

## Chronology of the Historical Archive on Tourism

- 1986 Franz Burger (Frankfurt, former Managing Director of the DRV) presents his historical tourism collection at the ITB ("Tourismus anno dazumal"). At the instigation of the Mayor of Berlin, the **Institute for Tourism (IfT)** of the Free University of Berlin is involved in order to preserve this collection for the city of Berlin in the long term. The **Sammlung Burger** (FB) is purchased for DM 25,000. This lays the foundation for a historical collection that will benefit education and research. Prof. Dr. Walter Eder, an historian, is in charge of the scientific management of the collection, assisted by geographer Dr. Kristiane Klemm.
- 1987 The Schwarzenstein family offers to purchase the extensive collection of Franz F. Schwarzenstein (Salzburg, former head of the DTZ); the purchase is made for DM 50,000, with the sum being raised partly by the travel industry (FVW, ITS, etc.) and partly by the FU. The **Sammlung Schwarzenstein** (FFS) significantly expands the collection with countless brochures, 65 magazines, around 2,300 books and unprinted records.
- 1988 - 2002 In 1988, the Institute for Tourism and the Starnberg Study Group for Tourism founded the "**Tourism History Working Group**", the first institution of its kind in the world. The historian Prof. Dr. Hasso Spode from the Institute for Social and Economic History takes over the management. It organises conferences and meetings on topics of historical tourism research, which result in two anthologies.
- 1988 - 1990 Creation of a signature system for the archive materials under the leadership of Spode; compilation and recording of parts of the collections in an electronic database (LITTY v3) by research assistants.
- 1988 - today Various donations in kind from private individuals and acquisitions from institutions (Reisenanalyse, Berlin Tourist Office, Baedeker Archive, etc.), among others:
- 1989: Acquisition of 1221 posters from the holdings of the **Berlin Art Library** (KBB).
  - 1989: Acquisition of the partial estate of Dr Adolph Grünthal, employee of the first tourism institute 1929-35.
  - 1990: Walter Kahn (Bayersoien, formerly Kahn-Reisen, later Scharnow) donates his travel history collection to the Institute of Tourism. The **Sammlung Kahn** (WK) (approx. 1500 books and magazines as well as numerous brochures) fundamentally expands the spectrum of the archive once again.
  - 1999: Takeover of a large part of the library of the former **Study Centre for Tourism** in Starnberg.
  - 2000: Takeover of part of the DRV archive from Frankfurt.
  - 2001: Acquisition of 764 volumes of historical statistics from

the holdings of the former Central Institute for Social Science Research Berlin.

- 2007: Takeover of the archives of the Stuttgart tour operator von Maur.
- 2008: Acquisition of the travelling legacy of Richard Kuhn, winner of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.
- 2013: Acquisition of the Fischell travel legacy (extensive collection of travel diaries, photo albums, etc.).
- 2013: Acquisition of the travel legacy of Hobusch, travel journalist in the GDR.
- 2017ff: Acquisition of the bequest of the folklorist Prof. Dr. Dieter Kramer (materials of the Naturfreunde etc.).
- 2019: Acquisition of the remaining documents of the Leipzig travel agency Wolff (1890-1939).
- 2020: Acquisition of the partial legacy of B. Müller (travel diaries, photo albums, etc. in approx. 90 moving boxes).

1991 Retirement of Walter Eder and Hasso Spode; Kristiane Klemm takes over the management of the collection. Modified updating of the database according to changing criteria by lay assistants.

1998 - 2000 The Volkswagen Foundation finances the systematic organisation of the materials and the restructuring of the database according to scientific criteria. Hasso Spode takes over the scientific management of the archival collection. From then on, large parts of the archival collection are catalogued and can be used for teaching, research and the media. It is given the name "**Historical Archive on Tourism (HAT)**". The planned continuation of the VW project does not materialise, except for a final funding, as the funding line was stopped. Since then, there is no longer a full-time position at the archive.

2000 The co-operation between the Institute for Tourism and the Willy Scharnow Foundation (Frankfurt) is established. The IfT is renamed the "Willy Scharnow Institute for Tourism".

2003 Relocation of the HAT within the FU Berlin.

2007 The amount of funding granted to the institute by the Willy Scharnow Foundation will be reduced to 15,000 Euros and will mainly benefit the HAT.

2008 - 2012 Closure of the Willy Scharnow Institute. The planned connection of the HAT with the history department of the FU Berlin fails due to the objection of the university chancellor, as the FU is neither interested in tourism nor in archives. The HAT remains open until 2011, after which the archive material is stored in over 1500 moving boxes and is barely accessible.

In view of numerous protests and takeover offers from Germany and abroad, the FU abandons its plan to sell or dispose of the holdings and promises to hand over the archive free of charge. Takeover negotiations, in particular with the HWR Berlin and the TU Berlin.

2012	Relocation of the HAT to the Technical University of Berlin to the <b>Centre for Technology and Society (ZTG)</b> and the <b>Centre for Metropolitan Studies (CMS)</b> on the initiative of Prof. Dr. Hans-Liudger Diemel (ZTG). Reopening ceremony in the presence of representatives from politics, science, business and the media.
2012 - 2020	Contract between the Willy Scharnow Foundation and TU Berlin (CMS and ZTG): Funding amount of 15,000 Euros p.a., duration at least 6 years; name extension of the HAT to "Historical Archive on Tourism (Willy Scharnow Archive)". Successful continuation of work despite low funding, also thanks to volunteers (setting up and cataloguing, equipping exhibitions, supporting up to 100 users p.a., processing up to 300 enquiries p.a., sporadic teaching events and guided tours).
2012 - 2021	Four foreign scholarship holders (DAAD) and interns as well as two doctoral students at the HAT; Supervision: Spode.
2015 - today	Foundation of "Förderkreis Historisches Archiv zum Tourismus e.V."; Chair: Klemm. Voluntary work by members of the support group.
2015 - 2017	Dr. Alicia Fuentes (Madrid) Visiting researcher at HAT/CMS, funded by the Humboldt Foundation; Supervisor: Spode.
2018 - 2020	Expiry of the funding agreement with the Willy Scharnow Foundation; discontinuation of the name affix "Willy Scharnow Archive". Sporadic funding of archive work by the Willy Scharnow Foundation and the ITB Berlin.
2020	Reduction in archive work and user support due to the coronavirus pandemic and the following discontinuation of funding from the Scharnow Foundation and the ITB. Sporadic funding from the Förderkreis and the TUB.  Withdrawal of the ZTG from the sponsorship of the HAT. Contractual agreement between the <b>CMS</b> , the <b>Department of Labour Studies (ArTe)</b> and the <b>Department of the History of Technology</b> on the governing body and support of the HAT, to run until at least 2025.
2021 - 2023	Structural damage in the main room of the archive (building dust). No financial subsidisation of the work by the Förderkreis any more. Significant reduction in archive work and user support.  Start of a government project ( <b>MDZT</b> ) involving the HAT.
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