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Press Release

Sommerfest der Deutschen Sprache & German Teacher Award 2016

On Tuesday, 21st June, German Ambassador Dr Peter Ammon presented the 13th German Teacher Awards at The Royal Horseguards, Whitehall to outstanding teachers of German in the UK. Teachers and representatives from the education and language teaching sectors, business and media from all over the UK joined the celebrations and followed the announcement of this year's winners. Ambassador Ammon was delighted to welcome The Rt. Hon. Lord Watson of Richmond, President of the British-German Association, as the keynote speaker for the event.

The event is hosted and organised by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany. The German Teacher Award recipients receive a personal prize of £750 and a certificate. The purpose of the Award is to recognise outstanding achievements by individual teachers of German in primary and secondary schools in the UK, to highlight and pay tribute to the work of German teachers in the UK, and to encourage the commitment of the winners' schools to modern language teaching.

This year's prizes were awarded to **Stefanie Green (Farlingaye High School, Suffolk)**, **Jessica Houghton (The King's School, Macclesfield)**, and **Sharon Moody (Rutlish School, London)**. The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to **Nigel Pearson** of **Leighton Academy, Cheshire**, while the Goethe-Institut presented the Peter Boaks Award recognising an exceptional teacher at the start of their career to **Arion Quaynor** of **Ecclesfield School, Sheffield**.

Ruth Wallace (Colchester Royal Grammar School) received a "Special Mention".

The German Teacher Award is jointly organised by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Goethe-Institut London, UK German Connection, Deutsche Schule London, the Department for Education in England and Wales and the Association for Language Learning.