



“The establishment of the CIGH in 1971 was an important step - today it is more urgently needed than ever as a worldwide forum for exchange: today it is needed as a worldwide Think Tank for the future of genealogy and heraldry. We must succeed in developing fresh ideas for the future. If CIGH did not exist, it would have to be launched right now.

... For me, this is about all actors networking in organized, scientific genealogy and heraldry: associations, archives, and libraries, institutions, including cooperation in concrete projects.

Genealogy and heraldry currently face undreamt of challenges that are very similar worldwide despite all our differences. The question arises: Why do I need associations when I get „everything“ on the Internet? And in addition, genealogy and heraldry often present themselves internationally as unconnected islands.

This is a great opportunity to learn more with and from each other, and to connect the individual players.”

Dirk Weissleder, General Secretary

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43 countries on 5 continents.
We work closely together with the two
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