



**DEUTSCH-AMERIKANISCHER HERRENCLUB MÜNCHEN e.V.**  
**GERMAN-AMERICAN MEN'S CLUB MUNICH e.V.**

**CURTAIN TIME FOR THE BAZ AND THE AHV AT THE AMERIKA HAUS**

You are likely to have gathered from several press reports during the last weeks that the Amerika Haus is scheduled to be the location for headquarters of the "Deutsche Akademie der Technikwissenschaften (Acatech)". As a consequence, the Bavarian American Center (BAZ) and the America Haus Society (AHV) would have to leave the building in 2013 to make way for thorough refurbishment. At this time, there seems to be nothing more than speculation about other suitable accommodation.

The German-American Men's Club deems this decision by the Ministerial Council of the Bavarian State Government, taken on August 2, 2011 at a cabinet meeting, as utterly wrong and deplores it deeply.

The Amerika Haus in its 65 years of existence has been, still is and hopefully will be in the future a great symbol and example of a practical bond to and friendship with the American people. It has become reality by the many events organized by the BAZ and the AHV together with the Consulate General of the United States in Munich.

The decision which has been made in collusion of the Bavarian State Government, Acatech and the powerful economic interests in support of it, is hard to comprehend albeit plausible. Assuming that an institution essentially geared towards high technology should wish to occupy modern and prestigious quarters, it is hard to understand that its headquarters is to be nowhere but in the Amerika Haus.

The German-American Men's Club is appealing to its Honorary President, the Bavarian Minister President Horst Seehofer, in view of the decision made, to add his authority to the attempt to find comparable and equally representative accommodation for the Amerika Haus and the BAZ and AHV respectively. All German-American Institutions which take the trans-Atlantic friendship and its consolidation to heart, in particular our young generation, will be grateful.

We would like to let you know that the current state of affairs and all press reports and statements can be viewed on a newly installed blog of the Amerika Haus website under [www.amerikahaus.de](http://www.amerikahaus.de). There you may also co-sign a petition of the Amerika Haus Society.