The Indo-German Symposium hosted by the Association of Indian Students in Aachen (AISA), in co-operation with the Consulate General of India, Frankfurt, RWTH Aachen University and the German Indian Round Table (GIRT), will be the third such event organised for the benefit of the significant and growing Indian student community in Aachen.

The first symposium along these lines was organised in 2009 followed by another in 2013, bringing together experts from industry and mentors from the university to engage with the student population, understand their needs and concerns and also communicate what opportunities Germany has to offer to the vast pool of talent that RWTH is home to.

The symposium in November 2016 now proposes to take this culture of engagement one step further to encourage thought and discussion on the opportunities in India for German companies and the increasing exchange of ideas, talent, technology and culture between these two powerful economies. Indian students pursuing further education in Germany are now bridging the gap in performance expectations and cultural understanding to facilitate this exchange. The symposium is intended to discuss and reflect on these trends, while giving the audience an insight on what our panellists think are going to be the big picture developments in the Indo-German relationship over the next decade.

The symposium will also include a dedicated segment on the Start-up Revolution and discuss trends, issues and opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship in Germany and India and also the cross-border opportunities for this form of business.

We expect this symposium to be thought provoking, insightful and also instrumental in bringing together industry experts and RWTH’s accomplished students to facilitate a meaningful exchange of ideas.
AGENDA

1430 – 1500 hrs: Registration

1500 – 1530 hrs: Welcome Remarks

- Mr. Ameya Rane, Former President, AISA(2011-2014)
- Prof. Dr. Rafiq Azzam, Rector’s delegate for co-operation with India, RWTH Aachen
- Mr. Christian Eschmann, Head-Division Mobility, International Office, RWTH Aachen
- Mr. Raveesh Kumar, Consul General of India, Frankfurt

1530 – 1700 hrs: Panel Discussion - Scope for German companies in Indian market
Panel Introduction by AISA representative.

- Mr. Bernd Muetzelburg, Former German Ambassador to India (2006-2009)
- Mr. Kai Ressel, Director, Harbauer GmbH
- Dr. Dirk Ebersbach, Managing Director, Lehmann+Partner GmbH
- Ms. Stefanie Peters, Managing Director, Neumann & Esser Group

Moderator: Dr. Satish Batra, CEO, Horizon Group of companies

1700 – 1715 hrs: Coffee Break

1715 – 1845 hrs: Panel Discussion - Fast tracking success: Working towards a Start-up
Panel Introduction and Introduction to FIE by Jugal Shah, President, AISA

- Prof. Thomas Gries, Director, Institut fuer Textiltechnik, RWTH Aachen
- Mr. Vishal Rai, CEO, Accellere GmbH
- Mr. Matthias Wischnewsky, Senior Projektmanager, Business Angels Netzwerk Deutschland e.V. (BAND)
- Murali Nair, Project Manager, Programm Deutschland und Asien, Bertelsmann Stiftung

Moderator: Dr. Udityasinh Gohil, Raina Industries Pvt. Ltd and Ritzenhoefer and Company

1845 – 1850 hrs: Vote of Thanks

Dr. Kasturi Dadhe, Information and Culture Assistant, Consulate General of India, Frankfurt

19:00 – 2030 hrs: Networking over dinner