



GREETINGS FROM ST. PETER

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Dear colleagues,
dear friends,

After the Festive Plenary Session I thought that April would be less stressful, but we continued to work hard.

At the beginning of April there was an excellent meeting in Lugano organized by our members Markus Krienke and Elmar Kuhn on the topic *Two essential topoi of interreligious dialogue - The integrative "languages" of civil society and mystics*, a topic that is matching our turbulent times.

The evening before was a public meeting about the relation between Muslims and Christians. Europeans know too little about Islam, Europe is increasingly becoming secular and there is only little knowledge on religious topics in the awareness of society.

The meeting has shown the importance of interreligious dialogues.

This leads me to our Prize of Tolerance: On April 21st Prof. Dr. Roland Riz from Bolzano (South Tyrol) was awarded the Prize of Tolerance 2015. We welcomed around 100 guests, among them many politicians from South-Tyrol, starting with the Governor Arno Kompatscher.

The Festive Speech was delivered by our member Werner Weidenfeld on the topic "South Tyrol as a European example of tolerance" and was very well received by the audience. Due to the endeavours of Prof. Riz, South Tyrol is a good example for peaceful coexistence and may serve as an example for Europe.



Felix Unger, Roland Riz, Alexander von Egen

We would like to thank everybody contributing to the success of this event, particularly Alexander von Egen - member of our advisory board - who organised this wonderful evening.

The Rings of Tolerance will be handed over on September 26th in Cologne. This year's awardees are Cardinal Peter Erdö, Uri Lubrani and Ismail Serageldin. The Festive Speech will be given by Sali Berisha, Honorary Senator and former President of Albania, on the topic "Tolerance between bridges and walls".

Ismail Serageldin, the director of the Library of Alexandria organized a meeting on "New Life Sciences: The Road ahead" and it was interesting to see how to make the best out of scientific research.

The library is to be seen as continuation of the classical library and they have all facilities to do the best. I am sure we will hear much about the endeavours of Ismail Serageldin.

The Allea Meeting was in Vienna, hosted by the Austrian Academy. Such meetings always provide the opportunity to meet friends and speak about possible meetings in the future. Remi Brague was awarded the *ALLEA Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values*.

A board meeting of our foundation took place in Vienna, the budget of our foundation is increasing slowly and needs additional funding.

Our membership directory and annual report are in the process of being printed. You will receive them soon with the request for the membership fee, and of course we would be very grateful about any gifts. Please check your personal data in the membership directory and inform us about any changes, so we can update your data in the membership directory next year.

Many meetings are to come. From 12th until 13th May, there is the Danube Academies Conference in Ljubljana, and on 16th May there is a meeting at the Galerie Ropac in Salzburg. The speakers will be Peter Sloterdijk, Peter Weibel, Friedhelm Mennekes and Christoph Binder. The discussion will be led by Bazon Brock.

Our project "Next Europe" is constantly making progress. We are now in the process of creating the final paper. The German version will be sent out soon, the English one will follow later, and I am looking forward for your comments. The first public meeting is in October 2016 in Salzburg, followed by Berlin in January 2017.

With best personal regards,

Felix Unger
President



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Upcoming events:

- 30 April 2016: Symposium Leiblichkeit, Identität und Weltbezug in Philosophie, Kunst und Medizin
Mannheim, Germany
- 12-13 May 2016: 7th Danube Academies Conference (DAC)
Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 16 May 2016: Die unabdingbare Immunität - zur Vermittlung vom Eigenen und Fremden
Salzburg, Austria
- 17 May 2016: Islamic Heritage Architecture and Art
Valencia, Spain
- 19 May 2016: International Conference: Technology + Society = Society?
Podgorica, Montenegro
- 19-21 May 2016: Interdisziplinäres Symposium an der Universität Freiburg
Freiburg, Switzerland
- 3 June 2016: Leiblichkeit, l'homme-machine und Mensch-Maschinen-Interaktion: "Erweiterung oder Konstriktion des Weltbezuges und der Identität in der Postmoderne"
Heidelberg, Germany

- 3 June 2016: Big Data in Medizin und Gesellschaft - Fortschritt oder Gefahr?
Schwerin, Germany
- 7-8 June 2016: SEERC Power Conference
Portoroz, Slovenia
- 26 June 2016: The European Summit for Clinical Nanomedicine and Targeted Medicine - The Translation to Knowledge Based Medicine
Basel, Switzerland
- 8 July 2016: "Identität und Leiblichkeit. - Orientierungssuche in der Postmoderne".
Heidelberg, Germany
- **21 September 2016: Advanced Ceramics and Applications V: New Frontiers in Multifunctional Material Science and Processing Conference
Belgrade, Serbia**
- 24 September 2016: Chiemgauer Kardiologie Tage
Chieming/Ising, Germany
- 26 September 2016: Rings of Tolerance
Cologne, Germany
- 14-15 October 2016: International meeting on Neurocardiology
Belgrade, Serbia

For more information, please check our website <http://www.euro-acad.eu/activities/events>

Received publications:

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- Uroš Skalerič. The Jože Trontelj Memorial Proceedings - Addresses from Jože Trontelj Memorial Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Design d.o.o., Ljubljana, 2015
- **William E. Lee, Rainer Gadow, Vojislav Mitic and Nina Obradovic. Proceedings of the III Advanced Ceramics and Applications Conference. Atlantis Press, 2016.**
- Wolfgang Rohrbach. Versicherungsgeschichte Österreich - Band XII, Liegst dem Erdteil du inmitten, einem starken Herzen gleich - Herausgegeben aus Anlass des 70. Geburtstages der zweiten Republik Österreich Tronik dizajn, Beograd 2015.
- Péter Erdő / József Schweitzer / E. Sylvester Vizi Glaube - Ethik - Wissenschaft, Essays und Gespräche zu Grundfragen des menschlichen Dasein. Frank & Timme GmbH, Verlag für wissenschaftliche Literatur, Berlin 2015.
- Pál Fodor, Péter Apor, Gabriella Erdélyi, Sándor Horváth, Judit Klement, Veronika Novák, Tamás Pálosfalvi. The Hungarian Historical Review, New Series of Acta Historica - Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae, Family History 3/1 Prime Rate Kft, Budapest 2014.
- A Cura Die M. Sánchez Sorondo. I Papi e la Scienza - Nell'Epoca Contemporanea. Pontificia Accademia delle Scienze & Jaca Book, Aprile 2009.

We want to congratulate:

- Remi Brague (France): Was awarded the ALLEA Madame de Staël Prize for Cultural Values

We have to regret the death of:

- Juris Ekmanis (Latvia)

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