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EAST GERMANY (GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)(GDR)

Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries (Gesellschaft für Kulturelle Verbindungen mit dem Ausland)(GKVA)

- a. Date established: 7 June 1952.
- b. Address: Berlin W 8, Thälmannplatz 8/9.
- c. Officers: (1961)

Chairman

(Prof) Robert ALT
(this is a purely honorary position filled through election by the Secretariat; has also been referred to by the title 'President')

Vice Chairman

Horst ANSPACH
(his position has been given as Deputy Director-General of the Society)

Secretariat

Secy General

Herbert MEYER
(MEYER is responsible for the activities of Departments Ia, Ib, Ic, and Id of the Secretariat)

D/Secys Gen

Kurt KANN
(KANN is D/Secy for non-Socialist countries and is thus responsible for Departments IIa, IIb, and IIc as well as IIe)
(fnu) HENTSCHEL
(HENTSCHEL is D/Secy for Socialist countries and is thus responsible for Department IIId)
Herbert SCHÖNFELD
(SCHÖNFELD is D/Secy for Publications and Coordination and responsible for the activities of Departments IIIa and IIIId of the Secretariat)
(fnu) TRUEFELDT
(TRUEFELDT is D/Secy for Fairs, Exhibitions and Film and thus responsible for Departments IIIb and IIIc)

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Departments

Ia: Office of the Secretariat

Chief

Ib: Personnel

Chief (fnu) STEIR (female)

Members (fnu) RAUCH
(responsible for personnel matters
in the Publications Department)
Erich RATAJASKI
(in charge of personnel training)

Ic: Finance

Chief (fnu) BALZ
(also head of the Kampfgruppe of
the Society)

Id: Press and Information

Chief Guenter LOOCH
(this department is primarily con-
cerned with liaison between the
Society and press organ)

IIa: Western Countries, Europe

Chief (fnu) DECKERS
(his special field of responsibility
is England)

Scandinavian Area Desk(?)

Danish Specialist
(fnu) TIPPNER

Finnish specialist
Lotte WOLFF (F)

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IIc: German-Arabian Society

(discussed separately; it may be that IIc has been changed to include the African Area Desk and the German-African Society)

IIId: Socialist Countries

Chief (fnu) NEUMANN

IIe: General Administration

Chief (fnu) LAPPASCHEWSKI (female)

IIIa: Publications

Chief Bruno LEHMANN

D/Chief Manfred FEIST

Bulletins and Articles Section

Chief Manfred LOBEDA

D/Chief Wolf-Dieter GRUNBERGER

Editorial Section

Chief Manfred FEIST

Editor Gerhard RUDOLPH*

The Publications Department services requests for articles on East Germany for use in information bulletins published by East German representatives abroad, and provides propaganda guidance for use of these representatives. It also provides articles to reporters contributing to foreign publications. The Bulletins and Articles Section also writes bi-monthly commentaries dealing with specific themes which receive world-wide distribution.

IIIb: Fairs and Exhibitions

Chief (fnu) SCHNEIDER

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The Fairs and Exhibitions Department prepares all the propaganda work in connection with fairs, particularly those held abroad. It is also responsible for preparing exhibitions such as the one on West German militarism which was shown in Poland and Czechoslovakia.

IIIc: Photo and Sound

Chief Gerda WILLERDING

IIIId: Printing and Distribution

Chief (fnu) KIENAST

Printing Section

Chief Werner BRIEGE

Distribution Section

Chief (fnu) SCHAEFER

This department is also the custodian of the Society's archives.

GKVA Officials (posts unidentified)

(Prof)(fnu) CORRENS

Hans GEREKE

(fnu) HENNING (female)

(fnu) STEMLER (female)

d. Publications:

GDR Review

Description: A monthly magazine published in English and French; price, 20 cents US; contains articles with accompanying photos or drawings; also uses short fiction and poetry.

Editor Herbert SCHÖNFELD

Editor's office address: Dresden A 20, Wiener Strasse 82; telephone 4 09 27.

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Publishing house: Verlag 'Zeit im Bild,' Dresden A 19,
Bergmannstrasse 46; telephone 3 41 15.

Printer: 'Sächsische Zeitung,' Dresden N 23, Riesaer
Strasse 32.

DDR in Wort und Bild (GDR in Words and Pictures)

Nothing further is known about this publication.

German Democratic Report

Nothing further is known about this publication.

The Society also published special pamphlets and 'themes' on
different subjects and in a variety of languages.

- e. Remarks: Access to the offices of the society is severely
limited. Foreign visitors are received in specially desig-
nated offices by the Deputy Secretaries General and Depart-
ment heads. There is information which indicates that the
society provides financial assistance to German cultural
and friendship organizations in Western countries.

German-African Society

- a. Date established: 17 March 1961.
b. Address: East Berlin.
c. Officers:

Chairman (Prof Dr) Walter MARKOV

Presidium (about 70 members)
Gerald GOETTING
Sepp SCHWAB
Peter FLORIN

- d. Publications:
e. Remarks: Although ostensibly a separate organization, the
German-African Society is subordinate to, staffed and financed
by the GKVA. The actual day-to-day responsibility for the
operation of the Society rests with the GKVA which transmits
the orders of the SED Central Committee and the Ministry of

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Foreign Affairs. Preliminary steps for the establishment of an African headquarters of the Society in Accra were being taken in March 1961 by Herbert REISENWEBER, GKVA African specialist. This headquarters will be headed by the current chief of the GKVA African Area Desk, Gerhard WETZEL.

German-Arabian Society (Deutsche-Arabische Gesellschaft)

- a. Date established: 10 October 1958.
- b. Address: The German-Arabian Society has its headquarters in East Berlin, Thälmannstrasse, in the same building formerly used by the Goebbels propaganda organization (probably identical with the address of the GKVA, see above).
- c. Officers:

President	Ernst SCHOLZ
Vice Presidents	(Prof Dr) Werner HARTKE Gerhard WEISS Herbert MEYER Rudolf KIRCHNER
Secretary	(Dr) Burchard BRENTJES*

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