

**CONFERENCE MEETING NO. 10 OF THE UK ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT ASSOCIATION IN CAMBRIDGE ON 17 OCTOBER 2009**

This meeting marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Alexander von Humboldt. It was held in the Winstanley Theatre, Trinity College, Cambridge on Saturday, 17 October 2009. The meeting was organised jointly by the Department of German, University of Cambridge and the UK Alexander von Humboldt Association. In addition to the speakers listed below, around 100 attended from Cambridge and across the UK.

10.00 – 10.30 Arrivals (Winstanley Theatre, Trinity College; as above)

10.30 Welcome by the Master of Trinity College Cambridge, Lord Rees PRS (President of the Royal Society) and Professor Roger Paulin (Cambridge), UK Alexander von Humboldt Association President

11.00 Professor Helmut Schwarz (Alexander von Humboldt-Stiftung President, Bonn): ‘Promoting Scientific Excellence: Challenges and Opportunities for the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation’

12.00 Dr Johannes Vogel (Natural History Museum, London): ‘Humboldt and Darwin’

13.00-14.30 Lunch was held in the 14th Century Old Schools University Combination Room above what is now the Gonville & Caius Library opposite the Gate of Honour in the Senate House Passage, a few minutes away from Trinity College. Participants were also able at this time to take a guided tour of the University Library exhibition on Alexander von Humboldt with one of its organisers, Sophie Defrance, from the Cambridge University Library. At 14.30 an Executive Committee Meeting also took place in the Winstanley Theatre.

15.00 Professor Roger Paulin (Cambridge): ‘A Chapter from Humboldt’

16.00 Professor Ottmar Ette (Potsdam): ‘Humboldt, the New World and a New World’

17.00 UK Alexander von Humboldt Association Annual General Meeting

18.30 Drinks reception in the Master’s Lodge, Trinity College