



Joint Statement of Cooperation

between the Heraldic Institute e.V. and Deutsches Erbe Wappenrolle Verein

The **Heraldic Institute e.V.**, and the **Deutsches Erbe Wappenrolle Verein (DEW)**, both based in Breisach am Rhein, are pleased to announce a formal cooperation agreement to promote and advance heraldry in Germany and internationally.

Under this agreement, the DEW becomes a sub-association (*Unterverein*) of the Heraldic Institute. Both organisations will continue their independent activities while working closely together to:

- Preserve and promote heraldic traditions;
- Register coats of arms in accordance with recognised German heraldic standards;
- Publish and share heraldic knowledge through books, exhibitions, and online platforms;
- Foster links between heraldic experts and the interested public around the world.

The Articles of Association by which the Institute - and hence the DEW - is governed are approved by the state of Baden-Württemberg and have been logged with the Amtsgericht Freiburg im Breisgau, Registergericht. Here too the Institute has been registered as an association under German law with the number VR 704403. Is also registered with the Tax Office under the number 07035/07656, allowing it to issue tax-exemption certificates to donors. The board, finances and articles of association are a matter of public record and scrutinised by the state at a minimum of every three years.

The DEW will continue its focus on coat-of-arms registration, the publication of its *Wappenbuch* (armorial) and the promotion of German heraldry. The Heraldic Institute will continue its broader mission of promoting art and culture through heraldry, connecting the international heraldic community, and sharing knowledge inspired by the heritage of learned societies.

The Institute promotes awareness and understanding of all heraldic traditions without favouring any. Based in Germany, it supports the DEW as a sub-association for its work in promoting German heraldry. The Institute does not regard the DEW as superior to other German heraldic registers.

Both the Institute and the DEW are committed to high artistic and scholarly standards and to fostering public appreciation of heraldry as a living tradition.