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

Festival Week, the main event of our anniversary year, is fast approaching. From **25 June to 2 July 2011** our academic life will revolve around festive events and scientific congresses.

Minister President Kretschmann has confirmed he will be attending the **ceremonial re-opening** of the New University on **25 June**. The ceremony begins at 11 am.

First and foremost, the ceremony is our opportunity to express our deep gratitude to the state of Baden-Württemberg and all the supporters and sponsors who helped make the renovation and modernisation of the New University a success. After the ceremony, visitors are cordially invited to take in the sights and sounds of **University Mile**. Between the Centre for Ancient History, the Peterskirche and the garden of the Department of Romance Languages, the faculties and departments will showcase their latest findings from research and education until 7 pm. All are welcome to join in the experience. There will also be plenty of fun and refreshment at the rector's big **anniversary party** in the interior courtyard of the Marstall building with live music and dancing starting at 6 pm. Admission is free.

Sunday, **26 June** begins with the **festive ecumenical service** at the Peterskirche. Bishops Huber and Zollitsch will hold the joint service. The Alumni Anniversary Days will open later that morning in the Great Hall of the Old University.

On Monday, **27 June** the prize of the **Deutsche Nationalstiftung** foundation will be awarded. We are pleased that Ruperto Carola was chosen as the site for presenting this year's award, in honour of German reunification. The recipient is Professor Kiesow, chairman of the board for the German Foundation for Monument Protection. Former Federal President Richard von Weizsäcker will give the laudation. The event is not open to the public.

Tuesday, **28 June** is **Montpellier Day**. Coordinated events will celebrate the many years of partnership activities between the universities of Heidelberg and Montpellier as well as the twin cities.

On Wednesday, **29 June**, scientists will enjoy a life sciences programme in the New University to mark the **Research Day of the Baden-Württemberg Stiftung** foundation.



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Thursday, **30 June** begins with a joint session of the **Humboldt Foundation** and the **Marsilius Kolleg** in the BioQuant building in Neuenheimer Feld. The **Marsilius Lecture** will be held in the afternoon in the Great Hall of the Old University.

On Friday, **1 July** at 6 pm, the **Lautenschläger Research Prize** will be awarded in the Great Hall of the Old University. It is Germany's most generously endowed prize from a private sponsor. Heidelberg Nobel laureate Prof. Dr. Harald zur Hausen will speak.

On Saturday, **2 July**, a **public symposium** will be held in the New University with **six Nobel prize winners** in medicine and physiology. Afterward, young researchers and pupils will be given the opportunity to personally meet the Nobel Laureates.

For the crowning touch to the Festival Week, join Rector Prof. Dr. Bernhard Eitel at the **anniversary ball** in the Stadthalle Heidelberg. For tickets to the Ruperto Carola Summer Night ball, please contact jubilaeumsball@uni-heidelberg.de. You are cordially invited!

We request that members of the university faculty make it possible for their students to attend festival activities.

For complete Festival Week details, go to www.625.uni-heidelberg.de.

We are greatly looking forward to meeting alumni and visitors from all corners of the globe and especially to welcoming you to Festival Week activities.

Thank you so much for your support!

Sincerely yours,

Jochen Tröger





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On Thursday, **16 June** at 8 pm, the Academic Philharmonia will give a **concert** on University Square, followed by fireworks over the Neckar. The major display, dedicated to the university, was donated by Honorary Senator Dr. Wild.

On **17 June**, an **exhibit** entitled “Heinrich von Kleist – Stages in the History of his Work” will open in the Heiliggeistkirche. Visitors can view the displays through 21 November.

The **“Vogelfrei” student theatre group** will give five performances of “Cornelius relegatus” between **16 to 23 June** at the Department of German Language and Literature Studies. The shows begin at 8 pm. For more information, go to www.gs.uni-heidelberg.de.

Professor Junker and the associates of the Heidelberg Center for **American Studies** will host America Day on **24 June**. In addition to a podium discussion on current topics in American politics, the Pennington Scholarship will be awarded for the first time. W.C. Pennington received an honorary doctorate from Ruperto Carola in 1849; he was the first African-American in Europe to do so.

Professor Müller-Graff is heading up **Europe Day** on **3 July** in the Great Hall of the Old University. Distinguished guests include Vice President Diana Wallis and Vice President Rainer Wieland of the European Parliament, EU Commissioner Günther Oettinger, and Vassilios Skouris, President of the European Court of Justice.

Through the end of the semester you can still sojourn to the stars between 12.30 and 1 pm in the Peterskirche. The programme entitled **“The uni(verse) for everyone. A half-hour in the stars”** started at the beginning of the semester and presents complex topics in astrophysics in “easily digestible” form.

On **23 July**, the Camerata Carolina under the direction of Professor Wasserman will enchant listeners with works from composers with special ties to Heidelberg in a **promenade concert** in three of the most beautiful interior courtyards of the university. The concert begins at 9 pm.





Did you know...?

Trifels Wellness Hotel opened at the end of May in Annweiler in Rhineland-Palatinate. Albrecht Hornbach of our board of trustees restored the 100-year-old house. The house is now available for conferences, closed meetings and small working group meetings. Members of our university receive special low rates and students an additional discount. For more information, go to www.kurhaus-trifels.de.

And one big favour: We are still looking for friendly and outgoing guides to meet and greet visitors on 25 June along University Mile as well as distribute schedules and maps – on the Hauptstraße, at bus stops, and on side streets. Guides are needed from 10 am to 7 pm and receive 8.39 euros per hour and a University Mile shirt. Your participation will contribute greatly to the success of University Mile. Interested students should contact unimeile@uni-heidelberg.de.

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