

REPUBLICANS ABROAD HELD SUCCESSFUL SUMMIT IN BERLIN

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BERLIN – During the weekend of October 1st, the European Delegation of The Republicans Abroad held their annual summit in Berlin.

The two-day conference not only focused on RAs' activities (elections, happenings, advertising) but was also accompanied by interesting speeches of renowned politicians as for example Philipp Missfelder (Speaker on Foreign Affairs of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group in Bundestag), Kai Wegner (Chairman of the Berlin Parliamentary Group of the CDU/CSU in Bundestag) and Eckart von Klaeden (Minister of the State at the German Chancellery).

The highlight of the weekend was the Group's attendance at the "20 years Reunification Party Congress" of the CDU at which Dr. Helmut Kohl (Former Federal Chancellor of Germany) and Dr. Angela Merkel (Federal Chancellor of Germany) gave outstanding speeches on the German history and unity.

Visits to the Checkpoint Charlie (with a tour by the owner and operator), the Reichstag (with a tour by a member of the Federal Bundestag) and the Chancellery (with a tour by a member of Chancellor Merkel's cabinet) as well as a sight-seeing tour through Berlin contributed to an overall perfect weekend.

A Dinner on Saturday evening at the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung with keynote speaker John Fund (Columnist, The Wall Street Journal), was a perfect ending to the whirlwind of events held in 2 days.

Various RA members have expressed their gratitude and were impressed with the successful weekend:

"The outstanding conference in Berlin was interesting, stimulating and a great opportunity to hear some outstanding speakers. It was particularly good to hear Helmut Kohl speak on such a historic occasion." (A. Stein)

"This regional meeting is undoubtedly, as far as I'm concerned, the most educative and emotional one so far (highlights being the CDU movie, Helmut Kohl's memorable speech and the visit of the Checkpoint Charlie Museum). It will be hard to match the historical intensity of the venues, the quality of the various hosts and speakers, not to mention being invited by Angela Merkel to attend the CDU event." (C. Sinclair)