

## 2014 / Summary of the Annual Report of the Freya von Moltke Foundation for the New Kreisau

**Report period: November 1st, 2013 – October 31st, 2014**

The year 2014 marked anniversaries of two important events in European history that are related to the Kreisau Circle: the attempted assassination on Adolf Hitler of July 20th, 1944, as well as the German-Polish Reconciliation Mass of November 1989.

For our Foundation, the 70th anniversary of the Assassination Attempt was an occasion to organise an **international conference on the reception of the German resistance** to Nazism abroad (in cooperation with several partners). You can find the report from the conference and the presentations on our website.

In Krzyżowa/Kreisau, on November 12th-13th we celebrated the **25th anniversary of the Reconciliation Mass** with an ecumenical service and a two-day conference 25th Years of German-Polish Reconciliation. The Importance for Europe and an example for the world. On November 20th, Polish Prime Minister Ewa Kopacz and German Chancellor Angela Merkel visited Kreisau, too. They officially opened the open-air exhibition Courage and Reconciliation that portrays the way of the two countries from the terrors of war to mutual understanding. At the end of the meeting, together with 200 guests, they took part in an ecumenical prayer in the Church of Peace in Świdnica.

Also in 2014, the *Freya von Moltke Foundation* aimed at increasing public interest in the history and the present of Kreisau as well as gaining new supporters. Our theme of the year was **25 Years of the New Kreisau – 25 Years of European Encounters**. It defined the programme of this year's Kreisau Journey organised in cooperation with the Kreisau-Initiative. Moreover, we carried out two special journeys. Nearly 90 people visited Kreisau with us this year. **Next year's Kreisau Journey** will take place on **May 14th – 17th, 2015**.

Throughout the year, Helmuth Caspar von Moltke and Agnieszka von Zanthier gave plenty of talks about Kreisau and the work done in the New Kreisau. Mr von Moltke spoke at the invitation of the President of the *Berlin Appellate Court* before 100 lawyers, at the *Old Tabler Club* in Cologne, as well as on July 23rd before the *Parliament of Lower Saxony* on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the attempted assassination on Adolf Hitler. The day before, he accompanied the Young Donors of the Foundation as a time witness at the workshop for Hanover school students.

For the sixth time, we prepared **postcards depicting Kreisau** that were created by young participants of the annual *International Artistic Summer*. Our Foundation supported the project with €5,400 worth of donations collected the previous year. We still have a few dozen sets that you are invited to order. The postcards are ideal for New Year's greetings - you can take a look at them on our website. Also this year we offer you **personalised envelope labels** with your address and the logo of the Foundation. With these you can help promote our Foundation.

As far as our **capital stock** is concerned, we are happy to report a growth of €500,000 owing to the *generosity of the Hamburg Foundation for the Promotion of Science and Culture*. Furthermore, 62 donors contributed a total of €78,260. The capital stock now amounts to €1,722,100. Moreover, further 439 people supported us with €63,092 in minor donations, among whom 122 donors supported us on the occasion of birthdays and memorials of our friends. Since 2013 we have mentioned all donors by name in the full version of the report (available in German on our website), in order to underline the importance of their role and express our gratitude.

In 2014 the Foundation supported many projects in Kreisau with contributions totalling €39,559 in donations and third-party funding.

In **2015** we would like to celebrate our **10th anniversary** together with our supporters. For September we are planning an anniversary event for up to 500 guests that, as we hope, may be attended by our honourable patron, the Federal President of Germany. On this occasion, we will hear the results of *Krzyżowa-Music* – a one-of-a-kind musical encounter for young highly talented musicians and their world-renowned colleagues. We consider this project a special gift to the New Kreisau. Around the date of the anniversary event, we also plan the first *Kreisau Talk* with the topic Resistance and Civic Courage Today.

More information can be found in the full version of the report. We will be happy to send it to you upon request. You can also download it from our website.

*(October 2014, Dr Agnieszka von Zanthier and Esther Reichert)*