

DeAN-Newsletter

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Cover Image: Grumpy Guard in Miserable Weather - Medieval Christmas Market in Siegburg. © Frank Paschen

Dear fellow DeAN-members,

another year has almost passed by. It has been a special year for our association, since we were able to celebrate DeAN's 10th anniversary. Founded in 1997 by the obligatory minimum number of people necessary to found an "eingetragenen Verein" (e.V., a special kind of association according to German civil law), we have come a long way since then:

Lots of new members have joined us, a few have left us. We have organised meetings all over Germany, and we have managed to organise annual reunions for the past five years in a row. Our website has expanded and has gained new features from time to time. The newsletter has been professionally produced by our editor Frank Paschen, who will vacate this position mid next year — unfortunately.

On another note, just like last year we were able to award four scholarships to students going to Australian universities again — thanks to our individual and institutional members — and their continuing support.

Our association's highlight this year was the 7th European Reunion from September 7th to 9th in Munich. We started with a get-together at one of Munich's most popular beer gardens on Friday evening. However, the autumn had already made its way to Bavaria, so we had to stay inside. For Saturday, we got a guided tour of the State Chancellery — the official seat of the Bavarian State government — as well as a guided tour of the city and its history of brewing beer — the Bavarian national drink (the German as well, editor's note). The reunion dinner took place at the Hofbräuhaus — famous for its beer and its convenient location right in the heart of Munich.

Thanks again to all who helped organising the reunion — and also thanks to everyone who made his or her way to Munich. We had guests coming all the way from Australia again and it has been great to catch up with representatives and friends from our long-time sponsors — the University of New South Wales and the University of Adelaide. Thank you very much for your continuing support!

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Daniel Sloper, Minister and Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in Berlin, for joining us in Munich!

It has been a wonderful opportunity to catch up with many of you, and to see some new faces as well. We have already managed to organize a follow-up meeting with a few "DeANies" in Munich in early November, and there might be another get-together on Australia Day next year — please check our website for details.

We also got a new board member in Munich — Nina Häußler will support our General Secretary Marc Dostal as our new "vice-general". Nina, we are very glad that you have found your way into our board, and look forward to working together in the future. Welcome "on board" again!

At the reunion we also decided to head west again for next year's reunion — Nina and Marc offered to organise our next reunion in Cologne. So hopefully, we all will be able to meet again next September!

A warm welcome to our new members:

Jenny Lerch (Lampertheim)
Lok Man Ho (Gilching)
Marijana Skerbinsek (München)

Are your contact details up-to-date?

We would like to ask all of our members to help us keep our record of your contact details up-to-date. If you have recently moved virtually and/or physically please let us know care of this e-mail-address: mitgliederverwaltung@dean-online.de

We have also chosen our new scholars in November. Congratulations to Janett Baresel, who will get the chance to explore new aspects of IT Systems Engineering at the University of Technology in Sydney, and Dominik Krimpmann, who will study economics at Macquarie University! I wish you both a great time down under!

Finally, Christmas is approaching quickly — time to enjoy a hot wine or some Christmas cookies at one of Germany's many Christmas markets! With that in mind, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

Jörg Stephan
for the Board of DeAN e.V.



Impressions

7th European Reunion
September 7 to 9 in Munich







Many thanks to Nina Häußler and Jörg Stephan for providing the photos!



Upcoming Events

When	What	Where	Contact / Info
Jeden 1. Mittwoch eines geraden Monats	Stammtisch, DeAN-Mitglieder und UNSW Law Alumni	Berlin, in wechselnden Lokalen	Michael Kratz michael.kratz@dean-online.de
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Deadline / Submissions

Copy deadline for Issue 1/2008 (March) is February 15th.
Publication of Issue 1/2008 will be in March.

We welcome and encourage members and non-members to contribute to the DeAN-Newsletter. You could, for example, share your experiences of studying in Australia with others who are about to make that bold move themselves. If you are an Australian who has spent a few semesters in Germany we would also love to hear from you. ("Tipps zum Schreiben eines Erfahrungsberichts" can be downloaded from our website.) Alternatively, if you have recently read a book on Australia (fiction or non-fiction) you may like to share your views. This also applies to films or music, which may not be in the mainstream, but which, in your opinion, ought to be better known. Or perhaps you would like to write about something else? All of your ideas are welcome!

Your contributions should come in Rich Text- or Microsoft Word-Format. Please keep the design simple, use a common font (e.g. Arial 12pt), straight quotation marks ("...") and please don't hyphenate words manually. We request that photographs or images are submitted in digital format (EPS, TIFF or JPEG) and have a resolution of 300 dpi for the intended printing size. If you don't own the copyright in any of the pictures that you submit, please let us know. We, of course, retain the right to edit contributions.

Many thanks and we look forward to hearing from you.

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