TRADITION MEETS INNOVATION

After two successful co-organized rowing events in 2013 and 2014 in conjunction with the Vienna Nightrow, we upgrade the regatta to the next level. Keeping up the team spirit of rowing eights but with a renewal of the “classic” olympic distance is one key to success for such a rowing regatta. This strategy has indeed similarities with the development process of the University of Vienna since 1365. Although research and teaching have been adapted through the ages, the fundamental idea of Duke Rudolph IV (“the Founder”) is still alive.

We are really glad to celebrate the 650th anniversary also on the water and to continue our team work for the future development of the academic rowing sport. Looking forward to meet you in Vienna at the International University Race 2015 in June,

...keep on rowing!

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Programme

Thursday, June 25th
Arkadenhof, University of Vienna, Universitätsring 1, 1010 Vienna

6:00 pm
Welcome
Heinz W. Engl
(Rector of the University of Vienna)
Reinhold Mitterlehner
(Vice Chancellor Federal Minister of Science, Research and Economy)

6:30 pm
Group drawing for Friday (lane races)

7:00 pm
Get Together with music, drinks & finger food
„smart“ Team-Rowing ergometer challenge

Friday, June 26th
Rowing Center, New Danube, Steinspornbrücke, 1220 Vienna

12:00 am
Lunch

2:00 – 5:00 pm
Training sessions

6:00 – 11:00 pm
Rowing competition into the night
(Heats, Repêchage, Semi-finals A/B, Finals)

11:30 pm
Victory Ceremony
Afterwards Closing Reception

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1st International University Rowing Regatta – 350 m Sprint on the Blue Danube

“Rowing is an art as well as a science!”
(Alexander 1922-1926)

History of Academic Rowing
Rowing is a long-standing sport at universities and was first mentioned in a letter from an Oxford student in 1793. The first university boat race goes back to 1815 and may be considered as the genesis of competitive rowing in an academic context. Since 1829, the traditional race between Oxford University Boat Club and Cambridge University Boat Club is one of the most famous rowing events. Meanwhile, the number of university rowing teams as well as different kinds of regattas all over the world have grown enormously.

Rowing at the University of Vienna
The development of an own rowing crew was initiated a few years ago with the goal that rowing should become one integral part of the existing University sports. Several participations at international rowing regattas reinforced our decision to investigate in the improvement of our efforts on rowing. Since last year our athletes were assisted by a professional coach and further equipped with a new rowing shell (racing eight) to ensure efficient training conditions.