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"And the winner is: did deutsch-institut!" That's what is written on the card the moderator pulls from the golden envelope. The jubilation is gigantic, because now it is clear: Once more the coveted trophy in the category *German Language School* goes to **did deutsch-institut**. In 2006, 2007, 2009 and now once again in 2011 – what a great success also for our customers, partners and friends!

The annual granting of the **Language Travel Magazine Star Awards** in the elegant London Hilton on Park Lane is the most important get-together in the international language travel industry. Everyone is excited to find out who will make a run for the prize in each category – which language school and which language travel representative will be decorated with a glittering **Star Award**. Watch the **video** of the presentation of prizes, the highlight of the gala event.



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21 years of German Unification

On October 3, 1990, the German Democratic Republic (GDR) officially joined the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany). The opening of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989 was the determining factor in this reunification and was a milestone in the history of Germany. The fall of the wall caused the eventual disintegration of the GDR and resulted in reunifying a country that had been divided since 1961. The motto of the **official celebration** of the national holiday taking place in Bonn this year is *Freedom, Unity, Joy*.



Berlin's Director of Studies reports

Stefan Schenck has worked at the **did deutsch-institut Berlin** as Director of Studies since May 2011. He is reporting on his first impressions. After studying linguistics and German as a foreign language, for one year he worked at a university in Shanghai, China. After that, he taught three years in a residential school in Allgäu and most recently taught adult language courses in Constance. "What I find best is I always have new tasks and also have the opportunity to meet different people from all parts of the world." [Read more](#)



Students' Corner Why Berlin?

Jiri Madl, actor from the Czech Republic: "I knew Berlin already and liked it a lot. I have already lived in New York. There are many nationalities there and many languages – it is similar in Berlin. In addition, the interesting history of east and west really appeals to me. At the present time, Berlin is the center of Europe for artists. I really like to go to Kreuzberg. I am not as interested in the typical tourist attractions as I am in normal, everyday life. Of course, you definitely have to eat a currywurst when you are in Berlin!" [Read more](#)



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