

Chronicle - Deutsches Technikmuseum

Stiftung Deutsches Technikmuseum Berlin

1980: Concept sketch for the founding of the Museum of Transport and Technology in Berlin, created by Prof. Günther Gottmann. A collection of historical technical objects already exists, compiled by the Verkehrsmuseum Berlin e.V., founded in 1960. The first exhibition of the collection was presented from 1964 at the former Postmuseum at Urania. From 1980 until the museum's opening in 1983, seven special exhibitions by the museum association were held on Trebbiner Straße.

Approval by the Senate for the construction project based on Prof. Gottmann's concept sketch.

1982: Founding of the Museum of Transport and Technology. Until the museum opened, there were exhibitions-partly at various locations in Berlin-that announced the emerging museum.

1983: Opening of the museum at the Trebbiner Straße location with 1,700 sqm of exhibition space on December 14, 1983, as a successor to a hundred technical collections that existed in Berlin from the 16th century until World War II.

The Transport and Building Museum, the Institute and Museum of Marine Science, and the German Aviation Collection were the most important predecessor museums.

Opening of the first exhibitions on printing technology, road traffic, ship models and engines, the Historical Workshop, and the first experimental field (predecessor of the Science Center Spectrum).

1984: Acquisition of the holdings of the Transport and Building Museum as part of the S-Bahn negotiations with the Deutsche Reichsbahn.

1985: Opening of the Transport Hall, approximately 1,300 sqm, with the first exhibition on rail transport.

Opening of the permanent exhibition on computing and information technology, the first exhibition on hydraulic engineering, and enlargement of the experimental field.

Opening of the permanent exhibition "Household Technology" (until 2003).

1987: Opening of the first locomotive shed and the official's house, approximately 4,500 sqm.

Opening of the permanent exhibitions on rail transport, paper technology, textile technology, suitcase production. Expansion of exhibitions on hydraulic engineering and shipping. Salvage of the Kaffenkahn.

1988: Opening of the second locomotive shed, approximately 3,000 sqm, with the completion of the permanent exhibition on rail transport. Opening of the permanent exhibition on energy technology "Power-Heat-Electricity".

1989: Opening of the exhibition "Scientific Instruments from Berlin".

New enlarged permanent exhibition area on shipping in the official's house "From Galleon to Steamship. Brandenburg-Prussia at Sea."

Presentation of the Zuse Z 1, the replica of the world's first computer built by Konrad Zuse himself.

1990: Opening of the Science Center Spectrum with 1,500 sqm in the "Schwechtenkopfbau" on Ladestraße.

1993: Renewed and enlarged permanent exhibition on telecommunications "From Telegraph to Television Image - 130 Years of Telecommunications".

Transfer of the BVG collection and other municipal transport vehicles to the restored Monumentenhalle, the depot for municipal transport, at Monumentenstraße 15 in Berlin-Kreuzberg. First open house days organized there on September Sundays by the museum's support association.

1995: Opening of the vintage car depot on Ladestraße. Special exhibition "Rubber - The Elastic Fascination." Opening of the Historical Brewery. Integration of the Sugar Museum in Berlin-Wedding, approximately 450 sqm.

1996: Laying of the foundation stone for the new building.

Renaming to "Deutsches Technikmuseum Berlin".

Opening of the permanent exhibition "Manufactured Jewelry Production".

1997: Acquisition of the AEG archive.

Incorporation of the Kaffenkahn and the steam tug KURT HEINZ into the new building.

1999: Topping-out ceremony for the new building with the incorporation of the Ju 52 and the hanging of the "Candy Bomber" Douglas C 47 "Skytrain" on the facade. Opening of the permanent exhibition on film technology "Living Pictures".

2001: Founding of the "Stiftung Deutsches Technikmuseum Berlin", a public law foundation.

Handover of keys for the new building, approximately 12,000 sqm.

2002: Integration of the Archenhold Observatory, exhibition and event space 1,000 sqm, and the Zeiss-Großplanetarium, exhibition and event space 1,200 sqm. Library and archive move into the new building.

Opening of the new permanent exhibition on textile technology.

2003: Opening of the permanent exhibition on shipping "World of Ships" in the new building.

2005: Opening of the revised permanent exhibition on production technology in the official's house.

Opening of the permanent exhibition on aviation "From Balloon to Airlift" in the new building.

2007: Transfer of the property as an expansion area for the Technoversum - The Museum of the Future to the Deutsches Technikmuseum, exhibition space

25,000 sqm.

Renaming from "Deutsches Technikmuseum Berlin" to "Deutsches Technikmuseum".

Opening of the revised permanent exhibition on photography "Fascination of the Moment".

Opening of the revised permanent exhibition on writing and printing technology.

2008: Opening of the revised permanent exhibition on paper technology.

Opening of the special exhibition "mathema - is mathematics the language of nature?".

2010: Opening of the permanent exhibition on the chemical and pharmaceutical industry "Pills and Pipettes" in cooperation with the Schering Foundation.

Topping-out ceremony for the first segment of Ladestraße and handover of keys for Ladestraße, approximately 1,800 sqm.

Opening of the revised permanent exhibition on computing and automation technology "The First Computer - Konrad Zuse and the Beginning of the Computer Age".

2011: Opening of the permanent exhibition on road traffic "People on the Move - On the Road with Cars & Co." in Ladestraße.

Opening of the special exhibition WINDSTÄRKEN on wind and its energy.

Installation of a 45 m high rotor blade of a wind turbine in front of the Science Center Spectrum.

Start of renovation and modernization work in the Science Center Spectrum.

2012: Opening of the Junior Campus in Ladestraße. The Junior Campus is a museum education program on mobility, sustainability, and science in cooperation with the BMW Group.

Relocation of the Sugar Museum from Berlin-Wedding to the Deutsches Technikmuseum on Trebbiner Straße. Reopening is planned for 2015.

2013: Opening of the special exhibition "Orenstein and Loewe - 20 German-Jewish Engineers, Inventors, and Photographers 1933-1945" as part of the 2013 theme year "Destroyed Diversity".

Start of construction work for the expansion of the new museum quarter Technoversum in Ladestraße. The opening of the exhibition "The Network" is planned for late summer 2015.

August 9: Reopening of the Science Center Spectrum after comprehensive renovation and modernization.

Anniversary celebrations for "30 Years of Deutsches Technikmuseum".

2014: Start of construction work at the Zeiss-Großplanetarium. Comprehensive renovation and modernization, installation of new media technology. Reopening is planned for 2016.

2015: In September: Opening of the permanent exhibition "The Network. People, Cables, Data Streams" in the museum area Ladestraße of the Deutsches Technikmuseum. Four former warehouses in the historic Ladestraße of the Anhalter freight station are being converted for the exhibition and additional spaces (for special exhibitions, events, educational work) and a gastronomy. The exhibition is awarded as the national winner "Culture" in the "Land of Ideas 2015" competition.

In November: After the relocation of the Sugar Museum from Wedding to the Deutsches Technikmuseum, the newly designed exhibition "All About Sugar! Food - Material - Energy" is opened.

2016: As of July 1, the Archenhold Observatory and the Zeiss-Großplanetarium move from the SDTB to the newly founded Stiftung Planetarium Berlin. Here, the astronomical facilities of the State of Berlin are brought together under one roof - including the Planetarium am Insulaner and the Wilhelm-Foerster Observatory.

2017: Opening of the revised permanent exhibition "Manufactured Jewelry Production".

2019: Opening of the revised permanent exhibition on printing technology.

2020: Opening of the revised permanent exhibition on shipping (ground floor and first floor).

2023: Anniversary celebrations for "40 Years of Deutsches Technikmuseum".

2024: Opening of the revised permanent exhibition on rail transport (first construction phase in Locomotive Shed 1) "Railway: Revolution and Everyday Life".