



## Directions to the Bremer Ratskeller (Conference Dinner on Monday, 1 October 2007, 19.30 h)

The venue of the Southern Ocean Observing System (SOOS) Planning Meeting is in the Sandstrasse (green dot). From there you walk by the Dom St. Petri over to the Rathaus (Town Hall). The entrance of the Ratskeller (blue dot) is situated on the left side of the Rathaus, next to the statue of the "Bremer Stadtmusikanten" (Town Musicians of Bremen).



### ***Dom St. Petri (St. Peter's Cathedral)***

This historic church in the heart of the city center has been a symbol of the growth and culture of Bremen for more than 1,200 years. Important sights include the large pipe organ and crypts that house the bodies of great German leaders throughout history. The interesting lead cellar houses several bodies of workers who were mummified in the 17th and 18th centuries. The cathedral provides an interesting and educational experience.

### ***Rathaus (Town Hall)***

One of the oldest and most important buildings in Bremen history, the 560-year old Rathaus, or government building, is a central feature of the city. The building is grand in size and scale and was built in the German gothic style. Interior features include a carved-oak staircase, a 16th century religious mural, and the famed Ratskeller in the basement. The Ratskeller is by far the most famous bar and restaurant in the city and is famed for its wine selection.

### ***Town Musicians of Bremen***

Have your picture made standing beneath the most famous statue in the city. Locals will delight in telling you the story of this happy foursome: a donkey, dog, cat, and chicken who came to Bremen and drove out robbers with their growls and noises. The triumphant group proudly called Bremen their home. This metal statue, which is difficult to find because it is hidden away behind the Rathaus, was erected in the 1950s.