In June 2019, Paul Steen participated in the celebration of Alexander von Humboldt's 250th birthday in Berlin, where the keynote speaker was Chancellor Angela Merkel. This celebration took place during Steen's three-month research visit to the Technical University of Dortmund, Germany, generously supported by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.



Keynote speaker Dr. Angela Merkel at Humboldt Foundation Annual Meeting and the AvH 250<sup>th</sup> birthday bash, amongst dueling phones.



Celebration of Alexander von Humboldt's 250th birthday. Chancellor Angela Merkel conferring awards. Berlin, June 2019.



"Excellence Connects," the AvH theme, Steen at 250th in Berlin.



Reception at the President's Palace, Berlin.