

FREYA VON MOLTKE-STIFTUNG

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREYA VON MOLTKE FOUNDATION

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Next year, the New Kreisau and the *Kreisau Initiative e.V.* will celebrate their 30th anniversary. Since the efforts of an international civic movement, which even before the political change in 1989/90 made plans for the revival of Kreisau as a European meeting site in the spirit of the Kreisau Circle, many people and institutions have been committed there to support German-Polish and European understanding. The encounter and memorial work, which is supported by our Foundation, is more than ever of great relevance. Thus, its preservation also determines the purpose of the *Freya von Moltke Foundation*: Together with all its supporters, we want to secure the important work of the New Kreisau – today and in the future!



The New Kreisau (2006)

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Since it was founded at the end of December 2004, the Foundation has spent more than € 839,486 in fulfilling its purpose. Of these, around € 408,834 were directly dedicated to projects and the staffing of the international youth meeting and memorial site of the New Kreisau (*Begegnungs- und Gedenkstätte Kreisau*). The other funds were spent on other projects of the Foundation and its public relations work. The fact that the meeting site also indirectly benefited from these funds was shown by the increasing numbers of visitors and participants of projects in Kreisau over the years. During the reporting period, the Foundation supported a staff position at the *European Academy* in Kreisau (€ 10,000), as well as the following projects: "Together for Europe" (€ 5,000), "Model International Criminal Court / MICC University" (€ 5,000), "Activists against Xenocide" (5,000 €), "Once upon today ... in Europe" (€ 2,000), "Local in Global" (€ 1,500), the book reprint dealing with the Kreisau exhibition "Living in the Truth" (€ 1,000) and "Forum Dialogue Junior - For a strong, diverse and open society strong in diversity" (€ 1,000).



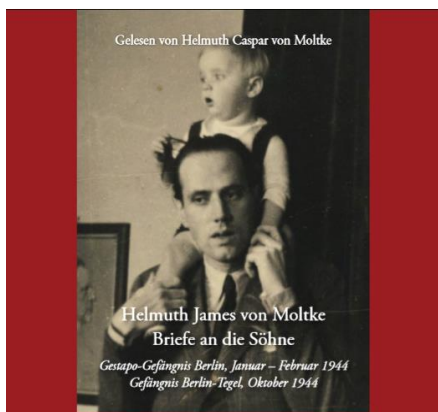
Dr. Marek Prawda, Dr. Agnieszka v. Zanthier, Artur Wolski, Grażyna Prawda, Prof. Waldemar Czacbur, Antoniusz Dietzjus, Anastazja Simińska at the book presentation in Warsaw.

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Within the past 12 months we finalized projects that started last year and could initiate new ones to make the name Kreisau/Krzyżowa better known in Germany and in Poland. The projects include the **Polish edition of the "Farewell Letters" and their presentation in Poland**. In October 2017 we presented the letters in the *Jewish Museum Galiija* in Cracow/Kraków and in November in the *Café BarBara* in Wrocław. Presentations in Warsaw/Warszawa and Opole followed in March 2018. Each event started with a reading of the letters, which was performed by students from local colleges. In addition, we invited well-known scientists or journalists to discuss the book with the audience.

Thanks to the generous support of the *Willi Robert Pitzer Foundation* and *The Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media (BKM)* - over € 43,000 in total - about **1,900 Polish students could watch the documentary film "Freya – Love in the Time of Resistance" with Polish subtitles** in the past few months. With this youth project, we wanted to make the

German resistance and in particular the Kreisau Circle and its heritage better known in Poland, involve young people in the German-Polish and European dialogue and arouse their interest in Kreisau. For this purpose the *Krzyżowa Foundation* invited thousands of Polish schools from all regions of the country to participate in the project. It also compiled preparatory material, which were used intensively by teachers and young people in advance to the film screenings. The project started in August 2017 and ended in summer 2018, but the interest in the film remains substantial.



Cover of the audio CD „Briefe an die Söhne“ (“Letters to the Sons”)

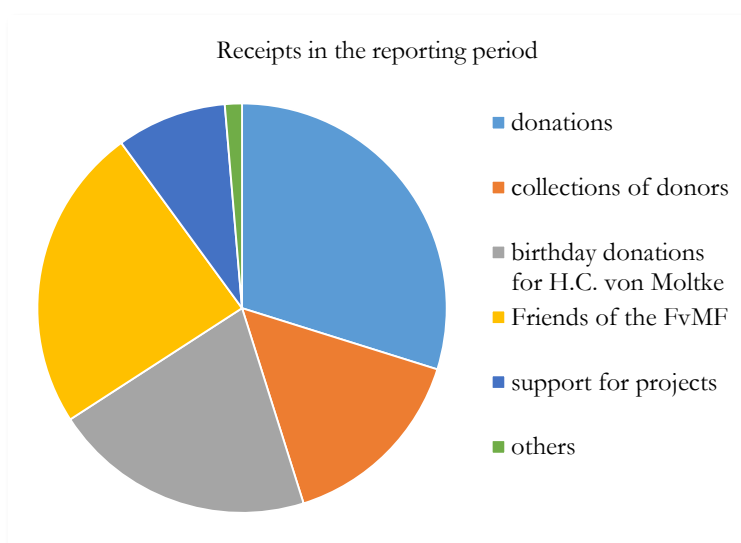
In November 2017, the chairman of the Board of Trustees Helmuth Caspar von Moltke turned 80. On this occasion, we have considered producing an **audio CD with Helmuth James von Moltke's "Briefe an die Söhne" ("Letters to the Sons")**. Helmuth Caspar von Moltke reads the letters his father wrote to him and his brother Konrad in January and October 1944 during his imprisonment in the Berlin Gestapo prison and prison Tegel. In March, we asked for birthday donations for this particular project and, to our great surprise and delight, nearly € 24,000 were donated. The CD is available to all those interested in Kreisau. Unfortunately, the CD is only available in German language, but it will certainly be a very impressive listening experience – even for non-native speakers.

This year's **Kreisau Journey** took place with a group of around 50 participants **from 20 to 23 September**. As every year, we offered a diverse program. Two interesting lectures by Dr. Marek Prawda, former Ambassador of Poland in Berlin, currently representing the European Commission in Warsaw, and

Krisztián Ungváry, a Hungarian historian, dealt with the present European challenges, with a focus on the discrepancy between the efforts to strengthen the integration of Europe and the general climate of EU-scepticism. A day trip to Wrocław and a short visit to the former Cistercian monastery in Lubiąż rounded off the program. All in all, the trip offered not only time for discussion, but also for a social get-together, which was once again characterized by a very pleasant and friendly climate. The next Kreisau Journey will take place from **26 to 29 September 2019**. Details about the journey will be available in June 2019.

In our small team, **Thomas Runge** is still responsible for the office organization and part of the administrative tasks in his position as assistant to the management. Laura Brüggemann left our team in December 2017, Franziska Fischer in March 2018. Our two new student assistants, **Maria Rossmann** and **Julien Then**, take care of the event organization and public relations. Maria Rossmann is also responsible for the Young Donors. Julien Then manages the social media activities of the Foundation. Next year, our office together with *Allianz AG*, the insurance company that has been supporting us for years, will move to the new location in Berlin-Adlershof.

The **Foundation's capital** increased by € 30,090 in the reporting period and amounted to € 1,949,416. In addition, the Foundation received € 89,049 in **donations**, exceeding the considerable amount of the previous year! This result includes the donations for the 80th birthday of Helmuth Caspar v. Moltke (€ 23,915), contributions from the Friends of the *Freja von Moltke Foundation* to finance the statutory work of the office (€ 27,818), as well as donations from birthday collections of our supporters (€ 17,670). Moreover, € 10,042 came from public and private institutions as **donations for projects** of the Foundation, i.a. by the *Foundation for German-Polish Cooperation* and by *The Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media*.



During the reporting period, the Foundation's capital yielded € 41,121. The average interest rate on foundation capital of about 2% is anything but satisfactory. However, we hope that the ECB's monetary policy change, which has already been announced several times, will soon be implemented, and that the rising interest rates will give us more scope for funding than before. All the more important to us is the support we receive from our donors!

For the constant and generous support of the New Kreisau we are profoundly grateful!

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