Our first newsletter and the announcement of the Reformation Symposium in May have generated some very encouraging reactions. One respondent wrote: “Thank you for sending the newsletter to me. I congratulate you for this initiative and look forward to future editions!” Another wrote: “I hope I can be at the seminar in May—the topic interests me greatly.” Here now is the second newsletter, providing more information on the upcoming conference. Friedensau University is proud to host a distinguished group of scholars from different parts of the world, reflecting on the relevancy of the Reformation for the Adventist church today. Are we truly upholding the principles of the Reformers or are we merely paying lip service to their crucial insights: sola scriptura, sola gratia, sola fide, solus Christus? The approaching jubilee year is a good opportunity to honestly and critically review our long-standing claim to be heirs of the Reformation. Listening to my colleagues may shed new light on this question. What is your opinion on it?

Rolf J. Pöhler, IAS Director

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**Friedensau to Host Reformation Symposium in May**

The program for the 2nd International Symposium of the Institute of Adventist Studies (IAS) in Friedensau, Germany, has been finalized. A total of 18 presenters will discuss various aspects of the conference theme, focusing on the perception of the 16th-century Reformation in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Half of the speakers will come from as far away as the Philippines and the United States, the other half being Europeans. Five professors will come from Andrews University, among them Nicholas Miller, who will give the opening address entitled “The Reformers and the Remnant: The Protestant Roots of Seventh-day Adventism”.

Participants of the 1st symposium 2014

The first full day of the conference is devoted to Martin Luther, who lived and taught just 40 miles from Friedensau at the University of Wittenberg, the birthplace of the Reformation. On day two, the Calvinian and the Anabaptist heritage gets special attention and the impact of the Radical Reformers on Adventism is being studied. On the last day, the impact of the Reformation on Adventism is being analyzed by looking at two controversial periods in SDA history, viz., the 1880s and the 1960s-1970s.

The conference will conclude with an excursion to Wittenberg, featuring visits to the newly renovated castle church (Luther’s burial place), the city church (his preaching church), and the Lutherhaus (his home). In 2017, when Protestant Christianity will commemorate 500 years of Reformation, Wittenberg will be flooded by people from all over the globe. Symposium participants will be ahead of the masses but nonetheless up for a very enriching experience. Interested individuals are welcome as special auditors! For more information and registration forms, go to [www.thh-friedensau.de](http://www.thh-friedensau.de).

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**International Symposium on Adventist Mission in Europe**

November 16th—19th, 2015 saw Adventist missiologists converge for an international Symposium on Adventist Mission in Europe. This symposium was organized by Dr. des. László Szabó, of the Arthur Daniells Institute of Mission Studies at Friedensau Adventist University. Missiologists came from all three European divisions to ponder on the theme: “Adventist Mission Facing Post-Christian Europe” with the objective of creating a platform for professional reflection, analysis and exchange about the European reality in Adventist mission. Symposium participants spent time in intensive exchange, reflection, prayer and research. Issues like Islam, European religiosity and Adventist missionary thinking were of priority during the symposium. The outcome of this led to an agreement of doing another symposium on 21-24 November 2016. We will keep you informed.

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