

## 4 Welcome Address

**"A well recognized institution"**

Jean-Luc Blondel, Director of the  
International Tracing Service (ITS), Bad Arolsen

## 6 Speeches

**"Respect for the past and responsibility  
toward the future"**

Peter Maurer, President of the International  
Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Geneva

**"An institution renowned throughout the world"**

Bernd Neumann, Minister of State for Culture  
and the Media, Berlin

**"A unique memorial site to the victims of a  
horrendous past"**

Thomas Buergenthal, Contemporary Witness and  
Professor of Comparative Law and Jurisprudence at  
the George Washington University, Washington D.C.

## 24 Background

**"Humanity's ancestral inheritance"**

Jennifer L. Rodgers, Ph.D. Candidate, University of  
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

**"ITS Director Nicolas R. Burckhardt"**

Bernd Joachim Zimmer, Historian, Bad Arolsen

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