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## **Eastern Conference Regional Chairs Meeting in Toronto**

As chairs of HACA's Toronto and Montreal chapters, we are writing to report that we recently got together to discuss several HACA-related issues. At the top of the list was the upcoming HAUS national meeting (Sep 21 – 23, 2012) in Boston to which all HACA members are invited. The program includes a "Festlicher Alumni-Abend" where attendees will have the chance to meet with Prof. Dr. Bernhard Eitel, the rector of the University, as well as Heidelberg alumnus and Nobel Laureate Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ketterle, now at MIT.

We also discussed how better to organize future regional meetings in order to attract more HACA members. It was agreed that adding a "German touch"—for instance, coordinating a reunion with Oktoberfest—might be an appealing way to renew memories of time spent in Heidelberg. The evening also gave us time to exchange ideas with regards to updating the 2010 HACA flyer.

As always, we encourage member suggestions and look forward to seeing many of you in the year to come.

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