

the heiligendamm round table



franz gerstenbrand

**building a european neurology
in the years of separation**



invitation

europe - a unique fusion chamber churning out civilisations and arts, science and modern medicine.

for almost 50 years this continent was divided right through its heart.

how did this separation affect neurology? how could it be overcome? what do we need to build a truly european neurology?

professor gerstenbrand is one of the fathering figures of european neurology. born in the geographical centre of europe, growing up in a country between the east and the west, he put overwhelming energy into european reunification.

who could better answer our questions?

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franz gerstenbrand

born 1924 in northern moravia, professor gerstenbrand graduated from vienna university in medicine in 1950, where he also received his postgraduate training in neurology and psychiatry. in 1967 he was appointed full professor of neurology. from 1976 until 1977 he served as director of the neurological clinic rosenhuegel in vienna to take over the chair of neurology at innsbruck university which he was holding until his retirement in 1994.

his research focussed on brainstem dysfunction, degenerative and extrapyramidal disorders, neurorehabilitation and space and underwater neurology.

he is founding member of the european federation of neurological societies and the danube symposium for neurosciences and education. he served in various functions in the world federation of neurology and is a distinguished member of numerous medical societies including the royal society of medicine in london, UK.

he received several honorary doctorates and published prolifically.



heiligendamm

in 1793 friedrich-franz I, duke of mecklenburg schwerin, took his first bath in the sea at 'heiligen damm' and this marked the birth of the first german seaside resort. between 1793 and 1870, the architects von seydwitz, severin and demmler created a unique ensemble of bathing and lodging houses. nearby, the first racecourse on the european continent was opened in 1823.

since its foundation, heiligendamm was the most elegant seaside resort in germany. european aristocracy, including the tsar's family, used to spend their summer vacations here. heiligendam remained an exclusive spa into the 1930's. after extensive renovations heiligendamm was re-opened as a luxury hotel and spa in 2003.



meeting details

date

september 28th, 2007, 17:00 s.t.

venue

**kempinski grand hotel heiligendamm
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a light buffet will be served after the meeting

**the number of participants is limited
confirmation of attendance until september 25th 2007 is advised**

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