

# ***XIV International Colloquium of Genealogy***

***22 – 25 October 2025 in Gotha, Germany***



***„Gotha as Center of nobel and non-nobel Genealogy“***



Dear friends of international genealogy,  
dear researchers of worldwide genealogy,

it gives me great pleasure to invite you to our next International Colloquium for Genealogy by the Académie Internationale de Généalogie (AIG) in Thuringia on the occasion of the 1250th anniversary of the city of Gotha. Gotha is a unique centre of noble and bourgeois, German and non-noble European genealogy.



Located in the 'green heart of Germany', I look forward to welcoming you to Gotha from 22 to 25 October 2025 under the patronage of Lord Mayor Knut Kreuch. Among the three sub-areas

Gotha as Center of noble and non-noble Genealogy  
Gotha's connections with the high nobility of Europe  
Gothic impulses for the future of genealogy

we will present different genealogical lectures of general and special academic interest. Our International Colloquium for Genealogy is divided into three parts, three days with exciting topics and activities as well as a big city festival at the end. Please find attached our programme, registration, call for papers and some background information about the conference venue Gotha. Registered participants will receive the complete programme after completion before the event.

Special thanks go to our cooperation partners such as the University of Erfurt, the Gotha Research Library, the Gotha Research Centre, the Thuringian State Archives – Gotha State Archives, the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Genealogie Thüringen (AGT), the Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft genealogischer Verbände (DAGV) and last but not least the Gotha City Council for all their support for this project.

I look forward to welcoming you all to Gotha in October 2025. With warm and friendly genealogical greetings

Yours,

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Thuringia, Germany***

***Supported by the City of Gotha***

Gotha, in the center of Germany, is called "Capital City of Genealogy". Due to its 1250th anniversary in 2025 we invite experts of the genealogical world to come to the Thuringian city with great importance not only for German, but for European history. The theme of the international experts' meeting is "Gotha as center of nobel and non-nobel genealogy". The XIV International Colloquium of Genealogy (AIG) will be held at the Thüringer Fachhochschule für öffentliche Verwaltung, Bahnhofstr. 12, 99867 Gotha, and will be part of the celebration week of the City of Gotha, end of October 2025.



The organizers will ask in a Call for Papers for lectures in different languages as English, German, French, Spanish, and Italian, especially on relations to Gotha in their genealogical topics, countries, and connections of European royal families. There will be a special lecture on "The Gotha – oldest almanach of nobel genealogies"

Wednesday, 22 October 2025: up to ten lectures, lunch break, and visit of the Research Center Gotha, University of Erfurt, and the Research Library Gotha.

Thursday, 23 October 2025: up to ten lectures, special guided tour at the Research Library Gotha under special genealogical focus, followed by reception by the Lord Mayor at the Dukes Museum ("Louvre of Thuringia"). A classic concert will be provided (individual choice).

Friday, 24 October 2025: guided tour at the collection of the State Archives Thuringia – Department Gotha provided (individual choice) followed by a guided tour in the city of Gotha. Central closure of the colloquium, a Gala Dinner in the evening (individual choice).

Saturday, 25 October 2025: central open public celebration 1250 years of Gotha (the whole day in the city) with national and international guests (after the ordinary International Colloquium of Genealogy by AIG)



(pictures by Jacob Schroeter/Sebastian Pohl/Sebastian Köhler for Kulturstadt Gotha)

All activities will be in walking distance (maximum of 1 kilometer), and free of charge (except from the Gala Dinner, and the concert).

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**Application Form/Formulaire d`inscription/Anmeldeformular**

**Participation is free of charge/La participation est gratuite/  
Die Teilnahme ist kostenfrei!**

I wish to attend the colloquium in Gotha/J`ai intention de participer au colloque á Gotha.

In capital letters please/Veuillez écrire en majuscules/Bitte in Großbuchstaben

Surname/Nom de familie/Familiename \_\_\_\_\_

First name/prénom/Vorname \_\_\_\_\_

Address/adresse/Adresse \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Ville/Stadt \_\_\_\_\_

Country/Etat/Staat \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code/Indicatif postal/Postleitzahl \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to attend a Gala Diner/J`aimerais participer au dîner de gala/Ich interessiere mich für das Gala Dinner. Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to give a lecture on the following subject/Je souhaite présenter un exposé qui portera sur l`argument suivant/Ich würde gerne einen Vortrag unter folgendem Titel halten:

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Language/lingua/Sprache \_\_\_\_\_

Dae/date/Datum \_\_\_\_\_

Signature/signature/Unterschrift \_\_\_\_\_

# ***XIV International Colloquium of Genealogy 22 – 25 October 2025 in Gotha***

## ***Call for Papers***

The International Colloquium for Genealogy in Gotha consists of three sections, for which proposals for presentations will be accepted:

### ***1 – Gotha as Center of nobel and non-nobel Genealogy***

Presentations with genealogical connections in and from Gotha will be accepted.

### ***2 – Gotha´s connections with the high nobility in Europe***

We are happy to receive presentations on Gotha's special connections to the European aristocracy. (See Ernest the Pious, 1601-1675. The Grandfather of Europe)



### ***3 – Gothaic impulses for the future of genealogy***

At our International Colloquium for Genealogy in Gotha, we would like to provide important impulses for the future of genealogy. To this end, we welcome contributions in which ideas in this field are developed (sources, limits of our knowledge, innovations).

## ***Entries can be submitted until 30 June 2025:***

- + title and short description of a presentation in one or more fields in German, English, French, Spanish or Italian in a maximum of 4000 characters (the presentation must include a summary in a second language)
- + short biography and photo of the submitter (maximum 1000 characters)
- + a presentation on site in Gotha is desired; in exceptional cases, a pre-recorded video can also be submitted.

We look forward to receiving diverse and exciting proposals!