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NEWSLETTER MAY 2007

Dear Members and Friends of the English-Speaking Union,

The sky is clothed in its deepest Bavarian blue, a brilliant sun all day, and buds of chestnut, elder and lilac burst open overnight last week. There are white blossoms all around us, nature is truly showing off in a bridal gown – in mid-April!

All these blooming trees and bushes are an early, beautiful welcome to members of the ESU-Vienna Branch who are planning to visit Munich from 04 – 07 May 2007.

At all of the following social events, our members are cordially invited to participate in the programme prepared by Robert Biber, President of the Vienna Branch, and our Chairman Claus Bruegmann:

Friday, 04.05., 6:30 p.m.: Dinner at the Hotel Alpen-Restaurant, Adolf-Kolping-Strasse 16
(the narrow street between Schillerstrasse and Stachus),

Saturday, 05.05., 10 a.m.: Walk-about. Meeting point: Hotel Reinbold, Adolf-Kolping-Strasse,

6:30 p.m.: Dinner at the restaurant "Zum Spanferkel", Franz-Joseph-Str. 45 /
corner Kurfürstenstrasse (tram 27, stop Elisabethplatz),

Sun, 06.05., 10 a.m.: Visit to Nymphenburg Palace. Meeting point: Hotel Reinbold.

Please contact Claus Bruegmann (tel. 089 – 30 840 98) by Tues, 01 May, at the latest
if you wish to attend any of the above events (first come – first served basis).

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Also, we want to draw your attention to our next

Stammtisch at the Schwabinger Wirtshaus

now again called "Esszimmer"

at Siegfriedstr. 14 (entrance Clemensstr.), 80803 München

on Wednesday, 09 May 2007, at 7 p.m.

If you are planning to attend, please ring me (evenings) or Eileen (089 – 33 16 69)
preferably by Mon, 07 May, at the latest.

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Reminder: How long has it been since you last visited the Amerika Haus? We would like to invite you to watch two documentary films with us there (Karolinenplatz 3, 80333 München) on

Monday, 30 April 2007, at 7 p.m.

"Journey to Justice" (USA 2006) by Steve Palackdharry

This documentary tells the story of Howard Triest, a German Jew who fled Nazi Germany in 1939 when he was 16 years old. He returned to Germany as an American soldier and served as an interpreter for the prison psychiatrists at the Nürnberg Trial.

"Munich – Capital of Bavaria" (1947) by Howard Triest

This is most likely the first documentary film of devastated post-war Munich. Howard Triest shot these scenes with a still camera during his return to Munich in 1947.

Tickets are 5 € for reservation please phone 089 – 55 25 37-0; we will meet in the lobby.

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Internal Affairs:

Saving bank charges: Reminder to those (few) members who, to date, have not yet switched to the Direct Debit procedure for the annual membership fee: We would greatly appreciate it if you would consent to this more "modern" form of payment; it would save you some money – and us, too.

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Are there any members who, since some time ago, are connected to the Internet and might now receive our newsletters by e-mail? Please let us have your e-mail address – it would definitely save us some money for photocopies, envelopes and postage!

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Happy Birthday!

In May we would like to send our best wishes to Gislinde Schmidt (04 May), Ben Bahr (09th), Barbara Hofmann (11th), Simon Phillips (21st), and Dorothy Bahr (28th).

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In the Pipeline:

A visit by Bavarian ESU members to Hamburg is now planned for 16 June, as discussed by Walter Herglotz with Mr. Howard Kroch, the Chairman of ESU-Hamburg. There is an invitation to meet at the Anglo-American Club where Walter will be showing his film on Cape Horn. Please contact Walter (tel. 089 – 45 36 11 45 or via e-mail: wjh@walter-herglotz.de if you wish to join the trip to Hamburg.

On Sat, 23 June: Our traditional Garden Party gracefully hosted again by Dorothy and Ben Bahr. As usual, edible contributions by attendees are most welcome!

- ESU International Book Project 2007:
Our members are invited to participate in a competition on local stories, fairy tales, or local customs and traditions. Manuscripts should be submitted to Claus Brueggemann; deadline for material is end of June 2007.

On 19 October: Talk by Pauline Chakmakijan on "British and Continental Freemasonry".

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In May the Amerika Haus (Karolinenplatz 3, phone 089 - 55 25 37-0) will present the following:

On Wed – Sat, 02 – 05 May, at 07:30 p.m., and on Thurs – Sat, 03 – 05 May, at 11 a.m.:

Theatre Performance – "Animal Farm" by George Orwell, directed by Barry Goldman

When publishing this book in 1945, George Orwell gave it the title "Animal Farm, A Fairy Story". Orwell said that although it was primarily a satire on the Russian Revolution, it was intended to have a wider application. This simple story of animals and the events leading up to and following their rebellion is a story as old as history, a mirror of the human condition . . .

Tickets: 18 €/ 9 €- Reservation: (089) 34 38 03

Thurs, 03 May, at 07:30 p.m.: Lecture – in co-operation with Hochschule für Musik und Theater München and Bayerisches Jazzinstitut: "Jazz and the American Experience"

Smithsonian curator John Edward Hasse shows how jazz echoes the American experience – through challenge and struggle, tragedy and heartache, hope and joy. Illustrated with slides and recorded musical excerpts, this presentation includes some of this music's greatest creative artists and most colourful personalities like Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Charlie "Bird" Parker, and Miles Davis.

Moderation: Prof. em. Berndt Ostendorf (LMU München)

Admission free

Wed, 16 May, at 07 p.m.: Film in the Series Beyond Kyoto – Environmental Awareness and Environmental Policy in the EU and the USA

"The Day After Tomorrow" (USA, 2004, OmU) by Roland Emmerich

Emmerich's doomsday movie starts with a slice of the polar ice cap sliding into the sea. The climatologist Jack Hall (Dennis Quaid) warns that this is the beginning of a new ice age. Nobody believes him until it is too late: Los Angeles is hit by multiple tornadoes and New York is experiencing an extreme cooling down of the temperature. Even if Emmerich's interpretation might be seen as an exaggeration, the film remains a drastic reminder of the challenges we face today.

Tickets: 5 € / 3 €

Tues, 22 May, at 07 p.m.: Book Presentation:

"Good Muslim, Bad Muslim" by Mahmood Mamdani

In his book Good Muslim, Bad Muslim: America, the Cold War, and the Roots of Terror (German title: Guter Moslem, böser Moslem, Edition Nautilus) scientist and anthropologist Mahmood Mamdani, Columbia University, NY, offers a brilliant look at the rise of political Islam and brings his expertise and insight to bear on a question many Americans have been asking since 9/11: how did this happen? Good Muslim, Bad Muslim is a provocative and important book that will profoundly change our understanding both of Islamist politics and the way America is perceived in the world today.

Tickets: 5 € / 3 €

Wed, 23 May, at 07 p.m.: Munich Writers – "Poetry and Prose"; with live music

Munich Writers, a group of English language novelists, poets, and short story writers, present an evening of poetry and prose. The writers Jenny Evans, Andrew Fear, Blair Gaulton, Jim Martin, Anita Othman, Stella Pieridis, Joseph G. Danaghie et al will be reading from their new work.

Admission free

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What kind of sweet goes swinging through the jungle?
Tarzi pan!



What do you get if you cross a sheep with a kangaroo?
A woolly jumper!



Where do fish wash?
In the river basin!



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which is updated about once a month, including activities abroad.

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