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**Application with an oral presentation for
VIII IBERCARTO (15-17 November 2018, Porto)
about**

***»The Rediscovery of nearly forgotten Iberian Map and
Book Collections in Bavarian Libraries«***

With the Iberian discoveries in the Renaissance we can state a reinforcement of the relations between Germany and the Iberian Peninsula: Not only German book printers, but also famous trading houses from the imperial cities of Augsburg and Nuremberg (Welser & Fugger) settled in Seville and Lisbon. They played a major transmission role for the transfer of cartographic knowledge, as they have not only provided the Iberian world with instruments and books, but also brought Iberian manuscript maps to their home country. This is documented with several Iberian portolan charts from the 16th century, that were integrated in the extensive collections of Bavarian libraries and analysed for the first time in the 19th century, when also the first facsimiles were produced.

One of the protagonists was the Bavarian theologian Friedrich Kunstmann (1811-1867), who lived in Lisbon between 1841 and 1845. The paper will present his map collection, his correspondence with Portuguese librarians and his still existing library with around 900 books (one of the biggest collection of Iberian books in Germany). Moreover, with the help of the documentation in Bavarian archives, the alternating history of the Bavarian Army Library, where four important portolans were conserved (missing since 1945), will be told.

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