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## Twin Cities to Host 2017 International Germanic Genealogy ‘Connections’ Conference

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—A growing international Germanic genealogy organization has set the date for the first of what is to become a biennial international conference offering Germanic family researchers unique opportunities to connect with people from other countries.

The conference, organized by the German-American Genealogical Partnership, is set for July 28 and 29, 2017, in Minneapolis, Minn.

“For anyone involved in researching Germanic ancestors, this is a rare opportunity to make personal connections with people from the United States, Germany and other countries,” said Kent Cutkomp, a Minneapolis resident, a founder of the Partnership and a past president of the Minnesota-based Germanic Genealogy Society, host of the 2017 conference.

### Connections

The conference—“CONNECTIONS: International. Cultural. Personal.”—will offer more than 30 presentations by Germanic genealogy experts worldwide. Attendees will be invited to be part of a conference surname and locality database to match up with others attending, Cutkomp said.

Study rooms with computers and expert personal assistance will offer help with German script, language and research. The conference also will feature impromptu gatherings by region or special interest and a large field of vendors and exhibitors, he said.

The conference is scheduled at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest Hotel, in Brooklyn Park, a Minneapolis suburb. Attendees may book room reservations at the hotel beginning in August. Registration for the conference opens in January 2017.

### International cooperation

The Partnership, founded in 2015, joins Germanic genealogy societies across America, Germany, Canada, England and other European countries, and continues to draw new societies worldwide. Partnership members include the more than 60 societies belonging to the Germany-based Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Genealogischer Verbände, whose leadership helped in founding the Partnership.

“Our purpose in creating the Partnership is to expand cooperation among societies nationally and internationally for the benefit of their individual members,” Cutkomp said. “The Partnership is undertaking a number of major initiatives, one of those being the 2017 international conference.”

For more, see [www.ggsmn.org](http://www.ggsmn.org), click “2017 GAGP Conference.”