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The year 2011 offered a lot of opportunities for international activities in and around the network of ICARUS and the cooperation project "ENArC". Let us summarise the different events in a short overview:

ICARUS-Lectures:

- 23. March, Munich/DE: *ICARUS-Lecture #1* (held by Karel Halla, State county archive Cheb/CZ)
- 17. August, Speyer/DE: *ICARUS-Lecture #2* (held by Thomas Just, Austrian State Archives/AT)
- 14. December, Vienna/AT: *ICARUS-Lecture #3* (held by Dominique Stutzmann and Sebastien Barret, Institute for Research and History of texts/FR)

ICARUS-Meetings:

- 6 - 8 June, Poznan/PL: *ICARUS-meeting*
- 21. - 23. November, Marburg/DE: *ICARUS-meeting*

ICARUS@work:

- 30. - 31. May, Tuzla/BIH: *ICARUS@work #5*
- 4. October, Praha/CZ: *ICARUS@work #6*
- 13. October, Bratislava/SK: *ICARUS@work #7*
- 25. October, Toledo/ES: CITRA: *ICARUS-workshop* "Meeting the information challenge together – New ways of international cooperation within ICARUS"

Presentations:

- 21. January, Graz/AT: Workshop "Möglichkeiten der digitalen Edition von historischen Quellen am Beispiel der Datenbank Monasterium.net", University Graz
- 21. January, Salzburg/AT: Lecture "Archive im Netz: Wege und Anforderungen" (Thomas Aigner, ICARUS)
- 27. January, Linz/AT: Conference "Neue Möglichkeiten der Familienforschung über die mitteleuropäischen Grenzen hinweg"

- 14. March, Vienna/AT: Seminar within the frame of the "Spring School 2011" Digitale Edition von Archivalien und Handschriften", Lecture "Archive und Edition - Digitale Perspektiven" (Gerhart Marckhgott, Upper Austrian Provincial Archives)
- 26. - 28. April, Františkovy Lázne/CZ, 14. conference of Czech archivists: Lecture "Wege archivischer Zusammenarbeit im Informationszeitalter" (Thomas Aigner, ICARUS)
- 10. May, Budapest/HU: EBNA-Meeting (European Board of National Archivists) Lecture "Cooperation instead of Competition – The International Centre for Archival Research as a model for meeting archives´ challenges in the digital era" (Thomas Aigner, ICARUS)
- 18. May, Zagreb/HR: SEEDI-conference, Lecture "The Croatian State Archives and ICARUS - Cooperation in the framework of European archival and cultural networks" (Vlatka Lemić, Croatian State Archives)
- 24. May, Tallinn/EST: Conference "Aligning national approaches to digital preservation": Lecture by Karl Heinz (ICARUS)
- 17 June, Wels/AT: Upper Austrian Archives Day: Lecture „Archive und Informationstechnologien – Herausforderungen, Möglichkeiten und Wege" (Thomas Aigner, ICARUS)
- 22 June, Madrid/ES: Workshop at the Spanish National Historical Archives: "El proyecto ENArC y la difusión del contenido medieval de los archivos en Internet" (Antonella Ambrosio, University of Naples; Thomas Aigner, ICARUS; Severiano Hernández Vicente, Spanish State Archives; Luis Miguel de la Cruz Herranz, National Historical Archives)
- 14. September, Roma/IT, conference of ecclesiastical archivists: Lecture "Archivi ecclesiastici nel web: l'esperienza di Monasterium" (Thomas Aigner, ICARUS)
- 14. - 16. September, Ostrava/CZ: 10th National Congress of the Czech Historians, Lecture: "Project ENArC and the Czech Republic" (Ludmila Sulitková and Tomáš Černušák, Moravian Provincial Archives Brno)
- 20. October, Lucca/IT: conference "LuBeC - Lucca Beni Culturali", ENArC-presentation
- 6. - 13. November, Trieste/IT: IIAS-conference "21st IIAS International Archival Day" and Autumn School, ICARUS- & ENArC-presentation (Caroline Maximoff, ICARUS)
- 11. November, Lohr/DE: presentation of the digitised charters of the City Archives of Lohr in Monasterium (Georg Vogeler, University Graz/Munich)
- 17. November, Antwerp/BE: presentation of ICARUS at the NISE-Network Seminar (Karl Heinz, ICARUS)
- 28. - 29. November, Cologne/DE: workshop "Tools for Digital Scholarly Editions – Building the Community of Digital Humanities Software Developers"
- 1. December, St. Gall/CH: Monasterium-presentation (Thomas Aigner, ICARUS)
- 11. December, Düsseldorf/DE: presentation "A lost and found treasure: the documents and the digital archives of the female monasteries into the Mendicant Orders in Naples in the Middle Ages" (Antonella Ambrosio, University of Naples)

Other activities within the ICARUS/ENArC-framework:

- 14. - 18. March, Vienna/AT: *Spring School* "Digitale Edition von Archivalien und Handschriften"
- 12. - 14. September, Volterra/IT, *Post-Graduate Course* "Computer applications for archival management" by the Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa
- 17. October, Naples/IT, *presentation* of the open source platform "Rete@ccessibile"
- 29. September – 1. October, Napoli/IT: conference "Digital Diplomatics"
- 18. October, Speyer/DE: City archives: *Upload of the charters* into Monasterium
- 1. December, Passau/DE: *book presentation* "Die virtuelle Urkundenlandschaft der Diözese Passau"

- 14. December, Vienna/AT: *book presentation* „Archive im Web – Erfahrungen, Herausforderungen, Visionen / Archives on the Web – experiences, challenges, visions"

1. UPCOMING EVENTS 2012

- ICARUS- Workshops

> National Workshop in Bratislava/SK (ICARUS@work #8), 17. February 2012
Title: "International standards and their application in archival science"
Venue: Slovak National Archives, Drotárska cesta 42, 840 05 Bratislava
Date: 17.02.2012, 08:30 – ca. 14:00
Languages: Slovak, English

> National Workshop in Radenci/SI (ICARUS@work #9), 30. March 2012

- Conference on European Research infrastructures "CLARIN-AT - DARIAH-AT", Vienna/AT, 21.-22.02.2012

The "Institut für Corpuslinguistik und Texttechnologie" (ICLTT) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences together with the Centre for Information-modelling (Zentrum für Informationsmodellierung/ ZIM) of the University of Graz organises a conference "CLARIN-AT - DARIAH-AT; Europäische Forschungsinfrastrukturen in den Geisteswissenschaften" taking place in Vienna from 21. to 22. February 2012.

The conference will introduce the European initiatives CLARIN und DARIAH and their establishment in Austria, as well as already implemented research activities. It is intended for institutions, researchers and scientists from the various sectors of social sciences and humanities, wishing to participate in and benefit from such scientific infrastructures.
Venue: Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Theatersaal; 1010 Wien, Sonnenfelsgasse 19, 1. Stock
Date: 21.-22. February 2012
Participation: free of charge
Language: German
Registration: http://corpus3.aac.ac.at/showcase/index.php/component/forme/?fid=1

- Conference "Von Pippin bis Napoleon. Fulda und seine Urkunden", Fulda/DE, 22.-23.03.2012

After two years runtime the project "Online-Erschließung des Urkundenbestandes der Reichsabtei Fulda (751-1837)" supported by the DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) and carried out in the Hessian State Archive Marburg, was finished in 2010. Results of the research and further scientific use of the gained data will be one of the main topics of the conference titled "Von Pippin bis Napoleon. Fulda und seine Urkunden". Different aspects of historic research concerning Fulda will be presented. The conference will be held in German – participation is free of charge – registration is mandatory!
Venue: Audimax der Bibliothek der Theologischen Hochschule Fulda, Domdechanei 11,
D -36037 Fulda
Date: 22. – 23. March 2012
Language: German!
Participation: free of charge
Registration: until **12th February 2012** (name, address, contact details) to Mr. Sebastian Zwies M.A, Hessisches Staatsarchiv Marburg, Friedrichsplatz 15, D-35037 Marburg; Phone: +49 (0) 6421-92 50 104; E-Mail: tagung-fuld(at)stama.hessen.de
Programme: http://www.monasterium.net/pdf/Programm-Fulda-Innen.pdf
General Information: http://www.monasterium.net/pdf/Programmflyer-Fulda-Aussen.pdf

- 2nd LIBER workshop on digital preservation, Florence/IT, 07.-08.05.2012

The LIBER (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche) Steering Committee for Heritage Collections and Preservation, in collaboration with the Fondazione Rinascimento Digitale in Florence and the National Library of the Netherlands, organises the second international workshop on digital preservation.

This workshop will provide an overview of the best-known collaborative initiatives: the stakeholders involved, the basic set-ups, the legal foundations, the business models – and help you analyse which alternatives are best suited for your organisation, your type of collection and your national culture. It will deal with organisational, legal, financial and technical issues and showcase a number of best practices.

Venue: Auditorium - Ente Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze, Via Folco Portinari 5/red, Florence
Date: 07. – 08. May 2012
Language: English
Registration: http://www.rinascimento-digitale.it/liber2012-registration.phtml

- Conference „Archivwesen in Böhmen, Thüringen und Sachsen", Cheb/CZ, 21.-23.05.2012

Within the framework of the trans-border activity project "Grenzüberschreitungen – Neue Wege von Land zu Land", coordinated by the State district archive Plžen, the State county archive Cheb and the Thuringian State archive Greiz, a conference will take place in Cheb (CZ) from 21st to 23rd May 2012.

Venue: Muzeum Cheb, nám. Krále Jiřího z Poděbrad 493/4, 350 11 Cheb
Date: 21. – 23. May 2012
Language: German, Czech (with simultaneous interpretation)
Participation: free of charge
Registration: by **16th March 2012** at latest to: kolouchova(at)soaplzen.cz or by postal mail to: Státní okresní archiv Cheb, Františkánské náměstí 14, CZ-350 02 Cheb.

- Summer course "Policies and Practices in Access to Digital Archives: Towards a New Research and Policy Agenda", Budapest/HU, 02.-06.07.2012

The Central European University (Summer University) in Budapest (HU) organises a summer course from 2nd to 6th July 2012 aiming at fostering the cooperation between archivists, curators, researchers, legal experts and policymakers, whose work deals with digital records, cultural heritage collections and/or open data. It is an aim of the course to address the gap that continues to widen between archival policies and practice at both the European and international level by offering practitioners an overview of institutional norms and legal frameworks that have gradually become dissociated from both archival practices and broader social concerns. A special emphasis will be placed on the issues surrounding the use of archives within research and teaching.

Application deadline for the course is **15th February 2012**!
Website: http://www.summer.ceu.hu/archives-2012

2. PAST EVENTS

- Conference "Digital Diplomatics 2011", Naples/IT, 29.09.-01.10.2011

From 29th September. to 1st October about 60 diplomatics' scholars and computer experts from all over Europe and North America gathered in Naples (IT) at the Università Federico II to discuss the state of research in Digital Diplomatics. The "Digital Diplomatics 2011: Tools for the Digital

Diplomatist" was funded by the ENArC project and organized by our ICARUS colleagues Antonella Ambrosio, Georg Vogeler and Maria Rosaria Falcone.

Antonella Ambrosio and Maura Striano presented a paper about the Diplomatics teaching with the EditMOM tool of MOM-CA. The Monasterium project was presented in a poster by Daniel Jeller and discussed in several papers regarding the state of the art. In their papers the researchers discussed new possibilities of large image collections on the web, linguistic statistics, perspectives of the semantic web, charters Palaeography and the modernization of Diplomatics in general.

Detailed review on the event (in German, By Georg Vogeler): http://www.ahf-muenchen.de/Tagungsberichte/Berichte/pdf/2012/003-12.pdf

- ICARUS – Meeting, Marburg/DE, 21.-23.11.2011

From November 21st to 23rd the experts in the fields of digitization and archival work held their semi-annually ICARUS board meeting at the Hessian State Archives in Marburg, Germany.

On Monday afternoon the first meeting of the ENArC project partners took place, followed by the traditional soccer match. This time the team of the Archive School Marburg got the chance to tackle Team ICARUS All Star´s yet uninterrupted series of wins but didn´t quite manage to get the better of their opponents. Better luck next time, fellas!

The first day concluded with a reception at the Hessian State Archives.

On Tuesday morning the ICARUS board of management held session, followed by the plenary assembly. Welcomed by Francesco ROBERG from the Hessian State Archives, the president of ICARUS Thomas AIGNER made a few introductory words informing the members about past activities. Furthermore new ICARUS members were welcomed and future projects such as APEX (Archives Portal Europe), Orient meets occident (EU-Culture) and CrArC (ETC Austria-Slovakia) introduced.

The second part of the plenum highlighted specific areas of expertise within ICARUS such as Monasterium (Karl HEINZ, Daniel JELLER und Jochen GRAF), Didactics (Antonella AMBROSIO), Matricula (Herbert WURSTER), Cadastral Maps (Andras SIPOS), ICARUSNet (Vlatka LEMIĆ) and Education (Stella MONTANARI).

The third part was committed to the new members of ICARUS who introduced themselves with short presentations. Luc BOEVA reported on the project NISE – National movements and intermediary structures in Europe: It collects and allocates information and sources on national movements in Europe on the web (www.nise.eu) and thereby makes this information available to the public. Francesca KLEIN introduced the State Archives in Florence (L'Archivio di Stato di Firenze), Condruta MIHAILOVICI presented the National Archives of Romania (Arhivele Naţionale ale României). Dominique STUTZMANN and Sébastien BARRET from France aquainted with the Institut de recherche et d'histoire des textes. Also Ludmila SULITKOVA (Universita Jana Evangelisty Purkyne, CZ), Maria TERZIEVA (State Archives Agency Bulgaria) and Žarko VUJOŠEVIĆ from Serbia introduced themselves.

The late afternoon was used by the work groups to discuss news, questions, requests and other related issues. The work group Cadastral Map was guided by András SIPOS, Didactics by Antonella AMBROSIO. Herbert WURSTER looked after the work group Matricula – Population registers, Vlatka LEMIĆ presented and instructed the work group ICARUSnet.

The day concluded with a collective dinner at the Hotel Zur Sonne where matters could be discussed further.

On Wednesday debates and discussions were continued at the Hessian State Archives. Interested participants got the chance to visit the Castle of Marburg and the Archive School of Marburg.

The next ICARUS-meeting will be held from June 25th to 27th at the monastery in Einsiedeln, Switzerland. (Kerstin Muff, Zuzana Ráczová)

- Workshop "Tools for Digital Scholarly Editions – Building the Community of Digital Humanities Software Developers" Cologne/DE, 28.-29.11.2011

The Institute for Documentology and Scholarly Editing (IDE) in cooperation with the Cologne Center for eHumanities (CCeH) and ICARUS organized a workshop "Developing Tools for the digital scholarly edition". It took place on 28. and 29. November at the University Cologne (DE). The workshop tried to foster the development of a well connected digital humanities developers' community. It presented existing tools and ongoing projects and discussed how these tools could be improved to increase acceptance in the humanities scholars' community.

3. ICARUS – NEWS

- "Cadastral Maps Network" – Questionnaire and Facebook-Group

In cooperation with ICARUS, the Budapest City Archives designed a questionnaire to gather information concerning holdings of cadastral documents in European institutions, aiming at an evaluation of the status, localisation, condition, use etc. of maps and corresponding documents, focussing on the results from the first coherent modern land surveys in Europe (e.g. the Franciscean Cadastre).

The **questionnaire** addresses all institutions that are dealing with (hosting, processing, preserving, etc.) cadastral documents and we would ask you to fill it in (downloadable from the website www.icar-us.eu) and return it to Mr András Sipos (siposa(at)bparchiv.hu) at the Budapest City Archives by 29th February 2012 to enable a processing and evaluation of the incoming data.

In addition ICARUS launched a facebook-group "Cadastral Maps Network" (http://www.facebook.com/groups/336680799689462/) – open to all interested users for exchange of experiences, news etc.

- New members:

Since the last issue of our newsletter another range of new members joined the ever growing international archives' association ICARUS:

- Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Facultad de Geografía e Historia, Madrid/ES
- Filozofické fakulty Jihočeské univerzity v Českých Budějovicích, České Budějovice/CZ
- Archivio Storico Diocesano di Reggio Calabria-Bova, Reggio Calabria/IT
- Institut de Recherche et d'Histoire des Textes, Paris/Orleans/FR
- Instytut Historyczny, Uniwersytet Wrocławski, Wrocław/PL
- Archivo Historico Muncipal de Escalona Toledo, Toledo/ES
- Archiwum Państwowe w Krakowie, Cracow/PL
- Národní muzeum, Prague/CZ

4. PROJECTS

- Successful application within the cross-border programme "Creating the future – Slovakia Austria 2007-2013" – project "CrArC"

ICARUS, in cooperation with two other Austrian and one Slovak partner submitted an archival cooperation project within the EU-programme "Creating the future – Slovakia Austria 2007-2013". The project started with 1st of February 2012 and will end in June 2014. Aim of the project is the fostering of mutual cooperation, exchange of knowledge and experience and making unique historic

documents of the border area between Austria and Slovakia available to the public via online platforms, to encourage a better understanding of our common and deeply intertwined past.

In addition to workshops and conferences open for the public, the project will implement cross-boarder visits of Slovak and Austrian citizens into their respective neighbour country – to get to know the partner archives as well as the cities and culture around them.

Project partners: ICARUS (Lead Partner); Austrian State Archives (AT), Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic- Department of Archives (SK), "Netzwerk Geschichte Niederösterreich" (AT)
Duration: 01.02.2012 – 30.06.2014
Project website: under construction

- Monasterium – New stocks online!

Since October 2011 ca. 3.000 images were uploaded into the portal www.monasterium.net, including the following stocks:

- Schlossarchiv Piesing (1330-1849) DE, ca. 1.500 images
- National Archives of Romania RO
- Central Archive of the Evangelic Church A.B. of Romania RO, ca. 120 images
- Bistumsarchiv Hildesheim: charters of the Domkapitel (1246-1606), Dompropstei (1333-1597) and Hochstift (1225-1662) DE, ca. 330 images
- Charters of the Marktarchiv Weyer (1375-1629), Ybbsitz (1445-1872), Scheibbs (1352-1859) and Gresten (1546-1875) and the Pfarrarchiv Waidhofen/Ybbs (1471-1768) AT, ca. 1.040 images

- Matricula – register books online

The content of the platform www.matricula-online.eu, hosting digital copies of church registers from the Austrian Diocese St. Pölten (Lower Austria), the Upper Austrian Provincial Archives and lately also the first books from the Archdiocese Vienna. In addition to these Austrian stocks, nearly all register books from the roman-catholic Diocese Passau (Bavaria) can be found within the portal, next to some Protestant stocks from other German church archives. The entries of baptism, marriage and death of the residents of the different parishes date back into the baroque era and are an invaluable source primarily for family researchers.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

- Publication "Archives on the Web – Experiences, Challenges, Visions"

As a result of the identically named international conference in November 2010 in Vienna, the book „Archive im Web – Erfahrungen, Herausforderungen, Visionen / Archives on the Web – Experiences, Challenges, Visions" has been published, including various contributions from different European professionals in German and English language.

For more information visit the website www.icar-us.eu.

- ICARUS-presentations: 10.000 views on "SlideShare"

ICARUS uses the online slide hosting service called "SlideShare" in order to share interesting PowerPoint presentations held by its members and partners during different events. Recently the number of viewers of these slides reached the remarkable amount of 10.000!