



SELECTED EVENTS – May to August 2007

Young U.S. and German Leaders Descend on Leipzig



From left: ACG Chairman Garrick Utley; Lord Mayor of Leipzig, Burkhard Jung; ACG President William Drozdiak; Consul General Mark Scheland

August 28, 2007. Fifty-two young leaders from the U.S. and Germany, who were selected by the American Council on Germany (ACG) and accompanied by ACG President William Drozdiak, Vice President Karen Furey and Chairman Garrick Utley, completed a full day of appointments in Leipzig. After meeting Leipzig Lord Mayor Burkhard Jung, the group toured the Baumwollspinnerei, which now has a worldwide reputation for hosting the new “Leipzig School” of art, as well as being a location for U.S.-based art galleries. At the Leipzig-Halle Airport, the group was briefed about Leipzig’s logistical growth potential, which has already attracted DHL’s newest European hub, and serves as a refueling stop for World Airways flights transporting U.S. troops to and from the Middle East. As the final highlight of the day, the participants were able to board one of two Russian Antonov cargo aircraft, which currently transport NATO equipment to crisis regions from their base in Leipzig.

Consulate General Leipzig Supports Transatlantic Partnership



Lord Mayor of Magdeburg, Dr. Lutz Trümper; Mayor of Nashville, Bill Purcell; Magdeburg City Councillor Dr. Rüdiger Koch (from left)

August 16 - 17, 2007. Bill Purcell, the Lord Mayor of Nashville, TN, arrived for his final visit to Nashville’s sister city Magdeburg on August 16, and was received by representatives from politics, culture, and the media at the Otto-von-Guericke Association. Consul Edith Backman and staffers from Leipzig Consulate General attended the event and used the opportunity to meet the mayor and two representatives of the Nashville sister city association. The German-American Dialogue Center in Magdeburg had issued the invitation to honor Bill Purcell’s work for the partnership and in helping to develop the exceptionally strong ties between these two cities. In a special edition of the Volksstimme Magdeburg Mayor Purcell was featured on the front page and the newspaper was handed over by editor-in-chief Franz Kadell. The issue also highlighted the role of former Consul General Fletcher Burton, a native of Nashville, in fostering the relationship.

Yiddish Summer Weimar festival



Klezmer musicians and singer perform at the Café Frauentor in Weimar

August 9, 2007. Consul for Public Affairs Mark Wenig, U.S. Consulate General Leipzig, and his wife Kjärstin attended an evening street performance of the “Yiddish Summer Weimar” festival on August 7. This festival, which began in 2001, was known then as “Weimar Klezmer Weeks.” Due to more and more Yiddish elements at the festival and a change of promoters, the name was changed to “Yiddish Summer Weimar” in 2006. The concept of the festival is to present Klezmer music as a vehicle for intercultural communication and tolerance, taking place in the shadow of the Buchenwald Memorial. The festival, which received a grant from the U.S. Embassy in Berlin, includes language classes in Yiddish, music and dance workshops, readings and movie screenings. This year’s topic is the area of conflict between tradition

and innovation.

The Children of the World in Saxony-Anhalt



Consul for Public Affairs Mark Wenig (right) with the group of American students

August 8, 2007. Consul for Public Affairs Mark Wenig and Consulate General staffer Zoe Kusmierz joined the closing ceremony of the 11th Eurocamp for Kids in Güntersberge. The 10-day camp brought together 280 children aged 11 to 17 from 21 countries to promote tolerance and cultural understanding through fun and friendship. They spent time together in the Harz region, visited Quedlinburg, met with locals, and discussed the role of children and youth with politicians during a visit to the state parliament of Magdeburg. During the closing ceremony, diplomatic representatives from various embassies met with the camp participants to learn more about the program and show their support for this multicultural project. Consul Wenig talked to the nine American youngsters and their two chaperones from Cincinnati, Ohio, whose schools represented the U.S. for the fourth straight year.

Harvard Krokodiloes Take Wittenberg by Storm



Consul for Public Affairs Mark Wenig (2nd from left), and members of Harvard Krokodiloes

August 4, 2007. The 12 member Harvard Krokodiloes a cappella singing group performed at the Phoenix Theatre in Lutherstadt-Wittenberg (Saxony Anhalt) before about 300 guests. The concert was organized with the help of former Krokodilo Todd Fletcher, now a Berlin resident. The group is now on their worldwide summer tour, with Wittenberg being their smallest, but certainly not their least enthusiastic stopover. The enthusiasm of Saturday's spectators was infectious, with 3 curtain calls, and many of those who attended remained afterwards to speak to the young men from Harvard.

Wittenberg Summer School 2007 Goes International



Students of the second Wittenberg Summer School

July 30 - August 3, 2007. Thirty students from 15 universities in Germany, Poland, Bulgaria, the U.S., and Taiwan, discussed "The American Press and the Challenges of Politics and Technology" at the second Wittenberg Summer School. The program was a collaboration of the U.S. Embassy in Berlin, the Center for U.S. Studies at the University of Halle/Wittenberg, and Magdeburg University, and supported by the German Association for American Studies. The intensive one-week program included challenging lectures on freedom of the press, the concentration of media ownership, the future of newspapers, and the influence of politics in media. Leading the discussions were historian Steven Whitfield of Brandeis University; Joe Misiewicz, a Professor of Telecommunications at Ball State; former reporter Jim Willis, now at

Azusa Pacific University; and Berlin Reuters correspondent Erik Kirschbaum. During the week, the students produced their own on-line journals with their newly-won understanding of American press and politics to be published as a special edition of the American Studies Journal on the ZUSAS webpage

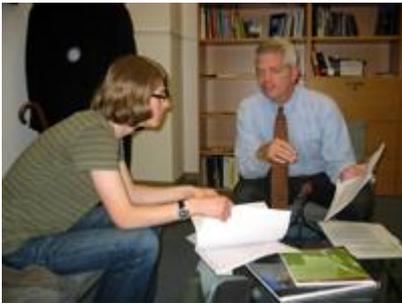
Brown Coal, the Environment, and U.S. Corporate Responsibility



Lignite excavator in an open-cast mine

August 1, 2007. Consul General Mark Scheland toured the operations of the Mitteldeutsche Braunkohle AG (MIBRAG), a lignite mining company owned and operated in Saxony-Anhalt and Saxony by two major American energy firms. MIBRAG CEO Bruce DeMarcus acquainted the Consul General and his colleagues -- Embassy Berlin First Secretary Michael Sullivan and Leipzig Consul for Public Affairs Mark Wenig -- with technical and ecological aspects of brown coal mining and the use of this fuel in electricity generation. The company prides itself on applying world-class technology in its operations to minimize noise and the release of material into the atmosphere, but also for its land reclamation efforts and involvement in local communities.

Explaining the U.S.-EU Agreement on Sharing Travelers' Data



Consul General Mark Scheland (right) and Carsten Fiedler,

August 1, 2007. On August 1, 2007, the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Union on the Processing and Transfer of Passenger Name Record (PNR) Data by Air Carriers to the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), known simply as the 2007 PNR Agreement, entered into force. In order to explain the new standards in the sharing of PNR data of travelers between European Union states and the U.S., Consul General Mark Scheland taped questions and answers with Carsten Fiedler, a reporter for *radio mephisto* 97.6, the Leipzig university student-run station. In *radio mephisto*'s 3-minute report broadcast on August 1, the Consul General could be heard explaining how the availability of PNR data can aid in preventing transnational crime, as well as the manner in which the U.S. Government will protect travelers data and

the periods for which it will retain the information.

Activism Against Intolerance in Rural Saxony-Anhalt



Consul General Mark Scheland and Ilseburg Mayor Wilfried Obermüller meeting with students. Photo: Tom Koch/Magdeburger Volksstimme

July 24, 2007. Leipzig Consul General Mark Scheland traveled to the Harz region town of Ilseburg to hear from German and American college students about their youth outreach focusing on overcoming intolerance and isolation from foreigners. The Saxony-Anhalt based NGO, "Miteinander e.V.," recruited students from U.S. and German universities to create four-person teams, for each of four rural cities in the state, and also in the neighboring state of Brandenburg. In each town, including Pömmelte, the scene in 2005 of a notorious attack on a 12-year-old boy of mixed race, the students are working with a community center to bring neighborhood youth into dialogue with people of non-German backgrounds. The Consul General acquainted program participants and Ilseburg's mayor with consulate activities in support of democratic principles and inter-cultural understanding.

Panel Discussion on Changing Perceptions of the U.S. and Germany



Thomas Nehls and Rik DeLisle

July 21, 2007. U.S. Consulate Leipzig supported a panel discussion on the changing images of the U.S. and Germany at Leipzig Forum for Contemporary History (Zeitgeschichtliches Forum). The program highlighted the evolution of transatlantic perceptions since the 1960s. Participants Thomas Nehls, a former ARD radio correspondent to the U.S., and RIAS radio veteran Rik DeLisle, though both born the same year -- 1947 -- offered two distinct perspectives on the issue. Their perceptions were shaped by often contrasting personal experiences and values, which turned their discussion into a lively exchange on the various highlights and fault lines in U.S.-German relations. The

discussion was part of an alumni homecoming weekend organized by the American Studies Alumni Association of Leipzig University and drew an audience of some 70 American Studies alumni, as well as members of the general public. Cultural Affairs Assistant Zoe Kusmierz, also an alumna of American Studies, spoke some words of welcome to the audience and panelists.

Farewell to American Studies Professor



Professor Hartmut Keil

July 19, 2007. Leipzig Consul General Mark Scheland was one of seven speakers at a formal sendoff and reception for newly retired American Studies Professor Hartmut Keil. Scheland, who addressed the theme of interdisciplinary studies in the context of future careers for the approximately 80 students present, strongly supported American Studies as an important and worthwhile field of study, and encouraged students to consider a wide variety of fields when looking for their first job. Keil, who has been on the staff of Leipzig University for almost 15 years, was also the main force behind the establishment of the Frank Friedel Library, made up mainly of American published books and continually supported by the Leipzig Consulate.

Promoting the Reduction of Trade Obstacles in Saxony



Consul General Mark Scheland (right) and President of the Schweizerisch-Deutscher Wirtschaftsclub Peter Kaul (center)

July 19, 2007. Leipzig Consul General Mark Scheland paid a visit to the Anchor Lamina company, a U.S. manufacturer of steel constructions, die and mold components and complete assemblies for the tool making, automotive and print industries. Afterwards, Scheland and Anchor Lamina CEO Wolfgang Neubert joined the "Chemnitzer Mittagskreis," a monthly gathering of local business leaders, where the Consul General promoted, before 50 business representatives, the benefits of the recently concluded U.S.-EU treaty, designed to eliminate current transatlantic trade obstacles. In the subsequent open discussion, Scheland also explained Consulate services offered to the business community and presented the Eastern German Teachers Visitor Program (EGTVP).

Ambassador Timken Hosts Luncheon to Bring Eastern German Teachers to U.S.



Ambassador William R. Timken Jr. addresses the guests

July 17, 2007. Ambassador William R. Timken Jr. and his wife Sue hosted a luncheon in Leipzig for over 20 corporate representatives to garner support for the Eastern German Teachers Visitor Program (EGTVP). In addition to remarks by Ambassador Timken and Consul General Mark Scheland, the group also heard testimonials from two former participant teachers, Renate Dorn and Jeannine Kämpfer. The goal of the lunch was to raise money to help fund two groups of 10 teachers each to travel in the spring and fall of 2008. As a public-private partnership program, EGTVP was founded in 2003 to bring eastern German teachers from all five new federal states, mainly those teaching English and Social Studies, to the U.S. on two-week programs. After a week in Washington, the teachers fan out across the U.S. and spend a week in American high schools and live with

American teachers.

Discussing U.S. Issues with Torgau Vol/Tech Students



Consul General Mark Scheland (left) with students from Torgau

July 13, 2007. Twenty upper-grade students from the Berufsbildende Schule in the Elbe River city of Torgau, Saxony, came with their English teacher Dr. Ursula Roscher to the consulate general for a round table with the Consul General, Information Resource Center (IRC) Assistant Mechthild Hoelker, and U.S. intern Amanda Paustian. Students' questions, put in English, touched on the U.S. presidential election in 2008, missile defense technology in central Europe, Iraq, Iran, and U.S. policy and practices with respect to unemployment, the social safety net, and even combating obesity. The students got an introduction to IRC facilities and a first look inside a U.S. diplomatic post. Our visitors from Torgau and consulate staff enjoyed two cakes baked by students in the group. And, as a memento of the Consul General's February 2007 visit to their school, students presented a CD they had assembled with images from that day as well as a framed article from the local newspaper.

Leipzig's 15th Anniversary Celebrated with U.S. Composition and Verse



From left: Professor Phillip Moll; Ruth Engel Brown; Elisabeth Marshall; Jennifer Porto

others by famous composers such as Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein.

July 13, 2007. In commemoration of the Consulate's reopening on June 30th 1992, Consul General Mark Scheland and his wife Elizabeth hosted "Eine kleine Hausmusik" on July 13th. Deputy Chief of Mission John Koenig, U.S. Embassy Berlin, Mrs. Koenig, their two sons and forty guests from the Leipzig area listened to three talented young sopranos currently studying at the local "Hochschule für Musik und Theater." They were accompanied on the piano by Professor Phillip Moll, also from the local Hochschule. The all-American program focused on musical interpretations of poems by Emily Dickinson, e.e. cummings, James Purdy, Gwendolyn Brooks, and

Consulate Contributes to University Course



Consul Mark Wenig lectures at Bergakademie Freiberg

July 11, 2007. Consul for Public Affairs Mark Wenig continued his regular engagement for the annual summer semester class on U.S. cultural studies launched by Prof. Dr. Michael Hinner, who holds the chair of Business English at technical university Bergakademie Freiberg. Focusing on the U.S. presidential elections 2008, Wenig outlined the electoral system and profiled the candidates. The session continued with Q&A on subjects such as campaign finance, the Electoral College, climate change and the environment. In addition, an Information Resource Center staffer outlined authoritative resources for information about the United States.

Long-Standing Consulate Support for Leipzig American Studies Collection



U.S. Consulate General staff member Zoe Kusmierz

July 10, 2007. The 10th anniversary of the Frank Freidel Memorial Library, which is part of Leipzig's university library, was commemorated with a reception. Having grown from generous donations by U.S. institutions and private scholars - the greatest share being the private library of the late Frank Freidel, a Harvard historian - the library now includes some 18,000 books and media on American literature, history, society and politics. During the ceremony, various speakers from the university's Institute for American Studies highlighted the contribution of the Consulate General Leipzig, including the engagement of a U.S. library professional to lay the groundwork, and the continuous stream of book donations, such as that of U.S. publishers' samples displayed at the 2007 Leipzig Book Fair. Consul for Public Affairs Mark Wenig and staffer Zoe Kusmierz addressed the audience on the importance of the project from the U.S. perspective.

America@Your Library Program at Magdeburg International Library



Ms. Beate Hoerning, librarian at Magdeburg public library, and a student from Magdeburg International Primary School

July 6, 2007. Twenty second graders and their New York-born teacher, Kjersti Nichols from the International Primary School Magdeburg, attended an English language program on "Children in Nashville" at the Magdeburg public library. The presentation was part of the America@yourlibrary program, organized by Magdeburg library staff member Beate Hoerning, who just returned from a trip to Nashville, TN, a sister city of Magdeburg. The children, who had admirable English language skills, learned about Nashville, its library landscape and American children books. The director of the Information Resource Center (IRC), U.S. Consulate General Leipzig, introduced the group to the America@your library partnership, delivered words of greeting from Consul General Mark Scheland and presented U.S. reference books to the teacher. The program was

rounded off with a reading from a book from America@yourlibrary children's book collection.

Leipzig Conversation Group Debates Facets of the U.S.



The conversation group participants celebrate Larissa Pahomov's farewell

July 5, 2007. American Fulbright teaching assistant Larissa Pahomov, who had been running the post's English-language conversation group since October 2006, was given a farewell by participants. Consulate General Leipzig offers this weekly event on Thursday afternoons to the general public, bringing together people from all walks of life for an exchange about current U.S. related issues. The discussion is led by native speakers, who provide newspaper articles as background information about current events, politics, society and life in the United States to kick off the discussion. The group is open to everyone but requires registration beforehand.

Leipzig Consulate Fetes July 4 in Style



The color guard by the U.S. Marine Corps

July 3, 2007. Over 500 guests attended Leipzig's Independence Day reception on the Consulate grounds in the late afternoon of July 3. After the colors were displayed by U.S. Marines and American soprano and Weimar resident Wendy Waller sang the national anthem, guests also celebrated the Consulate's 15 year anniversary by listening to short testimonials from six partners of the consulate describing briefly their cooperation with the United States. They reflected the professional and geographic diversity of consulate programs. The guest speakers were Markus Ulbig, Lord Mayor of Pirna (CDU) representing the Consulate's engagement with communities, Eberhard Brecht, Mayor of Quedlinburg, as a representative of the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)

experience, Ramon Miller, Sister-City Committee Gera-Fort Wayne, as a representative of sister city activities/cooperation with an opportunity to mention the America Day at the BUGA, Dr. Birgit Dippe, Europa-Bibliothek Görlitz to speak about cooperation with the IRC (i.e. America@yourlibrary/book donations), Marco Braungarten as a representative for the Consulate's school outreach encompassing the Eastern German Teacher's Program, Meet US, and possibly even Battle of the Books, and Prof. Dr. Holger Kersten, Magdeburg University, to represent cooperation with universities, including Fulbright series. Also in attendance for the anniversary were two former Leipzig Consuls General: Todd Becker, who officially opened the Consulate in June, 1992 and served here from 1990 to 1993, and Patrick Truhn, who served 1996-1999.

Among the prominent guests were Prof. Dr. Dagmar Schipanski, President of the Thuringian Parliament, Dr. Birgit Klaubert, Vice President of the Thuringian Parliament, Ms. Dagmar Szabados, Lord Mayor of Halle/Saale, Mr. Andreas Müller, First Deputy Mayor, City of Leipzig, State Secretary Dr. Renate Meier, Head of Thuringia's State Representation to the Federal Government, Berlin, State Secretary Detlef Schubert, Ministry of Economics, Saxony-Anhalt. Also in attendance were many Lord Mayors, Mayors, County Executives and City Council Members.

Despite some passing showery weather, predicted by MDR's weather reporter Michaela Koschak during an afternoon broadcast from the consulate grounds, the enthusiasm was in no way dampened, with many visitors staying until early evening to network with other guests and enjoy the music of a U.S. Army Dixieland band from Heidelberg.

Burgstädt Gymnasium Celebrates 'Day of Cultures' with Consul General



English-language debate competition at Burgstädt Gymnasium

June 21, 2007. Consul General Mark Scheland was the featured speaker for 10th and 11th grade students of English at the college preparatory secondary school (Gymnasium) in Burgstädt, Saxony. The school was celebrating graduation day, and students from several grades conducted special projects to conclude the year, including an English-language debate competition. Encouraged by their teachers to pepper the Consul General with questions in English, the students displayed impressive background knowledge and interest in diverse issues facing American and European societies, including gun control, national security, political party structures and electoral processes. Visiting American high school student Emily Coda also replied to questions from her contemporaries. The daily newspaper "Freie Presse Chemnitz" on June 22 reported on the

Consul General's visit, with numerous quotes from the students who appreciated the background they gained on "why Americans think the way they do."

Fun, Sun, and Support for Libraries in Leipzig



Generalkonsul Mark Scheland beim Leipziger Bürgerpicknick

June 17, 2007. The infield of the Leipzig horserace track Scheibenholtz was the venue for the first-ever "citizens' picnic" to raise money for three Leipzig libraries. Over 600 people joined the 100 book-loving "table patrons," among whom were locally-known authors and publishers, business leaders, and public officials. U.S. Consul General Scheland and newly-arrived Consul Edie Backman also attended as patrons of the "Bürgerpicknick," joined by Information Resource Center assistant Mechthild Hoelker.

20 Nations - One Party



International Children's Day in Leipzig

June 2, 2007. On the occasion of International Children's Day (June 1), young people from Europe, Asia, Africa, the Arab world and North America enjoyed a day of multicultural encounters, fun and games on June 2 in Leipzig's Rabet neighborhood. Leipzig City Commissioner for Youth, Dr. Siegfried Haller, opened the afternoon officially. The U.S. Consulate General Leipzig supported the open-air event with its stand for painting and drawing. The afternoon was an initiative of parent organizations, volunteers, churches, and street workers. Other cooperation partners were Leipzig-based firms, the police college, the Red Cross and the city of Leipzig.

Reaching out to Thuringian Teachers



American intern Shanon Self (right) and Ms. Anita Bellstedt, English teacher

May 31, 2007. Sixteen English teachers from Thuringia attended an English teacher's workshop at Meiningen public library. U.S. intern Shanon Self did a presentation on intercultural differences and engaged the teachers in a lively discussion on American and German stereotypes. Leipzig's Information Resource Center (IRC) director introduced the group to Consulate programs and services and IRC resources, and donated a small collection of current American books to the library.

Consul General Officially Opens "Karl May Festtage" in Radebeul



Consul General Mark Scheland (right) and Consul Mark Wenig (left) attend Karl-May-Festival in Radebeul

May 18 - 19, 2007. Consul General Mark Scheland served as Patron of the 16th annual "Karl May Festtage" in Radebeul near Dresden, and officially opened the two and a half day festival on May 18. The event, which honors German author Karl May, who wrote about the American West, features a host of western-theme activities, including the participation of American Indians from around the U.S. Consul for Public Affairs Mark Wenig stayed on in Radebeul and attended various activities on May 18 and 19, including western line dancing and native dance exhibitions.

Re-Thinking the Cold War



Participants of the conference in front of the Technical University Chemnitz

May 23, 2007. Consulate General Leipzig co-organized the 1st International Students' Conference for participants from the University of Chemnitz and Rockford College, Illinois. Born as an idea when former Wittenberg-based guest professor Dave Jervis (now at Rockford), repeatedly taught intensive courses in Chemnitz, the conference was the culmination of special projects conducted on both sides of the Atlantic during the spring semester. German and American students dealt with Cold War issues in seminars and prepared papers to be read and discussed in Chemnitz (May 23/24). The conference was opened by Leipzig's Consul General Mark Scheland, who talked about his personal and professional experience as a diplomat in times of the Cold War, while Brigadier General (retired) Eugene Lanzillo covered military aspects of the era, and Fulbright Prof. Paul Rundquist (formerly Congressional Research Service) discussed the role of the U.S. Congress.

U.S. Showcase at Pirna Intercultural Festival



From left: Consul Michael Rousek welcomes Markus Ulbig, Lord Mayor of Pirna, and Representatives from the Diplomatic Corps as well as Saxony Interior Minister Dr. Buttolo at the booth of the U.S. Consulate General

May 12, 2007. Consul Michael Rousek joined the fifth “Markt der Kulturen” in Pirna. The Consulate General Leipzig staffed an information booth at the market, which celebrated and showcased the many different peoples and cultures. In his address on stage, Rousek stressed the importance of such an event to promote tolerance and intercultural dialogue. With Pirna Lord Mayor Ulbig, Saxony’s Interior Minister Dr. Buttolo, Consul Waclaw Lech from Poland and other representatives of Pirna’s sister cities, Rousek stopped at the U.S. Consulate General’s booth to introduce the group briefly to the Consulate and services of the Information Resource Center (IRC), and to point to a collection of books, which the IRC had selected as gifts for the Pirna Public Library. The library’s director, Mrs. Gabriele Langmann, personally came to receive the books, among them many children’s books and those with an emphasis on travel.

Consulate General Leipzig Stages Annual Media Seminar



DVC at the Consulate General: Information Resource Officer Sheila Weir from the U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt/M. (left), talks to the journalism trainees about “E-Diplomacy: Reaching out in the Web Age”

May 10, 2007. Leipzig Consulate General staged its all-day media workshop for journalism trainees from Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk (MDR), the public broadcaster and ARD affiliate in the Leipzig district. The 12 participants received an introduction to Information Resource Center (IRC) resources and services available at the consulate as well as through Internet outreach, as explained and presented by Information Resource Officer Sheila Weir, U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt/M., in the framework of a DVC. They engaged in a dialogue with Consul General Mark Scheland and Public Affairs Officer Mark Wenig, learned about the activities of the U.S. Commercial Service and were encouraged to participate in exchange programs for journalists. Counsellor Donald Shemanski, U.S. Embassy Berlin Global Affairs chief, traveled to Leipzig to explain and field questions on how the U.S. perceives and plans to deal with climate change.

Consul Wenig Attends American Day in Goerlitz



From left: Shanon Self; Lena Schlenzka; Elke Junker and Dr. Birgit Dippe from Euro-Schulen Goerlitz; Consul for Public Affairs Mark Wenig

May 09, 2007. On the occasion of their traditional celebration of the “America Day”, Consul for Public Affairs Mark Wenig visited the “Europe–Library” in Goerlitz, “America@yourlibrary” partner of the U.S. Consulate General Leipzig. Wenig introduced the consulate’s work to 20 students from the Annen-Augustum Gymnasium as well as to 15 students and their teachers from Euro-Schule Goerlitz. Wenig also presented a collection of books, originally donated by U.S. publishers to the consulate for the Leipzig Book Fair 2007, to the director of the Europe-Library. The program included a “MEET US” event, during which the Consulate’s current interns Shanon Self (American) and Lena Schlenzka (German) discussed cultural differences with the attendees. For the first time German and American interns teamed up to present a lively discussion about German and American stereotypes. The director of the Information

Resource Center (IRC) of the Consulate General briefly talked about portals to USA information on the Internet. Director of ESO-Schulen and “Europe-Library” Dr. Birgit Dippe, also attended the events.