

**PRESS RELEASE****M100 SANSSOUCI COLLOQUIUM 2010: „THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IN EUROPE“****8. September 2010, Potsdam**

*Potsdam, 19 August 2010.* On 8 September, **Paul Steiger** (58), the long-standing former editor-in-chief of the New York Wall Street Journal, and winner of several Pulitzer Prizes, will be holding the opening speech of the **M100 Sanssouci Colloquium 2010 in Potsdam**. This year, the international media conference has invited over 80 editors-in-chief in order to discuss "**Freedom of the Press in Europe**". Steiger's tenure as the editor-in-chief of The Wall Street Journal lasted for sixteen years. During this time, his editors won 16 Pulitzer Prizes. Since 2007, he has been the CEO and managing editor of the non-profit, non-partisan online news team ProPublica, based in New York, that, in Mai 2010, was awarded a Pulitzer Prize as the first online news outlet, ever.

Paul Steiger has won various awards, including the Columbia Journalism Award, the University of Missouri Honor Award for Distinguished Service in Journalism, the Goldsmith Career Award for Excellence in Journalism from Harvard University's Joan Shorenstein Center, the Gerald Loeb Award for lifetime achievement from the John E. Anderson Graduate School of Management at UCLA, and the American Society of News Editors Leadership Award.

Since 2005, the M100 Sanssouci Colloquium has been inviting **international editors-in-chief and leading media professionals** to join the intensive dialogue in the scenery of Potsdam's historical Palaces and Gardens.

The high-profile participants of the conference this year include, Wolfgang **Blau** (Zeit Online, Germany), Mario **Calabresi** (La Stampa, Italy), Stephan **Detjen** (Deutschlandfunk, Germany), Kai **Diekmann** (BILD), Mikhail **Fishman** (Newsweek, Russia), Peter **Frey** (ZDF), Grzegorz **Jankowski** (Fakt, Poland) Hans-Ulrich **Jörges** (Stern, Germany), Maxim **Kashulinsky** (Forbes, Russia), Michal **Kobosko** (Newsweek, Poland), Berthold **Kohler** (FAZ, Germany), Roger **Köppel** (Die Weltwoche, Switzerland), Merit **Kopli** (Postimees, Estonia), Christoph **Lanz** (DW-TV), Georg **Mascolo** und Matthias **Müller von Blumencron** (Der Spiegel, Germany), Jørn **Mikkelsen** (Jyllands Posten, Denmark), Morgan **Olofsson** (SVT, Sweden), Jan-Eric **Peters** (Welt-Gruppe, Germany), Agnieszka **Romaszewska-Guzy** (Belsat, Poland), Anita **Rozentale** (Bauskas Dzive, Latvia) Frank **Schirmmacher** (FAZ, Germany), Tøger **Seidenfaden** (Politiken, Denmark), Mark **Thompson** (Thomson Reuters, UK), Roland **Tichy** (Wirtschaftswoche, Germany), Christopher **Walker** (Freedom House, USA) und John **Witherow** (The Sunday Times, GB).

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