



Newsletter

Dear members, dear friends of Deutsch-Irische Gesellschaft,

together with the invitation to the feast of St. Patrick's Day in this year too, you receive a new and current edition of our popular Newsletter. Even in this year it shall give a short review to our activities in 2017, but too, a short preview of the the planned events and activities in 2018.

Topic Review

The traditional beginning of our Year of Events 2017 was, as ever, our members assembly on March 19th 2017 in Oxford Club Bonn and the succeeding feast of St. Patrick's Day. As musicians we could welcome again our Erasmus students Emma Power and Muireann O'Brien, who gave us at the advent coffee many pleasure.

The members assembly and the feast of St. Patrick's Day too took place yet again at Oxford Club, Adenauerstraße in Bonn. We give cordial thanks to all responsibilities of Oxford Club, that we can use their rooms for our events. Our thanks go especially to Karin Watson and Karola Forst, who very kindly took care to us and our guests.

The first lecture, hold on April 29th, 2017 by our member Peter Dietsch, brought us into the complicated matter of the early irish law. After he had spoken in previous lectures about the law of marriage as well as about the rights of women, this time he addressed oneself to the „Brehon Law“, the law of judges.

On May 20th 2017 Emma Power and Muireann O'Brien visited us another time. They shared their impressions of Germany with us and described their everyday life as outlandish students in Bonn that ist partly very different to that in Ireland.

The lecture of our President Brian Mandt on Juli 1st 2017 about the highly up to date topic „Ireland and the Brexit“ attracted wide interests. Mr Mandt showed the numerous audience very demonstrative the manyfold political and economic interrelations between Great Britain and Ireland and talked about the problems, that are in advance for Ireland by the decision of GB to leave the EU - especially the question of the border with Northern Ireland.

The aim of our this year excursion on September 9th 2017 was the Siebengebirgsmuseum in Königswinter. Unfortunately due to the cool and rainy weather there were only few involvement. But this few were be rewarded with an excellent guidance through the museum and especially through the current exhibition about the history of the abbey of Heisterbach. After that a mutual visit into the traditional Café Dix in Königswinter closed up this successful afternoon

After our summer break we could welcome Dr. Gisbert Hemprich from Institute for Celtic Studies of the University of Bonn as guest. He hold a lecture about the very exciting topic of the High-Kings of Ireland, historic or only legendary rulers and leaders of clans, who ruled in the middle ages from the Hill of Tara over various regions, respectively over petty kingdoms of Ireland.

As a small highlight the last lecture of the year on November 11th 2017 proved itself. The topic was „Ireland and the vikings“. Since years the topic vikings is again and again present in print media and TV, so that our guest, Prof. Rudolf Simek from the Institute for Scandinavian Studies of the University of Bonn, found a highly interested audience for his lecture. He fascinated the audience with his interesting, exciting and partly very entertaining remarks about the vikings generally and the heritage of the vikings on the Green Island.

The end of the Year of Events 2017 provided once more our advent coffee, which was hold a second time in the Hotel Residence near Kaiserplatz in Bonn due to the very positive resonance in the last year. As this time musician guest Anna Lück enchanted us with her magic sound of the harp perfectly, while we had coffee and cake.

Topic Preview

For the new year 2018 too the board again makes an effort to present an attractive and varying program of events. Beside the traditional feast of St. Patrick's Day and the advent coffee again there are planned some interesting lectures. So our member Erhart Kaiser will hold a lecture about O'Dochartaigh, Lord of Innishowen. In June a lecture about William Butler Yeats ist planned. And too we hope to hear a lecture of our Honorary-President, Karl-Ludwig Wimberger, about Prince Pückler in Ireland. For our excursion this time we want to have a guidance through the museum of the University of Bonn, The University is in 2018 200 year old.

The board of the Deutsch-irische Gesellschaft Bonn subsequently wishes all members and friends good luck and satisfaction level for the year 2018 and looks forward to welcome as many people as possible in the next time.

Bonn, in February 2019

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