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2017 International Germanic Genealogy 'Connections' Conference Features All-Star Lineup of Speakers

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—An all-star lineup of speakers, including well-known international figures, is slated for the 2017 International Germanic Genealogy Conference, set for July 28-30 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Among 39 confirmed presenters are figures including Roger Minert, Ernest Thode, Dirk Weissleder of Germany, Baerbel Johnson, Fritz Juengling, Michael Lacopo, James Beidler, Paula Stuart-Warren, Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, Jill Morelli and Stephen Morse.

Other international presenters include Ursula Krause, Werner Esser and Timo Kracke, all of Germany, and Benjamin Hollister of Australia.

The conference — “CONNECTIONS: International. Cultural. Personal.” — will offer 70 presentations over three full days.

Presentations on regional specialties include Ostfriesen, Luxembourg, Palatinate, Bremen, Alsace, Baden, Black Sea Germans, Austria, Czech Republic (Bohemia), Pomerania, West Prussia, East Prussia, Lithuania, eastern Europe, former eastern German provinces, Australia, and others.

Daily “Connections” sessions are planned for attendees to meet others with common interests in specific Germanic regions.

The “Connections” focus of this international conference also offers a unique opportunity for Germanic genealogists to make personal connections with people from other countries as well as nationally, said officials of the German-American Genealogical Partnership, which is organizing the conference.

For the full lineup of speakers and other conference information, visit the website of the Minnesota-based Germanic Genealogy Society, conference host, at www.GGSMN.org, click “2017 GAGP Conference.”

Reservations are open for booking rooms at special conference rates at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest Hotel in Brooklyn Park, Minn., venue for the conference. Call the special room reservation line at (877) 303-1681 and say you are attending the Germanic Genealogy Conference. Or reserve online at <http://TinyURL.com/HLUWQQJ> . Reserve early to ensure availability.

Registration for the conference opens in January 2017. The conference registration fee, to be announced soon, will be affordable and in line with other major genealogy conferences.

The German-American Genealogical Partnership, founded in 2015, joins Germanic genealogy societies across America, Germany, Canada, England and other European countries, and continues to draw new societies worldwide. Partnership members include the 60+ societies belonging to the Germany-based Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Genealogischer Verbände, whose leadership helped found the Partnership.



Roger Minert



Dirk Weissleder