



Conference Venue

The conference is held in Herrenhausen Palace, a new conference center in Hanover, Germany:

Herrenhausen Palace

Herrenhäuser Straße 5

30419 Hanover, Germany

The Palace is rebuilt in its former splendor true to the neoclassical design of Laves. Behind the original façade, the Palace is used as a modern convention center and a museum. The building was completed in January 2013.



History

Herrenhausen Palace, 2012 (Foto: Coptograph)

At the gates of Hanover surrounded by a baroque garden inspired by Versailles and the fashionable Dutch style gardens lay a baroque gem – a decent palace that was the summer residence of the Electors of Brunswick-Lueneburg. The Act of Settlement secured a protestant succession to the British throne and it was George Louis, duke of Brunswick and Lueneburg (member of the Guelph Family), who became King George I of Great Britain and Ireland in 1714.

100 years later, with the Napoleonic Wars just over, the Kingdom of Hanover was established, and the Hanoverians expected to be graced with a visit from the Prince Regent, George IV. In 1814 Georg Ludwig Friedrich Laves was appointed court architect and from 1819 to 1821, he put forward several proposals for alterations to the baroque palace thus redesigning it to a neoclassical building for the Hanover line of the Guelph Family. In the 19th century the Herrenhausen gardens and the palace almost fell into oblivion.

During the Second World War, Hanover was the target of massive military attacks. Over 90 % of the city center was destroyed during the war. As to Herrenhausen Palace, only the grotto, the great cascade and the outside staircase remained. In the post-war years, the Guelph Family sold the estate to the City of Hanover.