



Dear HAUS Member,

We hope you are doing well and staying safe. 2020 has been a tumultuous year on many fronts, and our lives look very different from the way they did just a year ago. Despite these challenges in the U.S. and abroad, there have been many positive moments for Heidelberg University and HAUS.

At the university, the winter semester has begun. Students are back in town, and despite the different approaches necessary this year, teaching, learning, and research continue. A new faculty and an exciting alliance are in development, and a bold building project will create the new hub of the ever-evolving Neuenheimer Feld campus. Safety measures are making university life different for students, faculty, and staff, but Heidelberg University's tradition of excellence in scholarship remains.

Our HAUS community has seen some constants: Members remain connected, and new members continue to join. However, we have also adapted to the novel normal we are all experiencing and have even taken advantage of the situation to find new ways to keep our group informed and engaged. In particular, the series of virtual events that comprised the HAUS 13th National Meeting turned out to be a fun experiment. We saw that despite the difficulties in our lives, HAUS members still love to learn, to maintain their connection to Heidelberg University, and to meet with one another for a drink.

By all accounts, we are entering a new wave of the pandemic. The safety of our HAUS members and their families is still our primary concern. As such, we are not organizing in-person HAUS events in the U.S. through the first quarter of 2021. We will monitor the situation as it develops and revisit this decision if warranted. In the meantime, we will continue to organize virtual events. While they can never completely replace the feel of an in-person event, we have enjoyed the variety of events we have held so far and look forward to new formats in the coming months. It has been such a treat to have seen so many of you from all corners of the U.S. and Heidelberg at the same time.

We also have received several great event ideas from our alumni. If you have an idea for an event, please let us know! The New York office staff will continue to work from home through the end of the first quarter of 2021, so email is still the best way to reach the team. However, if you do call, please be sure to leave a voicemail so they can return your call.

In closing, we want to thank all of you for your time, engagement, and energy. We wish you a happy and restful holiday season und einen guten Rutsch ins neue Jahr!

All the best,


Kathleen Lance
HAUS President


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Executive Director

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NEWS FROM HEIDELBERG

Winter Semester 2020-21

Winter semester started the first week of November. The later than usual start time allowed Heidelberg University to accommodate later Abitur dates last spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although current pandemic safety measures prevented the *Jahresfeier* from taking place in October, Rector of Heidelberg University Prof. Dr. Bernhard Eitel opened the semester in festive fashion with a speech that everyone could enjoy from home. You can view a recording of the speech [here](#) and a transcript [here](#).

Most courses are being offered online this semester. More details about the safety measures in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic can be found [here](#). Currently, summer semester 2021 is planned to start in April as usual.

New Buildings and Facilities

The pandemic has not halted progress at Heidelberg University. The new surgical hospital was inaugurated on October 10, 2020. The state-of-the-art facility boasts 16 operating theaters, two hybrid operating theaters, two clinics, research laboratories, and spaces for teaching.

The Klaus Tschira Stiftung is helping Heidelberg University achieve the dream of a modern, innovative center for teaching and learning. Construction for the AudimaX complex in Neuenheimer Feld began this fall with a groundbreaking on October 8, 2020. The multifunctional hub for teaching and dialogue will contain a 900-seat auditorium, lecture halls, library, and exhibit spaces. Construction is expected to be completed in 2023.

A New Alliance and a New Faculty

Heidelberg Mannheim Health and Life Science Alliance

The Heidelberg Mannheim Health and Life Science Alliance is a strategic alliance that includes the university hospitals, medical faculties, and life science institutions of Heidelberg University, as well as non-university research institutions in Heidelberg and Mannheim: German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ), European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), Max Planck Institute for Medical Research, Central Institute of Mental Health (ZI). More information on the alliance, including its strategy paper, can be found [here](#).

Faculty of Engineering

Heidelberg University will also launch a Faculty of Engineering within the next two years. With a focus on molecular systems engineering, biosciences, mathematics, and computer engineering, the new department will expand upon engineering programs currently in place at Heidelberg University.





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Heidelberg Alumni International

Digital Events

Challenging times have highlighted the need for human connection for many of us. HAI has adapted its programming to digital formats to meet this need for alumni and to take advantage of opportunities for new ways of networking. In addition to the collection of virtual content already housed in HAI-net, the HAI-light events are now digital. Until recently, the HAI-lights took place live and in person in Heidelberg. Now that they are digital, the entire HAI community can participate. The most recent HAI-light, an online talk entitled “A Quantum of physics,” as well as the other digital HAI-lights, are available in HAI-net.

25 Years of HAI

HAI will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2021. The celebration will be a hybrid event, and Heidelberg University alumni from all around the world will be able to take part. The major in-person festivities will take place in Heidelberg July 9-11, 2021, as long as circumstances allow, and there will be a series of digital events both before and after. Mark your calendars now!





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ALUMNI EVENTS

Upcoming Events

Healthy Start to the New Year Wellness Event

If 2020 has left you feeling drained, please join HAUS members at 8:00pm EST on January 12, 2021 to start the new year with focus, intention, and joy. Coach and Heidelberg University alum Sonja Kirschner has designed exercises to help us create a mindful focus on joy in the new year. Participants will also connect with and draw inspiration from one another. Register [here](#) by January 6, 2021. Group size is limited to 40 participants, so please only register if you plan to attend.

Past Regional Events



Due to widespread safety measures in place in much of the U.S., HAUS regional chapter chairs have not been able to organize in-person events since March.

The Heidelberg HAUS chapter was able to meet at various times due to the different approach to restrictions in Baden-Württemberg and Germany as a whole. Most recently, a small group enjoyed drinks, conversation, and a view of Schloss Heidelberg from a HAUS member's rooftop.

Whether or not events have been able to take place, we want to thank all of our regional chapter chairs for their time and involvement!

Past Virtual Events



In lieu of gathering in person, HAUS held a series of virtual gatherings that began in May 2020. At the first Virtual Kaffeeklatsch, over 20 alumni met for casual conversation in small groups. Participants also gave feedback that they would enjoy updates and content from the university. Participants at the second Virtual Kaffeeklatsch in June heard from Dr. Max

Jungmann of the Heidelberg Center for the Environment. After his brief presentation and time for Q&A, attendees stayed for conversation in the larger group. The 4EU+ European University Alliance was the topic for the third Virtual Kaffeeklatsch, which took place in July. Mr. Joost Punstein, director of the new 4EU+ office at Heidelberg University explained the alliance's goals to attendees. After reassurance that each university would still maintain its own identity, the small group chatted and shared ideas for the events of the upcoming HAUS National Meeting. Learn more about the 4EU+ European University Alliance [here](#).



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HAUS 13th National Meeting

The HAUS 13th National Meeting was slated for October 2-4, 2020 in Austin, TX. Instead, we took advantage of virtual event formats to expand our offerings with the first-ever virtual HAUS National Meeting. Heidelberg University Association collaborated with alumni and partners to provide a multifaceted range of events for alumni to enjoy from their homes.

Fifteen HAUS members kicked off the national meeting with a cocktail reception on the evening of Friday, October 2. Participants enjoyed festive conversation and the beverage of their choice with alumni from around the U.S. and Germany. On the following Sunday, 22 participants from 9 countries joined HAUS for an international coffee hour. Attendees sipped coffee and spoke German throughout the event.

Heidelberg University Association worked with the American Council on Germany to organize the second Virtual Heidelberg Lecture as part of the HAUS National Meeting. During the event, entitled “A Law and Order Election: The Criminal Justice System and Political Discourse,” Staten Island NY District Attorney and Heidelberg University alum Michael McMahon discussed the unique way that local decision-making by police and prosecutors had taken on a national dimension in the recent election. U.S. Correspondent for Handelsblatt Media Group Annett Meiritz led the conversation. A recording of the event is available [here](#).



For alumni who are currently on the job market, the HAUS National Meeting included a workshop on resumes, *Lebensläufe*, and the difference between the two documents. The 14 attendees saw samples of each document, and one brave attendee shared their resume for public feedback during the session. The speaker also addressed general questions on cover letters and the hiring process in the United States.

HAUS kept tradition alive by holding the *Jahreshauptversammlung* on a Saturday morning. Fifteen attendees heard from speakers on topics including updates on HAUS activities and latest news from Heidelberg University. HAUS President Kathleen Lance, Vice-Rector for International Affairs Prof. Dr. Marc-Philippe Weller, and Amanda Daquila and Melanie Grossmann of Heidelberg University Association all spoke at the meeting. Those interested in learning more can view the **HAUS Annual Report 2020** by Kathleen Lance and **the presentation** by Prof. Weller



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Heidelberg alum and President of American Council on Germany Dr. Steven Sokol moderated an expert panel of German and U.S. policymakers and analysts entitled “Election Experts: Predicting the Transatlantic Future” on October 14. They discussed possible outcomes and the future of the transatlantic relationship given the upcoming elections in each country. This event was also part of the Wunderbar Webinar series. HAUS was one of several alumni organizations in the transatlantic space who contributed to the Wunderbar Webinars, which was held under the auspices of the Wunderbar Together 2020 campaign by the German Federal Foreign Office.

On October 15, Silke Rodenberg wrapped up the HAUS 13th National Meeting with **a presentation** on the latest news from Heidelberg Alumni International. Highlights included a look at the growth in HAI and HAUS members and an overview of the challenges and opportunities in HAI’s work since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you to all attendees of and contributors to the HAUS 13th National Meeting. The meeting was a successful experiment, but we could not have done it without you!



FUNDRAISING

Online Giving Day

The Online Giving Day fundraiser took place on October 18 once again. Each year, the HAUS community honors the day that Universität Heidelberg opened the door to its first students by contributing to current, future, and former students. Your generosity helps to provide financial stability for Heidelberg University and expands and strengthens our community.

Heidelberg University Association received gifts to several funds this year, and thanks to an offer from a generous alumni donor, all donations to the Amirana Scholarship Fund made through October 18, 2020 were matched.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made Online Giving Day 2020 a success!



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End of Year

There are always several ways to direct your end of year gift, and each one bolsters Heidelberg University and HAUS community, including:

HAUS Scholarship Fund – This entirely alumni-funded scholarship fund supports U.S. students' study at Heidelberg University.

Heidelberg Alumni U.S. (HAUS) – A gift to HAUS helps to fund alumni activities in the United States.

Heidelberg University General Endowment Fund – The general endowment fund provides Heidelberg University with stability and flexibility to continue the longest tradition of excellence in Germany.

Amirana Scholarship Fund – A contribution to the Amirana Scholarship Fund makes medical and dental studies possible for students from developing countries.

Historic Heart of Heidelberg University – Support the preservation of the historic buildings and spaces that make up the heart of Heidelberg University.



The global recession has made life difficult for many students, and even more so for those who were already experiencing financial hardship. If you would like lessen this burden, we urge you to consider a contribution to one of the funds that supports students directly, such as the Amirana Scholarship Fund.

You can make your end of year donation **online** or by check. If you plan to send a check, please contact Amanda Daquila for the mailing address at adaquila@heidelberguniversity.org since the team is working remotely.

HAILS AND FAREWELLS

2020 has been year of transitions for many of our members and friends:

Terms on the HAUS Leadership Committee will end this year for **Stephanie Cabell** and **John Dillon**. We thank them both for their two terms and six years of time, energy, and service! We are also pleased to announce that **Adi Puplampu** will begin a new term on the Leadership Committee beginning in 2021.

Former HAUS NoCal regional chapter chair **Siegfried Ruppert** relocated to Heidelberg and recently joined **Heike Kranz** as regional chapter chair of the HAUS Heidelberg Chapter. Thank you, Siegfried, for bringing your commitment to HAUS with you on your move!



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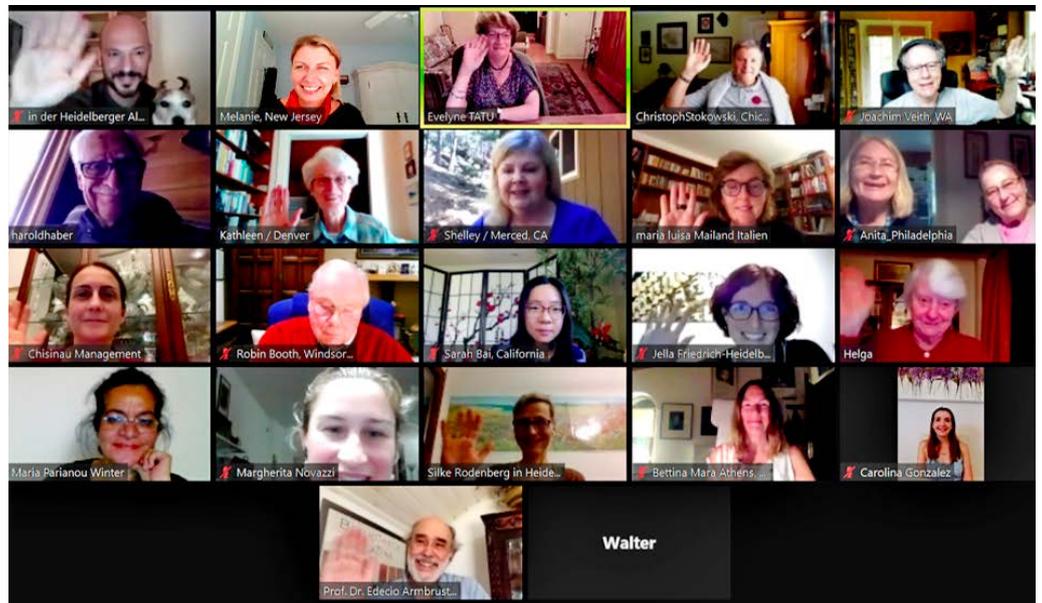
A lab led by HAUS Ohio regional chapter chair **Mark Peeples** has shifted its efforts from researching Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) to SARS-COV-2, the coronavirus behind the COVID-19 pandemic. You can learn more about his work and COVID-19 vaccination options in a **lecture** he gave for Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society.

Diane Guido, HAUS SoCal regional chapter chair, began a new position in April. Diane is now Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs and California State University, Northridge. Congratulations and best of luck, Diane!

Alumna **Martina Barnes** has been promoted to District Ranger in the U.S. Forest Service. She is posted to the Green Mountain National Forest. Martina was the founding Vice President of HAUS.

Barbara James and **Eberhard Röhm** each retired from their legal careers this year. We wish our Upstate NY regional chapter chair and our San Diego tour guide some well-earned rest and relaxation. Congratulations to Barbara and Eberhard!

In other retirement news, the American Junior Year program bid farewell to its resident director **Hanne Heckmann** and welcomed new resident director **Martin Kley** in September. We wish them both smooth transitions!





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MEMBERSHIP

Life-Changing Event?

Have you started a new job, moved to a new home, or graduated and switched email addresses? If so, please submit the new information to the New York office staff with **this form**. You may also contact us at info@heidelberguniversity.org.

We have been updating our regional mailing lists. If you used to receive regional emails, but have not received one recently, please contact us.

Invite your classmates from your time in Heidelberg!

If you are in touch with any fellow alumni, invite them to join HAUS with **this registration link**.

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Professional Development Workshops

After the interest in the resume workshop during the HAUS 13th National Meeting, we would like to expand our professional development offerings. If you are in **human resources, career services, career coaching**, are a **hiring manager**, have successfully crafted a **CV for an academic position in the United States**, or other relevant experience, please consider contributing your time to a HAUS workshop. Many HAUSler who are on the job market or looking to switch careers need you! Email us at info@heidelberguniversity.org to tell us about your experience and how you think you could support jobseekers.

If missed the HAUS 13th National Meeting but would still like a Heidelberg University neck gaiter, there are 10 left! **Order yours now.**

Social Media Volunteers

If you are interested in expanding your social media skillset, please consider volunteering for the HAUS social media team. It's a great way to give back to HAUS and develop your skills while collaborating with an alumni mentor. Email us info@heidelberguniversity.org with your resume, links to your social media accounts, and answers to the following questions:

- Why would you like to volunteer for the HAUS social media committee?
- What social media experience do you have to offer?
- Why do you think it's important for HAUS to have an active social media presence?