

## International Gutenberg Society

### Who we are

The Gutenberg Society is an international association for research into the history and development of printing technology and writing-oriented media. New research on classic topics such as manuscript and early printing research, international printing and library history or book illustration and book binding are as much the focus of interest as questions about modern publishing, the interplay of media subjects and the effects of advancing digitisation.

Together with the state capital Mainz and in annual rotation with the printing city of Leipzig, the Gutenberg Society awards the Gutenberg Prize, endowed with 10,000 euros, for an outstanding artistic, technical or scientific achievement in the field of printing.

The Gutenberg Society supports the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz both ideally and financially and promotes research into books and printing. As an important result of these efforts, the Society publishes the Gutenberg Yearbook once a year, which has been published since 1926 and is one of the most important publications on the history of books, printing and type. Members of the Gutenberg Society receive it free of charge as an annual gift, as well as the "Small Prints" which appear in loose succession.

The Gutenberg Society was founded on 23 June 1901, the day the Gutenberg Museum was opened, and is one of the most traditional scientific societies in Mainz. Today, the Gutenberg Society has around 700 members in more than 30 countries around the world. These include numerous renowned representatives from academia, libraries and publishing houses, as well as from the printing and media industries.

As a scientific association, the Society brings together like-minded people from all over the world. It offers new members the opportunity to become part of this network and to benefit from it. There are many occasions: joint excursions at home and abroad, discussions and conferences, the monthly lecture series Jour Fixe or the regular general members' meetings at which the Gutenberg Prize is awarded every two years. The management is in the hands of a board of directors consisting of representatives of public institutions (city, state, university) and personalities elected by the general members' meeting. The President is the Lord Mayor of the City of Mainz by virtue of his office.