

PROCEEDING

of the Annual General Assambly of
Deutsch-Irischen Gesellschaft Bonn e.V.

Date: March 17th 2019
Ort: Oxford-Club Bonn
Adenauerallee 7
Beginn: 02:10 p.m.
Ende: 02:55 p.m.

TOPIC 1: Opening

Mr. Dietsch, President of Deutsch-Irischen Gesellschaft, welcomed the attendees, opened the Annual General Assambly and declared the proper summoning, the observance of the invitation deadline and also the presence of a quorum.

TOPIC 2: Designation of a proceeding taker

Ms. Bestler is named as proceeding taker.

TOPIC 3: Statement and Preview account of the President

Mr. Dietsch gives thanks to the members of the board and to the auditors for their support in the previous year and gives a short review to the activities of Deutsch-Irische Gesellschaft in 2018:

The year 2018 was characterized by a big personell change. At the Annual General Assambly on March 18th 2018 in Oxford Club Mr. Peter Dietsch was voted new President of the Deutsch-irische Gesellschaft Bonn as successor of Mr. Brian Mandt. Mr. Mandt had taken the office for more than 10 years.

The focus of Mr. Dietsch in his first year of office was to make the Deutsch-Irische Gesellschaft even more popular in the Cologne/Bonn region to win on this way in long-term new members. Therefore the contacts to the local newspapers, to the student associations of Anglistics and of Celtic Studies and also to the Studienhaus für Keltische Sprachen und Kulturen (SKSK) in Königswinter and to the Irish Embassy in Berlin. And too, the contacts to other german-irish societies were deepened. Beside a new information-flyer become created and also the Homepage of the society become completely new designed. Moreover the society will take part with an information desk at the Bonner Day of Europe -together with the student association of Celtic Studies- in the Old Town Hall for the first time .

The Year of Events 2018 traditionally began with the annual general meeting and the succeeding feast of St. Patrick's Day, which was accompanied by Sabrina Palm and her new musicband „Reel Talents“ from the Beethoven-Musikschule Bonn. For our lectures in 2018 we could win again some interesting guests: Paul Cahill presented us the irish mining engineer Thomas Mulvany, who, in the middle of the 19th century, had essential share in modernization the coal mining in the Ruhrgebiet. Then Derek Scally, correspondent of the Irish Times in Berlin, gave us the newest information to Brexit. But our members too added two very interesting lectures to this again successful year of events. Our honorary president Karl-Ludwig Wimberger followed the traces of the famous landscape architect Prince Pückler through Ireland and Ehrhart Kaiser, who previously presented us some various personages and experiences of the irish history, gave us a sight of the end of the gaelic system in Ireland. Last but not least the exciting and engaged guidance through the University Museum of the University of Bonn has to be mentioned. This guidance made us known with the most important phases of the 200-year history of the University of Bonn. The year ended traditionally with the Advent Coffee in Hotel Residence in Bonn.

The „Highlight“ of the year of events, that ended as always with the Advent Coffee, was however the photo competition „Impressions of Ireland“. It was started in October 2018 under the patronage of Ashok Sridharan, Mayor Burgomaster of the City of Bonn. The best five photos were elected and awarded from more than 100 send-in photos by a jury. At the beginning of February 2019, the awards were given to the happy winners in a little celebration ceremony by Ms. Angela Kennedy from the Irish Embassy and Ms. Gabriele Klingmüller, Mayor of the City of Bonn.

Beside the the fixed items of the agenda, the feast of St. Patrick's Day and Advent Coffee, for 2019 are planned: lectures about german-speaking exiles in Ireland from 1933 to 1945, about Seamus Heany, about the Great Famine (as preparation for the study trip from 22.09.2019-30.09.2019 to Ireland) and also about the Ogam-Alphabet. Moreover the parting Ambassador, Mr. Michale Collins, will tell us something about his times in Germany. For our traditional „Excursion“ we have planned a guidance through the Arp-Museum in Rolandseck.

A further on „Highlight“ is planned for June 2019: In the foyer of the new Town Hall of the City of Bonn we will present a photo exhibition about the „Operation Shamrock“. With the „Operation Shamrock“, direct in the aftermath of WW II, more than 400 german children were brought over to Ireland to be saved from starvation and found refuge in irish families. The exhibition was designed and build, under the patronage of the irish Foreign Office, by the

journalist Monica Brandis, together with the photographer Sidharta Corral and the graphic designer Frank Litz.

In the exhibition there are 14 of the previous children closer drawn. At the opening evening two of the former children will be presented as contemporary witnesses.

TOPIC 4: Cash Report

Mr. Odenthal gave a short overview about the cash situation of Deutsch-Irische Gesellschaft. The revenues in 2018 were X.XXX,XX €, whereby X.XXX,XX € were membership fees. The expenses were X.XXX,XX €, so that the current account balance is XXX,XX €

TOPIC 5: Account of the Auditors

The auditors Ms. Güßgen and Mr. Heimes declared the accordance of Debit- and Actual outlay. There are no complaints to make.

TOPIC 6: Discharge of the Board to topics 3 – 5

The discharge of the board was unanimous, by abstention of the members of the board.

TOPIC 7: Approach of the brought in explications

There were no brought in explications.

TOPIC 8: Miscellaneous

There were no speech.

Bonn, March 30th 2019

Präsident

Protokollführerin