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## KWA meeting Kiel



In the library - Hanspeter Suwe, in the background Per Skjoldager and Egbert Meissenburg

This year's general meeting of the KWA was held in Kiel. Our chairman has provided a short report of the event, and again we can offer a lot of photos.

[Updated 23-12-2015: Siegfried Schönle's résumé in *KARL* 4/2015]



The Schleswig-Holsteinische Landesbibliothek, venue of the meeting

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At the entrance of the SHLB: Per Skjoldager, Jurgen Stigter, Guy Van Habberney, Bert Corneth, Bob van de Velde and Henri Serruys

Here is Guy Van Habberney's summary:

On October 9-11, our Association held its annual meeting in the Schleswig-Holsteinische Landesbibliothek in Kiel. On Friday, several members had already converged upon the library to do some research in the collection of Gerd Meyer and Wilhelm Massman. The library offers a very pleasant environment with friendly and helpful staff members.

On Saturday, some 20 people gathered to attend the KWA annual meeting, which was followed by several interesting lectures. The entire event was superbly organized by Andreas Saremba.

Dr. Jens Ahlers started with a nice overview of the history of the library, which also included a guided tour 'behind the scenes' of the library. It must be said that both Meyer and Massman could not have found a better home for their collections.

Subsequently, Siegfried Schonle treated the audience on a virtual tour through the life and collection of Gerd Meyer. Were the man still alive, he certainly would have become a member!

Siegfried had lots of material, and the KWA members attending his lecture were treated afterwards on a free copy of his earlier book, "[Chess Treasures from Lübeck](#)". [Here is the 2nd [title page](#) of the edition distributed in Kiel.]

Then it was the turn to Per Skjoldager, who informed the audience about the truly spectacular advances he made in our chess bibliography project.

Finally, Tony Gillam lectured about the life and (chess) works of Paul Felix Schmidt, a contemporary of

Paul Keres, who was almost lost in the mists of time, but whose memory will be rescued in a forthcoming book by Michael Negele and Tony Gillam.

As a cherry on the pie, the library donated free copies of the first Massman catalog to those attending.

Over lunch, we were treated with nice sandwiches and drinks by the library, and the day was concluded with a nice dinner. Those staying on till Sunday ended the KWA meeting with a boat tour in the port of Kiel. The weather was beautiful and a good time was had by all.

[PS 23-12-2015]: In *KARL* 4/2015, p. 12, Siegfried Schönle has given a résumé of the meeting (in German). Here is the corresponding [PDF](#) (courtesy of *KARL* editor Harry Schaack).

Below we give a selection of photographs.

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— The traditional group photo of the attendees

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In the library -

Hanspeter Suwe, in the background Per Skjoldager and Egbert Meissenburg

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Henri Serruys

with Dr. Jens Ahlers in the archives

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Countless boxes

filled with documents ...

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... and Gerd

Meyer's correspondence with other collectors.

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In the exhibition room - in the foreground Bert Corneth and Bob van de Velde



Another view of the glass cabinets



Siegfried

Schönle with Jurgen Stigter

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Guy Van

Habberney welcomes the attendees.

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Dr. Jens Ahlers

gives his talk.



Guy Van

Habberney and Dr. Jens Ahlers with two copies of the "Festschriften-Bibliografie" *Obliged to Tradition ...* (unfortunately this photo is a little blurred)



The attentive audience, from left: Hanspeter Suwe, Bert Corneth, Elke Rehder with her husband and Egbert Meissenburg

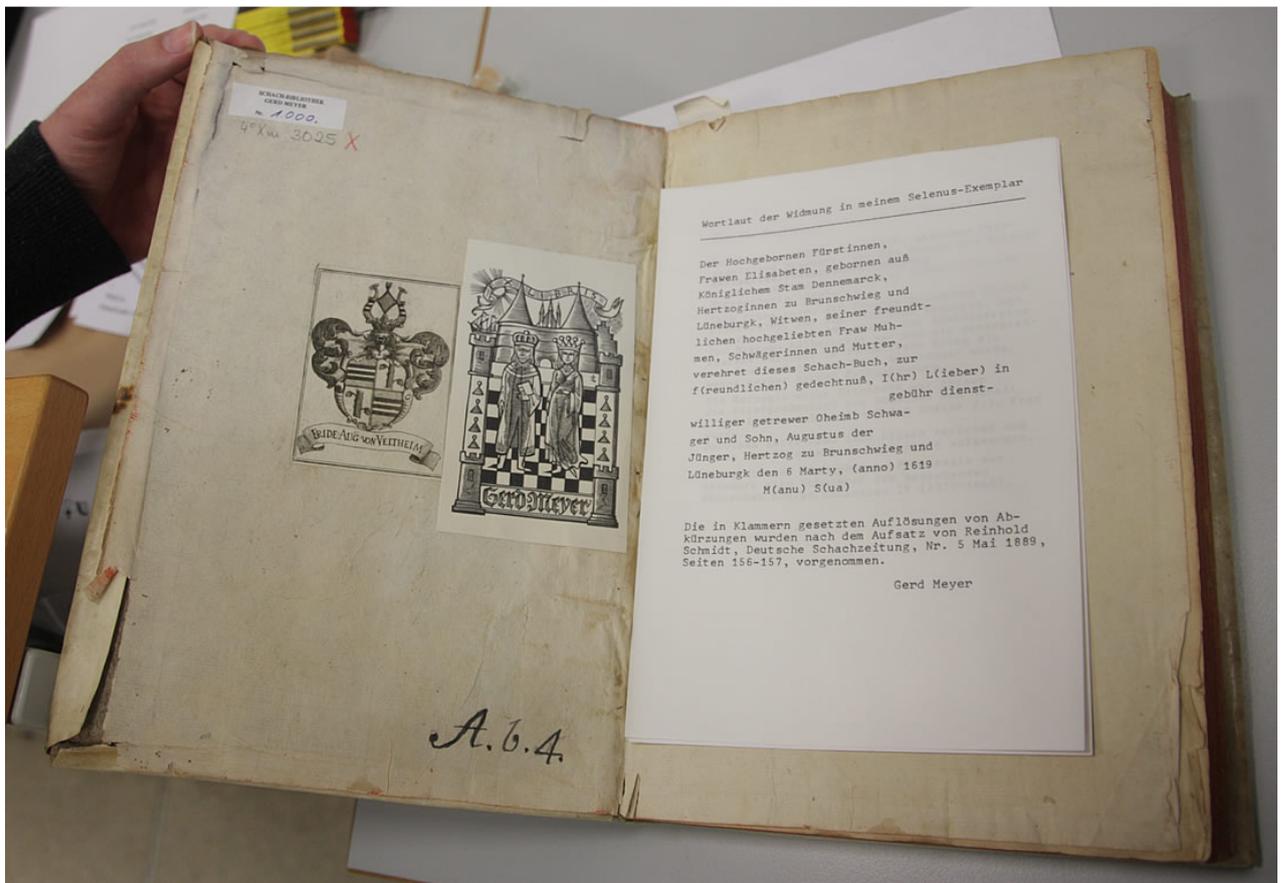


Bert Corneth on the podium



Siegfried

Schönle with his presentation - below a larger view of the book ...



... with a bookplate and letter by Gerd Meyer

Der hochgeborenen Fürstin  
Frauen Elisabethen, geborenen auß  
Königlichen Stam Dänemark,  
Herzoginnen zu Brunschwig und  
Lümburgs. Wittwen, seiner freunt-  
lichen hochgeliebten Frau Wdh:  
witt, Ditzingerin und Mutter,  
verordnet dieses Besche Besche, zur  
se gedruckte, J. d. in gebühr Dienst-  
williger geborener Diernd Ditz-  
ger und Sohn, Augustus der  
Jünger, Herzog zu Brunschwig und  
Lümburg den 6 März 1719.

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Schlesw. Holstein.  
Landesbibliothek  
Kiel.

4° X 3025

the original dedication in Gerd Meyer's SELENUS copy



— Tony Gillam

delivers a lecture on Paul Schmidt

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— The artist Elke

Rehder was a guest of our meeting, for Andreas Sarembe's visit to her home in 2014 see [Visit to a German Chess Artist](#)

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Sunday boat tour

on the "Kieler Fjörde" - Tony Gillam, Jurgen Stigter and Bert Corneth

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Bert Corneth

squinting in the sun

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Siegfried

Schönle with his wife Petra Lootz

Guy Van Habberney and Henri Serruys were on a visit to Lübeck on Sunday:

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famous "Holstentor"

Lübeck's landmark - the



Henri Serruys in front of

• Gerd Meyer's home



reference on a place name sign!

And they even found a chess book

Photographs provided by Andreas Sarembo, Siegfried Schönle and Guy Van Habberney.