



## **IPC HEADQUARTERS**

The IPC decided to house its world headquarters in the former German capital of Bonn in 1997. Bonn was successful in its application against bids from other cities such as Madrid and Paris. With funds from the Bonn-Berlin compensation package, the city provided the IPC with a building for 99 years. The building was renovated and made wheelchair-accessible, and the IPC Headquarters officially opened on 3 September 1999.

The IPC headquarters are run by professional staff, the first of whom were employed in 1998, which manage the daily operations of this large and complex Movement. Previously, the organization was run almost exclusively by volunteers, but currently has a management staff of more than 50 full-time and part-time employees that works with a larger group around the world to help support the Movement.

Dating back to the early 1900s, the IPC building was originally a private residence and was later used as an office building. It has been given a distinct atmosphere through the integration of modern elements combined with the old-style architecture.

The IPC headquarters are about 2km from the city centre, the main train station and the city hall, and are along Bonn's Museum Mile and a short walk from the beautiful Rhine River.

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