

Dear Members of the Sonnenberg-Association Austria!

At the beginning of the new year I – as secretary of our Association – want to take a review of the past year and try a prospect for the future.

Review 2024

In June we had a excursion to the reticent penal camp Gusen, as finally, it is now more discerned in the public.

In July a study journey to Litomysl took place for professional teachers. Due to contacts within Sonnenberg a seminar for restauration without language barriers was organized with the help of € 1.000 from the Austrian Association. A repetition is planned in 2025.



Eindrücke aus Südmähren
Rathaus von Hodonin (links),
Ausgrabungen von Mikulčice (oben)
Rotunde in Skalica (unten)

An international congress was planned in the long run, it took place in the fist week in September, it was a joint event with the Czech republic. There were 20 participants and it was a big success – in commemoration you can find the program in the attachment. The international Sonnenberg-Association supported the costs for referees, translators and fares for the exhibition “Bohemia, Moravia, Vienna – the culinary legacy”. It was available for one month in Hodonin.

As a return service for the support in Hodonin the Austrian Sonnenberg-Association organized a special day in Vienna (a guided tour through the Emperial Tresury and dinner at the 12-Apostel-Restaurant.

The international Society

In general, we have to assert that at least since the Corona crisis the Sonnenberg-idea has been questioned. Is it still up to date, manageable and feasible to organize conferences as hitherto? A long term of the ISA (International Sonnenberg-Association) will be in question for 2025 because of lacking membership fees (Sweden and Denmark withdrew their partnership), the Netherlands stopped their payments and Germany resigned officially. Thus we have to deliberate the liquidation of the International Sonnenberg-Association during the upcoming year.

Except from Austria and Great Britain there are no more local associations. To make administration easier the directorate of the ISA has agreed on transforming the ISA to Austria, as balance accounts and internet managing are carried out in Austria.

Review to the Future

The Austrian Sonneberg-Association wants to start an EU-Project for the next two years, together with the Adult Education Centre Mariahilf in Vienna. It should start and examine an online platform at the University Hradec Kralowe (Königrätz in the Czech Republic) and Krivij Rih (Krivoj Rog in the Ukraine), according to the model of the Austrian Adult Education. We will inform you on the progress of the programme.

Membership fee

Finally, I would suggest to deposit your membership fee for 2023 and 2024 in retrospect and for 2025 in advance. That is three times € 20,00, to the account Sonnenbergkreis Österreich.

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You can find that report on our website.

We would be happy to receive comments and suggestions according to our principles:

“Talking to each other, overcoming prejudices, being able to communicate and acting responsibly”

By proxy

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