

International Georg Wilhelm Steller Society Halle e. V.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Invitation to participate in the anniversary publication

30 years of international and interdisciplinary studies on

Georg Wilhelm Steller (1709 to 1746) and his collaborators

in Siberia, Central Asia, and Alaska

The "Steller Encounters," which we all know until February 2022 under the name "German-Russian Encounters," have been engaged since 1994, for almost 30 years, in the scholarly exchange regarding the legacy of explorers and expeditions in Northern and Central Asia as well as Alaska since the 18th century. The annual conferences in Halle (Saale) demonstrate a continuous international and interdisciplinary collaboration in addressing this broad topic. What retrospectives, results, and future perspectives can be derived from each field under the common aspect of Steller Encounters? What research findings exist in the fields of geography, astronomy, archaeology, botany, zoology, herbal medicine, and ethnography? What is the current state of research on the manuscripts of Georg Wilhelm Steller and other researchers in the 18th and 19th centuries? Are there new insights into the description of the peoples of Siberia, Central Asia, and Alaska, as well as into the historical, linguistic, archaeological, and scientific exploration of Central Asia, Siberia, Kamchatka, and Alaska?

Below is a list of possible topics for the anniversary publication. The individual headings are suggestions. There can also be forward-looking topics to shape the association's activities in the coming decades. Several articles are already available, and we are looking for additional authors for this anniversary publication.

Articles up to a maximum of 10 pages (with images up to 15 pages), text in a Word document, font in Times New Roman 12pt, are requested by the end of February 2024 to: Jaroschinsky@gmx.de, hfvermeulen@gmail.com, karla.schneider@zns.uni-halle.de, or elisabeth.hintzsche@freenet.de

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Draft of a topic list of possible contributions for an anniversary publication of the International Georg Wilhelm Steller Society Halle e. V. in 2024

1. Georg Wilhelm Steller's youth and education in Windsheim, Wittenberg, and Halle (Saale)
2. The journey of Georg Wilhelm Steller from Halle (Saale) via Gdansk to St. Petersburg
3. Georg Wilhelm Steller and the Imperial Russian Academy of Sciences
4. Georg Wilhelm Steller as a physician
5. Georg Wilhelm Steller as a botanist
6. Georg Wilhelm Steller as an entomologist
7. Georg Wilhelm Steller and ornithology
8. Georg Wilhelm Steller and the mammals he described
9. About Steller's sea cow
10. On the relationship between Georg Wilhelm Steller and Vitus Bering
11. On the plant geography of Northeast Asia
12. Steller and Messerschmidt in St. Petersburg
13. On the equipment, progress, physical hardships, and losses during the Great Northern Expedition
14. On the scientific results and impacts of the Great Northern Expedition
15. Artistic inspirations based on Steller's plant descriptions and sketches
16. Steller's pointer to the future
17. On the construction of the two-masters "St Peter" and "St. Paul," their equipment, and their route taken during the Great Northern Expedition
18. Steller as a scientist, his approach, and his working techniques
19. Steller in Alaska
20. Louis de L'Isle de la Croyère on the "St. Paul," his achievements and deficiencies during the Great Northern Expedition
21. On the temperature and weather extremes experienced by Steller during the Great Northern Expedition
22. Was Steller indeed a Pietist, and what significance does his connection to the Francke Foundations have for his life?
23. Steller and the peoples of Northeast Asia
24. The scourge of the taiga: Steller and mosquitoes
25. High waves, storms, and scurvy – diseases on the "St. Peter"