



“CENTRAL EUROPEAN VIRTUAL ARCHIVES NETWORK OF MEDIEVAL CHARTERS”

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1. PAST EVENTS:

ICARUS-Meeting in Munich (DE), 16th -18th November 2009

From the 16th to 18th November 2009 the ICARUS-members met in Munich, within the premises of the General Office of the Bavarian State Archives. The meeting also included an excursion to the near-by town of Altomuenster, to participate in a presentation of the digitized charters of the local monastery on the 17th November.

A short summary of the meeting can be found in the news-section of the ICARUS-homepage www.icar-us.eu.

2. UPCOMING EVENTS:

ICARUS@work: ARHiNET – Workshop in Linz (AT), 20th January 2010

ICARUS@work is a new organisational strand of ICARUS, entitled to organise workshops, meetings etc. dealing with up-to-date issues of the Archival Sciences (digitisation, online-presentation, etc.).

The first workshop is taking place in Linz, as cooperation between the Archives of Upper Austria (AT) and the Croatian State Archive (HR), presenting the newest achievement of the latter: the national Croatian archival information system “ARHiNET” (<http://arhinet.arhiv.hr/>). The workshop is meant to introduce and explore the possibilities of ARHiNET within a small circle of experts.

For further information also see the news-section of the ICARUS-homepage www.icar-us.eu.

International Conference “Archival Cooperation in Europe - Best practice, Strategies, New Ways”, Vienna (AT) 11th - 13th October 2010

Within the framework of the EU-Project “Central European Virtual Archives Network of Medieval Charters”, ICARUS will organise an international conference in cooperation with the Austrian State Archive. In reference to the title “Archival Cooperation in Europe” the conference will invite international expert speakers to discuss the possibilities and consequences of a growing transnational networking between archival institutions in Europe. Further topics will also include strategies and new ways in the online presentation of archival content.

The conference will be held in Vienna, from the 11th to 13th October 2010. A small committee consisting of Thomas Aigner (ICARUS), Thomas Just (Austrian State Archive/AT) and Joachim Kemper (General Office of the Bavarian State Archives/DE) will handle the planning of the conference with regards to its content.

Further information will be dealt out in the following months.

2. GENERAL NEWS:

Online communication platform “ICARUS-WIKI” installed

In order to communicate news and important upcoming events, as well as general information about ICARUS and its members, an online communication platform was installed, based on the WIKI-principle. The ICARUS-WIKI (www.icar-us.eu/icaruswiki/) is open to all users and offers the opportunity to comment on different topics, as well as download relevant documents.

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Coordinated by the St. Poelten Episcopal Archives (AT) 8 partners from 6 different EU-countries collaborate in building up a tighter network of archival institutions within Central Europe:

- National Archives, Prague (CZ)
- Bavarian Main State Archives, Munich (DE)
- Archives of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana (SI)
- Slovak National Archives, Bratislava (SK)
- St. Poelten Episcopal Archives (AT)
- Hungarian State Archives, Budapest (HU)
- Austrian State Archives, Vienna (AT)
- ICARUS – International Centre for Archival Research, Vienna (AT)

Having started in October 2008 and with the duration of 2 years, the project’s main goals are

- enhancement of communication and cooperation between archives (via national and international workshops, expert-exchange programme) in central Europe
- support of digitizing projects in order to integrate digitized data from the archives into an open source internet portal (www.monasterium.net)

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