

Dear Friends and Honoured Guests of Villa Decius,

Although I cannot be with you in person tonight, it is my great pleasure to convey, on behalf of the Embassy of Austria in Poland, my warmest congratulations on the 30th Anniversary Gala of the Villa Decius Association.

Over the past three decades, Villa Decius has established itself as a leading cultural institution in Kraków, a vibrant, welcoming meeting point where artists, thinkers, and diplomats regularly gather. It is a place truly worthy of visiting, and I know that our Consul General in Kraków has always been a frequent and delighted guest at your many inspirational events.

The Austrian connection to Villa Decius runs deep, anchored historically in the figure of Justus Ludwig Dietz (Decius), the 16th-century humanist, diplomat, and secretary to King Sigismund I, who maintained close financial ties and direct diplomatic correspondence with the Habsburg Court and was ennobled by Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I of Habsburg.

In that spirit of international dialogue, our fruitful cooperation continues today. I am particularly pleased that the Austrian Cultural Forum in Warsaw was able to co-finance this year's trilingual Polish-German-Ukrainian edition of the RADAR magazine. Furthermore, our Austrian Consulate General in Kraków is currently partnering with Villa Decius on a literary residency, continuing our shared mission of supporting creative minds.

We look forward to many more years of creative partnership and successful cultural exchange. I wish you a wonderful Jubilee Gala and continued success for the future.

Yours sincerely,



Hannes Schreiber
Austrian Ambassador to Poland