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Dear Zimmerhof-Friends,

The 45th Jewelry Symposium Zimmerhof (Schmucksymposium Zimmerhof) took place this year in June and we hope that we'll meet again for long years to come.

Due to the fact the the concept of the Symposium foresees a different team of organisers and programme curators every year as well as not having arranged a continuously operating secretariat in the early years, we have no the structured archives. It comes up more and more often how sad this situation is and that the records should be arranged in archives. From time to time everybody says YES to this idea, but then again, who should and would be ready to do it? To prepare such archives, one needs research concentration inspiration and patience.

We found the right person who is willing to work on this great task: Jil Köhn, Metal Design student of HAWK, Hildesheim. Jil just finished her Bachelor thesis in Cultural Studies entitled „The Social Funktion of Jewelry“ and she is ready to take on this challenge. It would be nice if we would be able to publish the results of her research.

Her work will encompass the following tasks:

- to find out who and when organised the Symposium in the past;
- to contact the former organisers and plan and run meetings and interviews with them;
- to collect existing former concepts of the Symposium;
- to travel to the meetings and interviews;
- to analyse the interviews and collceted data;
- to organise and stracture collected information and many many more.

All these tasks are bound to costs and, as you know, we are a not-for-profit organisation without funding. To overcome this, we try „Crowd-funding“ and ask our Symposium-friends for donations to enable Jil to do this huge work cover her costs as well as maybe to be able to publish the results.

Donations can be transfered to the bank account of Zimmerhof with the note of: „Donation for Archive and Publikation“. Unfortunately we are not in the position to issue a „Receipt of charitable donation“.

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We are grateful for your support and thank you in advance,
With kind regards,

Herman Hermsen