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BOOTSCHAFT* - LIFE FLAG

An art-project and part of Berlin's Year of Science
and the Year of the Convergence of Cultures, 2010

I. In our diplomatic mission in Berlin the *LIFE FLAG* will be raised and stay hoisted from the 7th until the 14th of October 2010. The flag, designed by the Berlin-based artist Sabine Kacunko, displays bio-molecular colored micro-organisms. Their uniform color and pattern is based on the markings of the ribosomes (rRNA), which occur in bacteria, plants, animals and in humans, as well.

The dense web of 129 embassies located in Berlin - the European capital with the highest number of diplomatic missions - allows for the spread of a strong global message, illustrating the multilateral sensitivity to environmental and cultural concerns on planet earth, our common home ground. In addition to our diplomatic representation 70 embassies in Berlin participate in this art-event at this point of time.

II. The exhibition *LIFE FLAG* by Sabine Kacunko will be opened in the Robert Koch Institute of Microbiology and Hygiene, located in Berlin, Dorotheenstraße 96, on the 8th of October 2010 at 08.00 p.m.

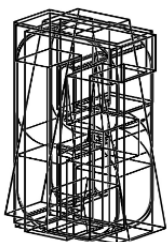
Under the direction of Prof. Alex Constantin the Humboldt Choir, Berlin will perform "Oceanobacillus pulvirenatus" or "Dusty rebirth", written by Ari Benjamin Meyers; this anthem has been specifically composed for this occasion.

III. A live media performance will take place from the 7th until the 10th of October 2010, at the Schlossplatz in Berlin-Mitte. The virtual *LIFE FLAG* will be put into motion live, corresponding to our and the wind-coordinates of the participating countries.

In this year's „Year of Science“ and in the course of the 300th anniversary of the „Charité Berlin“ the art-project *LIFE FLAG* picks out as its central theme the sensitivity of ecological, political and economic equilibrium. It serves as a starting point for other continuing art activities, which will subsequently use the extensive global network of diplomatic missions and the world wide web.

The art project *LIFE FLAG* is accomplished in cooperation with the „IMH / Charité, Berlin“. Other partners include: Charité Berlin, Free University of Berlin, Humboldt University Berlin, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Science, Museum of Natural History Berlin, UNESCO.

** „Bootschaft“ is a play of words, as it may denote „diplomatic mission“ but also “message“ in the German language.*



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