

# Michael Faraday Institution e.V.



**MFI Summer Meeting with Barbecue, 2016**  
at the Youth Hostel, Ulm



## Ulm

13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

**August 2016**

A Stone Age settlement, dated to around 5000 BC, was found in Eggingen near Ulm. On 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 854, 'King Ludwig the German' seals a document in the palatinate Ulma – the first known reference to today's metropolis. However, this small settlement around the imperial palace bears no resemblance to today's City of Ulm. The State Treaty of Paris, signed on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1810, after the Napoleonic Wars, formed the political basis for the development of Neu Ulm. On 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1810 the treaty was concluded in Compiègne between the Kingdoms of Bavaria and Württemberg and established the boundary of Ulm in the centre of the River Danube. Ulm, on the right bank of the Danube, officially came into being a year later.

Some important dates in Ulm's history are:

In 1184, Ulm received the status as a 'Free Imperial City'. Construction of Ulm Minster as a townspeople's church began on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1377. In 1397, 'The Great Civic Oath' came into being, controlling the distribution of power between the guilds and the patricians - the Mayor of Ulm still makes this oath every year on Schwörmontag (Oath Monday). During 1530, a large majority of Ulm's citizens decide to convert to Protestantism. During 1811, a doomed flight is attempted by the 'Tailor of Ulm'. 1879 saw the birth of Albert Einstein. In 1890, the Minster Spire was completed, which is still the world's highest church tower. More than 80% of the old town was destroyed during the Allied bombing on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 1944 - the Minster however remained undamaged. Once again Ulm made a rapid recovery; the Engineering College (now a polytechnic) was opened in 1962 and the University of Ulm was founded in 1967. In 1980, Ulm had more than 100,000 inhabitants and became a major city. Germany's first Science Park was established in 1986.

**We have a very attractive price for the hostel, but as we have a limited contingent of rooms, please reserve your place via email before 27<sup>th</sup> July and note the dates in your diary now.**

### Useful Links:

[www.ulm.de](http://www.ulm.de)    [www.mfi-ev.de](http://www.mfi-ev.de)

<http://www.jugendherberge.de/de-de/jugendherbergen/ulm117/portraet>

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