







## Dear Kiwanis friends!

Welcome to the 41st European Convention in Linz from June 6 – 8, 2008.

As the capital city of Upper Austria, Linz has been a home and workplace to famous artists and scientists such as Johannes Kepler, Anton Bruckner and Adalbert Stifter. Linz has also been designated as the European Capital of Culture 2009.

Unique in Europe is the splendid ensemble of the baroque Hauptplatz (Main Square).

The Trinity Column, built in 1723 after the city was spared from war, fire and the plague, towers 20 meters above the middle of the Main Square.

Able to hold up to 20,000 people, the New Cathedral is the largest church in Austria.

For shopping and strolling, the Linz Landstrasse, Austria's second most frequented shopping street, provides a variety of excellent stores, pleasant garden restaurants and comfortable cafés. Linz also lent its name to the delicious "Linzer Torte", made from the world's oldest cake recipe.

Upper Austrian Kiwanis club members are engaged to make the European Convention an unforgettable experience and are already looking forward to a wonderful Kiwanis festival among friends.

I extend a hearty invitation to you all and hope to see you in Linz!

Yours in Kiwanis,

**Stefan Huber**  
European President 2007-08



## Program

### Friday, June 6

- 9:00 – 16:00 Palais Kaufmännischer Verein, Participant Registration
- 9:00 – 12:00 Palais Kaufmännischer Verein, Workshops where Growth Committee Chairmen present their results
- 13:30 – 15:00 Palais Kaufmännischer Verein, Meet the candidates  
Presentation and question and answer session of the candidates up for election during the General Assembly.
- 16:00 – 17:30 Palais Kaufmännischer Verein, Opening Ceremony  
A hearty welcome to the presentation of the "Sounds of Austria" from the world famous St. Florian Boys' Choir, who have enjoyed worldwide success and recognition.
- 20:00 – 24:00 Palais Kaufmännischer Verein, Friendship Dinner featuring Upper Austrian specialties

### Saturday, June 7

- 7:30 – 9:30 Palais Kaufmännischer Verein, Participant Registration
- 9:00 – 13:00 Palais Kaufmännischer Verein, General Assembly  
Topics on the Agenda: the future of Kiwanis and our organisation and how to better serve the children of the world.  
Election and nomination of 2008-2009 Officers  
Presentation of budget 2008-2009  
Amendments to bylaws to be voted on by the delegates
- 9:30 – 12:00 Partner program: Departure Hotel Schillerpark, **Excursion to St. Florian**, one of the oldest Augustinian monasteries in the world, is famous for its organs and its boys' choir, which was founded in 1071.
- 9:30 – 12:00 Partner program: Departure Hotel Schillerpark, **Excursion to Pöstlingberg** – Built in 1748, the Pöstlingberg church is the landmark of the Upper Austrian capital. The Grotto Railway features a mini-train shaped like a dragon, as well as a model of the Linz Hauptplatz and depictions of famous fairy tales.
- 20:00 – ? Danube Pier, Gala Dinner on the ship "Stadt Linz" (capacity: 700 persons). Enjoy an evening on the Danube with culinary delicacies from the monarchy with music and dance. Dresscode: Evening attire.

### Sunday, June 8

- 10:00 – 12:00 Klosterhof, Morning get-together with music (Frühschoppen) will only take place if there are enough participants

