanding to the newest.

I very much look forward to sharing these few days with you all in Göttingen.

Dorothy Kelly
Chair of the Executive Board

275th Anniversary of the University of Göttingen

The University of Göttingen was inaugurated in 1737 with the aspiration to cultivate critical reflection and provide academic freedom in research and teaching. Rooted in the age of Enlightenment, these remain central principles in Göttingen today. We draw on the heritage of the "Göttingen Seven" and the "Göttingen 18" and their courage to defend academic freedom.

Göttingen also came to be known in the context of protecting rights and freedoms: when in 1837 King Ernst August of Hanover rescinded the constitution enacted by his predecessor, seven professors at the Georgia Augusta, among them the scholars Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, submitted a written protest. This brave act of opposition led to the "Göttingen Seven" losing their positions and the number of students at the University falling to a historic low. But to this day, the actions of the "Göttingen Seven" stand as a striking demonstration of civil courage in Germany. In the 1950s, decisive impulses for the strengthening of democracy and the rule of law again came from Göttingen. In April 1957 some of the most distinguished researchers of the day, among them Otto Hahn, Werner Heisenberg and Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker, issued the 'Göttingen Declaration', in which they voiced their opposition to the government's plans for nuclear armament of the federal armed forces.

To mark the occasion of the 275th anniversary, the university is planning a special week (May 29th to June 3rd) of activities and festivities. The week will start with an Anniversary Ceremony as part of the Annual Coimbra Group conference, which will also include a symposium on 'Governance for Integrity and Quality in Universities'. The week features sports and cultural events as well as a party for staff members. The end of the week will feature two more events. We will be opening the exhibition 'Objects of Knowledge' at the Pauliner Church, an exhibition which will display individual treasures from our academic collections and will present both the concepts on which the collections are based and the importance the collections have for teaching and research. And an international Alumni Homecoming will welcome more than 500 former students from Germany and abroad.

More than 100 events will be organized over the whole year to commemorate our anniversary: concerts, lectures, guided tours as well as conferences. In November, we will have a 'Science Night', during which many university buildings and those of our partners in the Göttingen Research Campus will be open to the public.

Programme of the Annual Coimbra Group Conference

Tuesday, May 29th

Rectors' and Executive Board meetings

Historical Observatory, Geismar Landstraße 11

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| 9:00 – 11:00 | Executive Board meeting |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Rectors' Advisory Group and Executive Board meeting |
| | <i>Buffet lunch</i> |
| 12:30 – 16:00 | Closed Rectors' meeting |

Task Force meetings

Centre for Cultural Studies, Heinrich-Düker-Weg 14

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| 14:00 – 18:00 | Task Force meetings <i>(with coffee break)</i> |
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16:30 – 19:30	Ceremonial Act, 275 Years Anniversary Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (Rectors and Executive Board only) <i>Great Hall Building, Wilhelmsplatz 1</i>
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20:00	Reception Dinner Coimbra Group <i>Historical Observatory, Geismar Landstraße 11</i>
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Wednesday, May 30th

Symposium 'Governance for Integrity and Quality in Universities'

Great Hall Building, Wilhelmsplatz 1

9:00 – 12:00 Keynote Speeches

Chair: Prof. Ulrike Beisiegel, President, University of Göttingen, Germany

Dr. Wilhelm Krull, Chairman of the Foundation Council of the University Göttingen, Secretary General of the Volkswagen Foundation

Prof. Eric Thomas, Vice-Chancellor, University of Bristol, UK

Coffee break

The Rt. Hon. Prof. Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve, Member of the House of Lords, Former Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge

Prof. Krishna N. Ganesh, Director, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune, India

Lunch break

13:00 – 15:00 Panel discussion

Chair: Prof. Dorothy Kelly, Executive Board Chair, Coimbra Group

Panelists:

Austria Prof. Christa Neuper, Rector, University of Graz

Brazil Prof. Felipe Martins Müller, Rector, Universidade Federal de Santa Maria, Rio Grande do Sul

Germany Prof. Ulrike Beisiegel, President, University of Göttingen

India Prof. Krishna N. Ganesh, Director, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune

PR China Prof. Zhang Rong, Vice President University of Nanjing

UK Prof. Eric Thomas, Vice-Chancellor, University of Bristol

Coffee break

15:30 – 18:00

Coimbra Group General Assembly and Arenberg-CG Erasmus Prize Award

18:15

Departure to BurgHotel Hardenberg, Nörten-Hardenberg

Guided castle tour

19:30

Reception and Conference Dinner

Burg Hotel Hardenberg, Atrium, Nörten-Hardenberg

Shuttle service to Göttingen provided between 21:00 -23:00

Thursday, May 31st

Task Force meetings

Centre for Cultural Studies, Heinrich-Düker-Weg 14

- 9:00 – 12:00 Task Force meetings (with coffee break)
- 12:00 – 14:00 Executive Board and Task Force Chairs meeting
(with sandwich lunch)

Workshops and Poster Session

Pauliner Church, Historical Building, Papendiek 14

- 14:00 – 16:00 **Workshop Collections and Digitization**
- 16:00 – 17:00 Poster Session on Collections, Coimbra Group Universities
(with coffee break)
- 17:00 – 18:00 **Preview: Exhibition ‘Objects of Knowledge’**
- 14:00 – 16:00 **Workshop: ‘Get a Life - Students and Future of Work’**
Heyne Haus, Papendiek
- 18:30 **Farewell Dinner**

Friday, June 1st

- 10:00 – 12:00 Guided City Tours ‘Historical Göttingen’ or
‘Botanical Gardens’ (optional)
- 14:00 – 18:00 Guided Tours ‘Göttinger Collections’ or Castel Berlepsch,
or ‘Goslar and the World Cultural Heritage Rammelsberg’
(optional)

Symposium and Workshops

Symposium ‘Governance for Integrity and Quality in Universities’

The symposium of this year’s Annual Conference will focus on integrity and quality in universities. The conditions for education and research in Europe and worldwide are evolving and changing, and they entail an accelerating pace of scientific innovation which leads to great pressures on individuals as well as institutions in higher education. In this situation, we believe that it is paramount to ensure that personal as well as institutional integrity are strengthened, and that the quality of research takes precedent over its quantity. The symposium will therefore offer an opportunity to discuss what steps have to be taken in order to meet the challenges ahead of us.

Workshop ‘Collections and Digitization’

Academic collections played and still play a major role in the development of a university as a place of knowledge production. They can illustrate historical concepts of objectivity, cultures of evidence, and the performance of knowledge. The collections have been founded as resources for cutting-edge research; they delineate the emergence of academic disciplines, and were and still are used for teaching purposes.

While they are a vital element of the academic landscape, universities differ vastly in how the collections are managed. The workshop’s aim is to foster an exchange between the participating universities, focusing on how the collections are handled, organized and used at the different places. Moreover, the workshop shall facilitate possible future cooperation between the Coimbra Group universities on these subjects.

Workshop ‘Get a Life - Students and Future of Work’

Participants will get a glimpse of the future work. Themes that will be covered include future-oriented guidance, user-centered content creation and simulation tools that enhance the decision-making potential of Higher Education students. Participants will learn about the results of ‘Get a Life!’ project that studied different possible futures of Finnish working life until the year 2030. The ambitious future-oriented project engaged a large percentage of Finnish guidance experts, employers and students in a content creation process and turned their ideas into a simulation tool. Come and share your thoughts about the future and see how Finnish guidance personnel and students perceive theirs!

The University of Göttingen

Founded in 1737, the University of Göttingen is a research university of international renown with strong focuses in research-led teaching. Today approximately 25,500 students are enrolled in the University, around eleven per cent of whom are from abroad. With 80 subjects to choose from, some 1,000 combinations are possible on the way to graduation with a bachelor degree. In its constantly expanding range of master and Ph.D. programmes, the University cultivates excellence and offers proximity to research.

The University bears the name of its founder King George II of Great Britain who, as Georg August, was also Elector of Hanover. In keeping with the spirit of the Enlightenment, the faculties were placed on an equal footing; theology was not predominant. During the early decades of the 20th century, Göttingen was regarded as the hub of the mathematical world, but this reputation was lost in 1933 when under Nazi rule more than 50 professors and lecturers were forced to leave, among them several of the 44 Nobel laureates whose names are associated with Göttingen.

On the basis of its Institutional Strategy entitled 'Göttingen. Tradition – Innovation – Autonomy', the University of Göttingen was successful as one of the nine universities in the Excellence Initiative of the German Federal and State Governments in 2007. A very important feature of our University is the fact that we are embedded in the **Göttingen Research Campus**.

During the first funding period of the Excellence Initiative, the University was successful in attracting excellent young scientists and scholars to Göttingen, and at keeping leading researchers in Göttingen. Moreover, the recruitment of excellent students and the international student exchange was developed. Altogether, it was possible to keep and develop further the special international campus atmosphere, the **Göttingen Spirit**.

The University's second-phase institutional strategy strives to achieve scope for fruitful reflection in science and scholarship in order to promote creativity. It also emphasizes the exceptional scientific potential of its academic collections and integrates the process of digitization into an overarching strategy for 'enhanced research'. As cross sectional measures we plan to further develop equal opportunities and diversity concepts as well as internationalisation and set up special means to support the careers young scientists and scholars in the universities as well as academic careers in other areas.

For more information about the University please visit the university website www.uni-goettingen.de

Göttingen Research Campus

The University of Göttingen is embedded in the Göttingen Research Campus, a close and vibrant cooperation with top-level non-university research institutions. These on-site partners form an exceptionally lively cooperative alliance in research and teaching, an alliance which is unique in its breadth and depth in Germany.

This network encompasses

- the University of Göttingen,
- the Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities,
- the German Primate Center – Leibniz Institute for Primate Research, Göttingen (DPZ),
- the German Aerospace Center, site Göttingen (DLR),
- the MPI for Biophysical Chemistry,
- the MPI for Dynamics and Self-Organisation,
- the MPI for Experimental Medicine,
- the MPI for Solar System Research
- the MPI for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity.

Sharing a common vision for the future, the University and the non-university research institutions set up the Göttingen Research Council as an advisory board for the campus in 2006. Its members represent the university and non-university research institutions who together identify new focus areas of research, join forces to prepare and implement central projects within the Initiative of Excellence, and work towards further integration.

Top-level research requires excellent working conditions. The institutional strategy 'Tradition - Innovation – Autonomy' enables the Göttingen Research Campus to create an open environment where students, doctoral aspirants and experienced researchers can develop fresh and unconventional ideas an atmosphere we experience as the Göttingen Spirit. Numerous scientists and scholars from a range of non-university institutions lecture at the University and joint professorial appointments create bridges between the University and other research entities. There is a fruitful exchange of knowledge, opinion and infrastructure across the whole Göttingen Research Campus.

Excellent research depends on cutting-edge infrastructure which is why the second Institutional Strategy also includes measures complementing the already existing outstanding infrastructure at the Research Campus.

For more information about the Research Campus please visit: www.goettingen-research-campus.de

Venues

Great Hall Building (Aula) – Wilhelmsplatz 1



On the occasion of its centenary celebrations in 1837, King William IV gave the University of Göttingen its Great Hall assembly building, the Aulagebäude. Delivering the inaugural speech on September 17, 1837, in the course of those festivities, Professor Karl Otfried Müller (1797–1840) described the building as a “spacious and finely decorated assembly hall” for use “in the service of science and scholarship”. The “splendor of this place”, he said, seemed to “lift people’s hearts”, raising great expectations for the university’s future endeavors.

Centre for Cultural Studies (Kulturwissenschaftliches Zentrum) – Heinrich-Düker-Weg 14



The brand new Centre for Cultural Studies merges the on the city-area distributed institutes and departments of the faculty of arts to one central Centre for Cultural Studies. The building structure is based on a rectangular overall figure, which integrates both the building of the faculty as well as the existing library in the cultivation of buildings. The entrance is oriented to Goßler-Straße, an axis that is found inside the building and reestablishes a direct connection to both the Faculty of Arts and at the library inventory.

Historical Observatory (Historische Sternwarte) – Geismar Landstraße 11

The University Observatory – which served as the place of residence and work of famous scholar Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777–1855) for several decades – is a building of unique importance for the history of science. Göttingen University has recently renovated it according to the original plans; the reconstruction which



was directed by the building management department was completed in October 2008 after one-and-a-half years of work. This eminent European monument of science today houses the Lichtenberg-Kolleg and the Göttingen graduate schools.

Pauliner Church (Paulinerkirche) – Papendiek 14



The Pauliner Church in the historic city center of Göttingen was completed as a minster in 1304. Today it serves as a convention and exposition center for the Göttingen State and University Library. The Pauliner Church once housed the University Library in which Heinrich Heine, the Brothers Grimm, and Goethe worked.

Heyne House (Heyne Haus) – Papendiek 16

The Heyne Haus was built in 1750. In 1841, the university purchased it from the heirs of Christian Gottlob Heyne, who was professor of classical studies and philology in Göttingen. After extensive reconstruction, the building today houses the Institute of Arabic and Islam Studies.



Cultural Programme

We hope that you will take time to experience some of the sights of Göttingen and its surroundings and invite you to take part in the following activities on Friday, June 1st. Activities scheduled for Friday morning will start at 10:00, activities in the afternoon at 14:00. These times may be subject to change, so please inquire at the registration desk about when a tour will start and where to meet for the activities.

Friday

10:00 – 12:00

Guided City Tour: Historical Göttingen

This guided tour will escort you around Göttingen's historical old town with its numerous attractions. You will learn about the history of Göttingen as a traditional university town. This tour will last 90 minutes.



Guided tour of the Botanical Garden

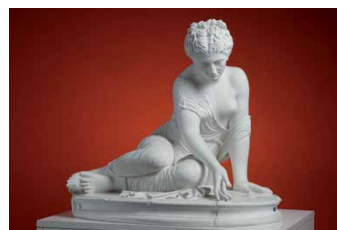


From its foundation until today, the Botanical Garden played a central role in the study of biology at the University of Göttingen, facilitating teaching and research in the many disciplines of botany. Besides its academic purpose, the garden is regarded as one of the most scenic green areas of Göttingen. Situated in the very center of the city, the garden is

highly appreciated by visitors for a walk that is relaxing and informative at the same time. Take part in a guided tour and experience a treasure of the University of Göttingen!

14:00 – 18:00

Guided Tour Göttingen Collections



The Academic Collections are a vital element of teaching and research. This tour will guide you through parts of the Academic Collections held by the University of Göttingen.

Castle Berlepsch

The Castle Berlepsch, a short bus ride from Göttingen, was established more than 650 years ago. In the course of the 16th century, the castle was reshaped and rebuilt. It is a particularly scenic sight, allowing for a wonderful view of the surrounding area. You will be taken to the castle with a bus.



Goslar and the World Cultural Heritage Rammelsberg



The Rammelsberg is a mountain, 635 meters high, on the northern edge of the Harz, close to the town of Goslar. The mountain is the location of an important mine, which had been working continuously for more than 1000 years, before it was finally closed in 1988. In 1992, the mine was listed as UNESCO World Heritage. A tour above and below ground will provide unique insights into the activities of the people in the Harz region. A bus will take you to the Rammelsberg.

Information support for participants

Should you require any additional information or help, please do not hesitate to contact one of our crew members. Below you will find the opening hours of our **information desks**.

On the days of your arrival there will be an information point at the railway station, on Monday from 12:00 to 20:00 and on Tuesday from 08:00 to 20:00.

During the entire conference there will be an information desk in the **Great Hall building** (Aula, Wilhelmsplatz 1), Tuesday to Friday from 08:00 to 20:00.

In addition, there will be more information desks at the conference venues.

You will find us at the **Centre for Cultural Studies** (Heinrich-Düker-Weg 14) on Tuesday from 13:00 to 19:00 and on Thursday from 08:00 to 14:00. We will also be in the Pauliner Church building (Papendiek 14) on Thursday from 13:00 to 20:00.

Should you require **emergency help**, you can reach us any time at +49 151 120 49 244.

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