

Berlin, September 27, 2010

Invitation to a German-French Colloquium

**”French-German Research:
50 Years In The Light Of The Laser”**

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

the French Embassy in Berlin and the Helmholtz Association of German Research Centers organize a French-German colloquium entitled “50 Years In The Light Of The Laser”, which takes place on November 5 and 6, 2010, in the French Embassy located at the Pariser Platz in Berlin. The event intends to stimulate discussions on fascinating new perspectives for laser research and establish contacts for further scientific co-operations between France and Germany.

We cordially invite you to join this event, which seeks to bring together young scientists from both countries and pioneers in the field of laser research. The colloquium encompasses poster presentations from the participants and eight plenary talks presented by renowned speakers from Germany and France.

The colloquium takes place in the lecture hall of the French Embassy, which is located at Pariser Platz 5, in 10117 Berlin-Mitte.

Program:

Friday, November 5, 2010:

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| 13.00 h | Bernard de Montferrand, French Ambassador in Germany,
Jürgen Mlynek, President of the Helmholtz Association |
| 13.30 h | Serge Haroche (Paris),
Ferenc Krausz (Munich) |
| 15.30 h | Poster-Coffee |
| 16.30 h | Michèle Leduc (Paris),
Helmut Dosch (Hamburg) |
| 18.30 h | Reception |
| 19.00 h | Conference Dinner |

Saturday, November 6, 2010:

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| 9.00 h | Claude Cohen-Tanoudji (Paris),
Andreas Tünnermann (Jena) |
| 11.00 h | Poster-Coffee |
| 11.30 h | Peter Toschek (Hamburg),
Alain Aspect (Palaiseau) |
| 13.30 h | Farewell |

Poster presentations:

We encourage our participants to bring a poster along. We especially appreciate posters that show results from a successful French-German scientific cooperation employing laser technology. The best poster will be awarded with a valuable prize. The poster size should be A0. If you intend to bring a poster, please tell us its title and author(s) with your registration!

Registration:

Due to safety regulations in the French Embassy all participants need to register by mail or fax (fax sheet attached) until October 25, 2010, at the following contact address. Entrance into the embassy will only be possible upon submission of your identification card. Please indicate also whether you will participate at the dinner.

Contact: Nicole Schöne / Research Center Forschungszentrum Dresden-Rossendorf
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Financial support:

Participants from abroad can receive financial support to cover - within reason - their costs of travel and accommodation. We especially welcome master, diploma and graduate students as well as postdocs who work in the field! The financial support will preferably be granted to participants who present a poster. The support will be paid cash at the beginning of the colloquium. Please submit the application for financial support soon using the fax sheet attached. We will answer you as soon as possible. The latest submission date for financial support is October 25, 2010. In the frame of our possibilities we intend to compensate French participants with 250 Euros, and - except from local participants - Germans with 150 Euros.

Internet link:

All information relevant for the colloquium can be found under the following link, including a list of recommendable hotels in Berlin.

www.helmholtz.de/laser2010

The colloquium takes place under the patronage of the French Ambassador in Berlin and the President of the Helmholtz Association of German Research Centers. It is carried by the French Embassy, the Helmholtz Association, the Freie Universität Berlin and the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. If you have questions concerning the colloquium, please direct them to:

Bianca Berlin / Helmholtz Association of German Research Centers
Mail: bianca.berlin@helmholtz.de

As Organizers of the meeting we look forward to hear from you and to receive you in Berlin for an exciting French-German Laser-Meeting.

Yours sincerely

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Roland Sauerbrey / Research Center Dresden-Rossendorf
Jürgen Mlyněk / Helmholtz Association of German Research Centers
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