



UNIVERSITIES OF OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE ALUMNI NETWORK

HAMBURG

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Members,

For many years we have all known former President Brian Melican as the face, president, organizer, generally as the man behind the Oxbridge Society of Hamburg. It is his baby – and I think we all agree it has grown into a promising child, primarily thanks to Brian.

When Brian was forced to focus his attention on his family, the child was without a guardian. A new committee was formed to take over this role and I am proud to introduce to you,

Melania Zauri, Co-President

and myself, Wilfried Becker, President



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We are enjoying the continuing support of some members of the former committee, in particular Daudi (David) Magezi (the Society's present Secretary General)

Miriam Parker-Künzel (the Society's hub in Bremen)

and

Florian Heinemann who will continue in his role as the Society's treasurer.

We intend to add more members to the committee and invite you to volunteer, indicating in what way you might support the society. We would be especially grateful if a „digital native“ among our members would offer support on the IT side, like developing the Society's homepage, sending out invitations, LinkedIn postings etc. Likewise, we invite applications for a Secretary General who would follow in David's footsteps.

We are very proud of Brian's brainchild and grateful for all the effort he has put into raising it. The new committee intends to raise the promising child very much like it has been nurtured in the past, by offering members a platform to meet and socialize through a variety of events, including the Annual Dinner in November, an informal get-together at a Christmas market in December, a garden party in June and a freshers' event in September, for those students from our „catchment area“ who have taken up a place at Oxford or Cambridge.

The new committee will need some time to get organized. Please understand that we may not be able to hold all these events during the first year of our tenure. We will contact the universities and inform them of the changes that have taken place.

That said, we are in the process of organizing this year's Annual Dinner, „as always“ at the Anglo-German Club, during the second half of November. We plan to send you a „Save the Date“ by the end of August and a proper invitation containing all the details, including registration, shortly afterwards.

We also plan a new format where members of the Society talk about their work and maybe show us around. We invite all members to come forward and propose to host such an event.

To finish my first letter to you, our members, I adapt the famous words of President J.F. Kennedy, downscaled and slightly reworded:

„Don't ask what the Oxbridge Society of Hamburg can do for you.

Ask what you can do for the Society.“

In this vein, I invite your active participation in the Society and ask for your support – and with that, the Oxbridge Society of Hamburg will continue to flourish.

Very sincerely yours,

Wilfried Becker