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**The purpose of the conference is to bring together members of established German networks of scientific excellence with partners in the Arab countries to exchange views and experiences on issues of scientific collaboration and scientific network organisation. In the Young Scientists Workshop scientists on the postdoc level have the opportunity to discuss topics of research opportunities in the Arab scientific world together with colleagues from Germany and the Arab countries.**

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**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Amman, Jordan**  
**Amman Marriott Hotel**  
**Shmeissani Issam Ajluni Street**  
**Amman, 11190 Jordan**

# SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES BRIDGING CULTURES

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SUNDAY, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2009  
AMMAN MARRIOTT HOTEL  
SHMEISSANI ISSAM AJLUNI STREET  
AMMAN, 11190 JORDAN

10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. .... Opening Session

Presented by **Marwan Mousa**  
President, Jordanian Club of Humboldt Fellows

## Welcome Address

**His Majesty King Abdullah II**  
**King of The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**

## Günter Stock

President, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and  
Humanities and President, Union of the German Academies of  
Sciences and Humanities

## Helmut Schwarz

President, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

## Stefan Hormuth

President, German Academic Exchange Service

## HE Joachim Heidorn

Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Jordan

## Klaus Lucas

Vice President, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and  
Humanities, Conference Chairman

## Coffee

11.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. .... Science and Technology

## Chair: Victor Rizkallah

Leibniz-Universität Hannover

## Amin Mobarak

Cairo University, Faculty of Engineering

## Energy and Environment

## Janos Bogardi

UN University  
Institute for Environment and Human Security, Bonn

## Water Resources

## Lunch

2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. .... Humanities and Culture

## Chair: Zeidan Kafafi

University of Yarmouk, Jordan

## HE Omar Jhdeifat

Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Jordan

## Dialogue between Cultures

## Angelika Neuwirth

Freie Universität Berlin

## Corpus Coranicum

A Long-Term Research Project at the  
Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities

## Michael Niedermeier

Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities

## The Goethe-Dictionary

A Long-Term Research Project at the  
Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities

## Coffee

4.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. .... German Scientific  
Networks of Excellence

## Chair: Peter Uecker

Vice President, German-Jordanian University, Amman

## Christian Bode

Secretary General, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

## Dorothee Dzwonnek

Secretary General, German Research Foundation (DFG)

## Verena Lepper

Egyptian Museum and Papyrus Collection  
Berlin / Member of The Young Academy

## Colin Nippert

Student-Forum within the Tönissteiner Kreis

## Alfred Pühler

Foreign Secretary, Union of the German Academies  
of Sciences and Humanities

## Georg Schütte

Secretary General, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

## Coffee

6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. .... Panel Discussion  
**Perspectives of Long-Term Scientific Cooperation  
between Germany and the MENA Region**

## Chair: Klaus Lucas

Vice President, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and  
Humanities, Conference Chairman

## HE Eid Dahiyat

Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
University of Applied Sciences Amman

## Thomas Götz

Deputy Director-General, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

## Saleh Hashem

General Secretary, Association of Arab Universities

## Christoph Marksches

President, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin / Member of the  
Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities

## Burkhard Rauhut

Rector, German University of Technology in Oman

## Khaled Toukan

Chairman, Jordan Atomic Energy Commission

6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. .... Young Scientists Workshop  
**Challenges, Opportunities and Problems of Scientific  
Research in the MENA Region**

## Chair: Ziad Al-Saad

Vice President, German-Jordanian University, Jordan

8.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m. .... Dinner