



SELECTED EVENTS - May to August 2004

Magdeburg Opens September 11 Exhibition



August 31, 2004. Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky, U. S. Consulate General Leipzig, joined the opening of the photo exhibition *After September 11: Images from Ground Zero*, an exhibition by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The photographs by Joel Meyerowitz are on display from September 1 through September 30, 2004 at Magdeburg Public Library.

Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky, Consul for Public Affairs at the Consulate General Leipzig, and Peter Petsch (center), director of the Public Library in Magdeburg, and his co-worker Ines Gonschoreck

August 31, 2004

Consul for Political and Economic Affairs, Eleanore Fox, discussed German-American relations with students from List-Gymnasium Leipzig. Information Resource Center staff provided information materials and introduced the IRC as a resource of in-depth US-related information.

U.S. Air Force Europe Band Engages in Community Relations



Lord Mayor Häussler from Halle, Saxony-Anhalt, gives welcoming remarks.

August 29, 2004. The Consulate General Leipzig arranged the performance of the U.S. military band together with the reserve organization of the local Bundeswehr unit at the lantern festival in Halle. Halle Lord Mayor Häussler and Bundeswehr Colonel Althoff gave welcoming remarks. The origins of the USAFE Band go back to 1943. Always at the forefront of current events and changing political climates, the USAFE band integrates itself into international cultures as a symbol of democracy and freedom.

Ronald McDonald House Celebrates American Barbecue



August 26, 2004. The Ronald McDonald House Leipzig, which provides accommodations and support for families with children suffering from life-threatening illness, invited Leipzig Consulate General to join its staff and about 250 guests for its third annual American Barbecue. Acting Consul General Eleanore Fox delivered a speech and donated books to the facility. The McDonalds Kinderhilfe currently operates 13 houses throughout Germany and more are in planning.

Acting Consul General Eleanore Fox speaks to the guests of the American Barbecue.

August 25, 2004 Consulate General Leipzig staff members represented the Consulate at a concert organized and conducted by American professor Arturo Sergi from San Marcos, TX. Among the guests of honor were the county commissioner of Altenburg, which maintains relations with Hickory, NC, and Heiner Model, the German Consul General from Houston, Leipzig's sister city.

August 9, 2004

"Shri," a blues band from Arizona, gave a free-of-charge-concert in front of Leipzig's Thomas Church. Acting Consul Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky welcomed the band members at the Consulate General for an orientation on August 10.

August 5, 2004

Acting Consul Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky hosted a bagel lunch for 15 young people from the Minneapolis area and their German hosts. Leipzig's youth pastor had organized a first trip to Minneapolis in 2003 and now welcomed the U.S. group for a return visit. The program, entitled *Possibilities for Peace*, includes visits to social projects such as shelters for the homeless and institutions for the handicapped.

July 30, 2004

Acting Consul Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky addressed a gathering of Fulbright secondary-school exchange teachers at the Leucorea in Wittenberg. The teachers are exchanging teaching places as well as living quarters for the 2004-2005 school year. Dr. Bonkowsky talked about the current challenges in U.S.-German relations, stereotypes, and public opinion during the U.S. presidential election year.

Group of 33 Young People Visits the Consulate



July 28, 2004. Acting Consul General Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky welcomed a group from Ellrich, Thuringia, and introduced them to the work of the Consulate. The 33 young people participate in a project called *Großer Grenzverkehr* which brings together students from Germany, the USA and the UK. The Americans and British mediate between youth from the East and West of Germany.

Young people from Germany, the US, and Britain explore Information Resource Center resources

July 16 - August 5, 2004

The fourth *International Summer Music Academy Leipzig*, a joint project of the Leipzig conservatory and the New York Juilliard School of Music took place between July 16 and August 5. The academy offers music instruction to professionally advanced students and graduates, among them 35 Americans or international students studying at American colleges. The group was invited to a welcome reception at the Consulate on July 19, at which the students were greeted by the Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky.

Group of Students from Local Broadcasting Station Mephisto Visit the Consulate



July 15, 2004. Continuing the long-standing relationship with the Scripps School of Journalism in Ohio, 10 journalism majors from Leipzig's University radio Mephisto will team up with five students from Ohio for a study tour of the U.S. in September, which will take them to several U.S. campus radios and focus on the U.S. media system and the upcoming elections. In preparation of its trip, the study group visited the Consulate General, accompanied by Professor Steinmetz, head of the Communications Department, University of Leipzig.

Radio Mephisto participants and Professor Dr. Rüdiger Steinmetz, University of Leipzig, welcomed by Rita Wallace, U.S. Consulate General, Public Affairs

July 14-17, 2004

American Consulate General Leipzig sent a representative to a conference organized at the University of Halle on the different approaches of the EU and the United States toward foreign trade. Problems with the WTO were high on the list of issues. The symposium, a program of the Transnational Economic Law Research Center and the German Marshall Fund, brought together knowledgeable participants from Germany and the United States.

Teachers of German from Russia and the U.S. Visit the Consulate General



July 14, 2004. Consul General Fletcher Burton hosted a group of German teachers from Russia and the U.S. at the Consulate. The Consul General led a discussion on the work of the Consulate and German-American relations.

The 23 teachers will be in Leipzig for four weeks to intensify their knowledge of the German language, culture and history. The summer school - which has been in place for five years - is a project of interDaf at the Herder-Institute at Leipzig University. The group was accompanied by the Consul General Anatoli Jenin from the Russian Consulate General and from Dr. Annette Kühn, interDaF e.V. Leipzig.

Consul General Fletcher Burton talks with teachers of German from Russia and the U.S.

July 4, 2004

On the occasion of Independence Day, Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky delivered remarks at the Magdeburg German-American Dialogue Center's annual outdoor party along the Elbe river. A country music combo, dance groups, donations of food from local firms with U.S. ties, and representatives of the Nashville sister-city program made the event festive.

American Day in Zeitz



Information display

July 3, 2004. The U.S. Consulate General Leipzig co-organized an American Day at Saxony-Anhalt's first official garden show. Consul General Fletcher Burton delivered a speech. A stand with information about the United States of America compiled by the Information Resource Center attracted a large public audience at the garden show. In addition, artists and American exchange students staged a cultural program.

Independence Day Reception 2004

July 1, 2004. Leipzig Consulate General celebrated the 228th U.S. Independence Day in Halle, Saxony-Anhalt, this year. About 300 guests listened to the welcoming remarks of Consul Fletcher M. Burton, Minister President Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Böhmer, and Lord Mayor Ingrid Häußler. The Marine Guards presented the Colors and James Moellenhoff of the Opera Leipzig sang the national anthem. The U.S. Army Europe Dixieland Band provided entertainment.



Consul Fletcher Burton talks with Lord Mayor Ingrid Häußler.



U.S. Army Europe Dixieland Band.



Lord Mayor Ingrid Häußler.



The Buffet at Halle's Stadthaus.



Minister President Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Böhmer.



Presentation of the Colors. In the back: James Moellenhoff, Opera Leipzig, singer of the National Anthem.

June 28 - June 30, 2004

Lee Anne Wilson - Hartwick College and presently Fulbright Professor in Graz, Austria - continued Consulate General Leipzig's Fulbright Lecture Series in Dresden (June 28), Leipzig (June 29) and Chemnitz (June 30). In lectures, seminars and consultations she discussed the works of contemporary American artists and writers.

Festival in American Consulate General Leipzig Neighborhood, Academy of Visual Arts

June 24, 2004. Leipzig American Consulate General joined forces with the Academy of Visual Arts, the German Literature Institute, the Gallery for Contemporary Art, the University Library and the University of Music and Theater joined forces to stage a neighborhood festival. Consul General Fletcher Burton and Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky mingled with several hundred employees and students from the adjacent institutions. The Consulate's Information Resource Center (IRC) provided materials about the U.S.



The Big Band of the University of Music and Theater. Professor Brohm introduces the hosts.



Information Resource Center (IRC) staff member Katja Haferburg (left) at the Consulate's information stand with IRC materials about the USA.



Consul General Fletcher M. Burton during the interview with Sira Engelbertz, Radio Mephisto.



The heads of the neighborhood institutions (from left): Rector Prof. Joachim Brohm, Academy of Visual Arts; Dr. Ekkehard Henschke, University of Leipzig, Library Director; Prof. Dr. Josef Haslinger, Director, German Literature Institute; Consul General Fletcher M. Burton, American Consulate General; Dr. Barbara Steiner, Gallery for Contemporary Art; Prof. Konrad Körner, Rector, University of Music and Theater.

June 23, 2004

Consul General Fletcher Burton, Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky and Consul Eleanore Fox welcomed a delegation of students from Gymnasium Wolfen-Stadt and the Daniel High School in Clemson (SC). The new school partnership was initiated with the help of Consul Fox. The Wolfen students went to South Carolina in March 2004.

June 22, 2004

"Presidential Elections 2004", Workshop for teachers.
Venue: U.S. Consulate General Leipzig

June 21, 2004

Consul General Fletcher M. Burton and Professor Dr. Erwin Tschirner, Herder-Institute, University of Leipzig, hosted a group of students of the Universities of Arizona and Leipzig at the U.S. Consulate. Guest of honor, Rector Professor Dr. iur. Franz Häuser, University of Leipzig, addressed the American-German student group.

June 17, 2004

Consul General Fletcher Burton hosted 10 post-graduates from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, who visited Leipzig's Consulate General as part of their study tour on "Exploring Post-Wall Germany in the New Europe." The graduates discussed German-American relations and current political and social conditions in eastern Germany with the Consul General.

June 17, 2004

Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky visited the east Saxon town of Niesky where she opened a poster show on immigration and participated in a wreath-laying to commemorate the June 17, 1953 uprising against the former DDR government.

June 14 - 16, 2004

Frank Schubert -- historian in the Department of Defense until June 2003 and presently Fulbright Professor in Romania -- continued Consulate General Leipzig's Fulbright Lecture Series in Dresden (June 14), Leipzig (June 15) and Jena (June 16). In lectures, seminars and consultations at universities he discussed the history and mythology of the Buffalo Soldiers, black soldiers who served in the Regular Army between the Civil War and WWI.

Magic Bus in Magdeburg, Saxony-Anhalt

June 8, 2004. Ambassador Daniel R. Coats and Mrs. Coats as well as American officers from the U.S. Embassy Berlin and the U.S. Consulate General Leipzig joined forces and descended on Magdeburg where they met with large student groups at eight different high schools to explain U.S. policy and American way of life. The concerted effort to explain U.S. policy and the American way of life is part of the Ambassador's School Outreach Program.



Ambassador Daniel R. Coats (right) and Bernd Westermeier, English teacher, during a 'Question & Answer' session at the Ökumenisches Domgymnasium in Magdeburg.



Consul General Fletcher M. Burton, U.S. Consulate General Leipzig, discusses with students from the Humboldt-Gymnasium the American view on EU Enlargement.



Mrs. Marsha Coats talks with 12th grade students of the Hegel-Gymnasium.



Photo-Op: Magic Bus group. From left: Ms. Molly Gower, US Embassy Berlin; Fletcher M. Burton, Consul General at the Consulate Leipzig; Mrs. Cloud; Dr. Uwe Küster, Member of Parliament, and Mr. Ernst-Dieter Mehrrens of the German-American Dialog Center Magdeburg. Center: Mrs. Marsha Coats and Ambassador Daniel R. Coats.

June 8, 2004

American author Richard Powers presented his latest novel *Time of Our Singing*. The bilingual reading, with Leipzig-based actor Matthias Hummitzsch as the German voice, took place in Leipzig's House of Books.

June 7-8, 2004

Michael Steiner, Professor of American Studies from California State University, Fullerton, and presently Fulbright Professor in Lublin, Poland, continued Leipzig's Fulbright Lecture Series. In Dresden (June 7) and Leipzig (June 8) he discussed in lectures, seminars and consultations at universities the impact of American landscape and culture on architecture, and vice versa.

June 7, 2004

Consul General Fletcher Burton hosted 15 Columbia University journalism graduates, who visited the Leipzig Consulate as part of their Atlantik-Brücke sponsored Germany program. The graduates discussed consular work and the status of transatlantic relations with the Consul General and they also met communication majors from Leipzig's University radio station Mephisto for an informal exchange.

June 3, 2004

David Leege – professor emeritus of political science at the University of Notre Dame and adjunct professor at the University of Arizona – spoke about the upcoming presidential elections and analyzed the campaign strategies, with special focus on those aimed at various American religious groups.

June 3, 2004

Patrice McDermott, Deputy Director of the Office of Government Relations at the American Library Association Washington Office, lectured at Leipzig's College of Applied Sciences (HTWK) on *Issues Confronting Information Professionals in the Digital Environment*. She covered issues ranging from copyright to the U.S. Patriot Act and talks about her work at the ALA.

May 28, 2004

Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky and the Information Resource Center of the Consulate supported the Nashville Day at the Magdeburg Municipal Library. This event was organized by the German-American Dialog Center on the occasion of the first anniversary of the signing of a Sister Cities agreement. An information stand provided background on the Sister Cities relationship, as well as about the U.S. Consulate Leipzig and educational exchanges.

May 25-26, 2004

Maryland University Sociology Professor (and current Fulbrighter in Lund) Lory Dance lectured on the impact of street culture on schooling in the U.S. The lectures took place in Leipzig (May 25) and Jena (May 26) and were part of Leipzig's Fulbright Lecture Series.

May 25, 2004

Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky met with a group of adult English learners from Glauchau (Saxony) at the Consulate to discuss the upcoming presidential elections.

May 19, 2004

Andrew J. Bacevich -- George H. W. Bush Fellow at the American Academy Berlin and professor of international relations at Boston University -- analyzed the role of the American military in U.S. foreign policy at Jena University. Himself a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy, former soldier and West Point teacher, Bacevich looked at the current contending approaches, strategies, and doctrines for post-Cold War-Third Millennium American foreign policy.

May 18, 2004

Professor Darrell West, Director of the Taubman Center for Public Policy at Brown University, lectured at the Dresden University Communications Department on the current status of the Bush-Kerry election campaign and analyzed the U.S. electoral system and how the elections are won.

May 12 - 14, 2004

Edwina Campbell, Professor of National Security Studies at Air University Maxwell AFB (AL), addressed the use of military force, strategic partnerships and the future of transatlantic relations during several events in Consulate General Leipzig's district. She lectured to students, Bundeswehr officers and general public in Dresden (May 12) and Chemnitz (May 13). Campbell also talked about the impact of foreign/security policy decisions on elections.

May 11- 12, 2004

Professor Susan Burch, historian from Gallaudet University, lectured on "Disability in American History" at the University of Leipzig. Expressing herself in American sign language, her husband vocalized the program, which is part of Leipzig's Fulbright Lecture Series. In addition, Professor Burch visited Germany's largest school for deaf students located in Leipzig and met with disability activists, politicians, and German sign language interpreters.

May 11, 2004

Fulbright students, teaching assistants, professors and teachers visited the Consulate General Leipzig and discussed their Germany experiences with Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky. Afterwards the group attended the Fulbright Lecture Series, featuring Professor Susan Burch on Disability in American History.

May 7, 2004

Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky and Public Affairs Exchanges staff from U.S. Embassy Berlin and Consulate General Leipzig met with teachers who participated in the first Eastern German Teachers Visitors' Program to the U.S.

May 6, 2004

Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky introduced adult students of English and the teacher to the Consulate and spoke about U.S. society. Shanna Campbell, Bosh fellow and volunteer teacher of the Consulate's conversation group, spoke to the students about the U.S. and her home state of Alabama.

All-Day Workshop for Journalism Trainees

May 5, 2004. Consulate General Leipzig hosted twelve journalism trainees from Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk (MDR), the public TV/radio broadcaster in eastern Germany, for a workshop on the Consulate's activities, U.S. information resources and the upcoming elections. The program included a Digital Video Conference (DVC) with Professor Darrell West from Brown University, who analyzed the role of the U.S. media in the current election campaign.



The Digital Video Conference is on: the trainees and Prof. Darrell West.



The journalism trainees during the 'Question and Answer' session with Consul General Fletcher M. Burton and Consul for Public Affairs Dr. Elizabeth Bonkowsky.