



INTERNATIONAL CENTRE
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1 General Topics, Projects:

Looking back on its first business year, the ICARUS association, founded in autumn 2007, may already refer to a number of various successful projects. In addition to the continuous digitization of material of various member archives, several EU projects were started successfully. Also, we established cooperation with various new international partners. The focus of activities was given to digitizing charters and further enriching the Monasterium platform by new documentary stock.

Digitization of charters (in cooperation with the IEEkQ):

- 1.1 St. Gallen, Municipal Archive St. Gallen (approx. 5.000 charters); transferring the printed „Chartularium Sangallense“ into the Monasterium platform
- 1.2 St. Gallen, Monastic Archive (approx. 5.000 charters)
- 1.3 Einsiedeln, Monastic Archive (approx. 1.800 charters)
- 1.4 Munich, Bavarian Central State Archive (approx. 25.000 charters)
- 1.5 Dornbirn, Municipal Archive (approx. 250 charters)
- 1.6 Salzburg, Archive of the Province of Salzburg (approx. 2.500 charters)
- 1.7 Salzburg, St. Peter (approx. 3.500 charters)
- 1.8 Munich, Georgianum Seminary and University Archive (approx. 1.000 charters)

Digitization of manuscripts:

- 1.9 Karlsruhe, Baden State Library: Digitization of 40 Carolingian manuscripts of the Reichenau monastery on behalf of the University of California (Los Angeles), financed by the Mellon Foundation (Project St. Gall Monastery Plan, www.stgallplan.org).

EU-projects:

1.10 „NET-ARCHIV“ (Interreg IVA)

The project's aim is to digitize the register books of the Dioceses of Linz and Passau and make them accessible online, as well as to carry out scientific research for the printing of the „Historical Atlas of Bavaria – Innviertel“ (*„Historischer Atlas von Bayern – Innviertel“*).

Project partners: ICARUS (lead partner), Archive of the Federal Province of Upper Austria (AT), Archive of the Diocese of Passau (DE)

Duration: Jan. 1, 2009 – Dec. 31, 2010

1.11 „ACTA PUBLICA“ (Interreg IVA)

This project deals with the indexing and digitization of register books of the Dioceses of St. Pölten and Vienna as well as the Moravian Regional Archive in Brno/CZ. ICARUS is in charge of the project management of the Austrian project part.

Project partners: Moravian Regional Archive (*Moravsky Zemsky Archiv CZ*), Brno (lead partner); Archive of the Diocese of St. Pölten; Archdiocese of Vienna (both AT)

Duration: Oct. 1, 2009 – Sept. 30, 2011

1.12 „CHARTERS NETWORK“ (Culture 2007)

Apart from digitizing medieval charters the project's objective is to enhance the interconnection and communication between archives, backed up by a staff exchange programme and transnational workshops.

Project partners: Archive of the Diocese of St. Pölten (coordinator, AT), Bavarian Central State Archive (DE), Czech National Archive in Prague (*Národní archiv v Praze*; CZ), Slovakian National Archive (*Slovenský národný archiv*; SK), State Archives of Hungary (*Magyar Országos Levéltár*; HU), Slovenian National Archive (*Arhiv Republike Slovenije*; SI), ICARUS (AT); Associated partners: Austrian State Archives (AT), Institute for Austrian Historical Research (*Institut für Österreichische Geschichtsforschung*; AT) and the Institute for the Development and Exploration of Religious Sources (*Institut zur Erschließung und Erforschung kirchlicher Quellen*; AT).

Other scientific projects:

1.13 „Corpus Vitrearum Medii Aevii“

Archival fundamental research in preparation of printing the fifth volume of the corpus „Medieval Glass Paintings in Lower Austria“ (*„Die mittelalterlichen Glasgemälde in Niederösterreich“*). ICARUS will be responsible for invoicing matters. The project is funded by the State Office For Historical Monuments; Preservation Office for the Province of Lower Austria (*Bundesdenkmalamt; Landeskonservatorat für Niederösterreich*).

1.14 Projects in cooperation with the Medical University Vienna

Extensive activities for indexing and processing the University's collections, during which ICARUS primarily provided administrative support.

1.15 Matricula Project

Creating an online portal for church registers has long since been the wish of the numerous archives keeping those sources as well as the huge international research community. Given project aims at making those historical documents accessible on-line. In the initial phase, participants are the Protestant Association of Church Archives (*Verband kirchlicher Archive*; DE), the Roman Catholic Federal Conference of Church Archives (*Bundeskonferenz der kirchlichen Archive*; DE), the Archives of the Dioceses of Passau and Hildesheim (both DE), the Archive of the Diocese of St. Pölten, the Archive of the Province of Upper Austria (both AT), the Archdiocese of Vienna (AT) as well as the Moravian Regional Archive (*Moravský Zemský Archiv*; CZ).

2 Membership:

Over the year 2008, a total of 40 institutions from 9 European countries (DE, IT, AT, CH, SRB, SK, SI, CZ, HU) joined ICARUS. Since the beginning of 2009 several new entries have increased membership to 53, Croatia becoming the 10th member country when the Croatian State Archive joined (please see the list of members enclosed).

3 Office and Guest Room:

In order to actually take up work, ICARUS had to look for adequate office premises, ideally with easy access to public transport and main roads in Central Vienna. In April 2008 we finally found a suitable object for rent in Vienna's fifth district. The apartment of approx. 100 m² is situated in an old building in Spengergasse 56 (Top 6) and consists of 2 spacious office rooms, a meeting room and a smaller cabinet with sleeping accommodation.

The guest room may be used as overnight accommodation upon prior reservation by ICARUS members as well as scientists doing research in Vienna. Requests should be forwarded to Ms. Caroline Maximoff who is in charge of reservations and guest services.

Guests in 2008/2009: Zarko Vujošević, Serbian Academy of Sciences (SRB)
Veljko Gluščević, Serbian Academy of Sciences (SRB)
Stella Montanari, Scuola Normale Superiore Pisa (IT)
Jiří Mihola, University of Brno (CZ)
Christian Carletti, University of Bologna (IT)

We look very much forward to welcoming further guests!

4 Financing:

As the ICARUS membership is for free, the association is funded through public aid and project contributions (please see the Treasurer's Statement of Account).

5 PR (Lectures, Workshops, etc.):

Website:

Our website www.icar-us.eu has been on-line since September 2008; at present only in German. An English translation over the summer of 2009 is being arranged for.

Promotional material:

ICARUS folder (German, Hungarian, Italian, English) since September 2008
New Monasterium folder (German, English, Italian) since November 2008
MOM-CA Info Page (German, English, Italian) since October 2008

Lectures, presentations:

October 13/14, 2008, Gyula (HU):

Meeting of the Counsel of Archives of the Self-Governing Bodies, Lecture: Presenting the projects ICARUS and Monasterium (Karl Heinz)

- October 28, 2008, Naples (IT):
Università Federico II., Workshop (organized by Antonella Ambrosio): “*Documenti e archivi del Mezzogiorno medievale e moderno. Le edizioni digitali in Monasterium.Net*”
- November 3/4, 2008, Vienna (AT):
Conference on “Cultural Heritage and New Technologies“ Lecture: „Monasterium and ICARUS“ (Karl Heinz)
- November 12/13, 2008, Vienna (AT):
Austrian State Archive: Consortium Meeting
- November 13, 2008, Vienna (AT):
Austrian State Archive, Ceremonial Act: „Uploading the 100.000th Charter“
- January 20/21, 2009, Eichstätt (D):
Workshop „www.monasterium-bayern.net - Research on the *vita religiosa* in the Virtual Archive“, hosted by the Research Center for Comparative History of Religious Orders (*Forschungsstelle für Vergleichende Ordensgeschichte - FOVOG*) and the Head Office of the Bavarian State Archives (*Generaldirektion der Staatlichen Archive Bayerns*), Lectures a.o. by Karl Heinz, Joachim Kemper and Peter Urbanek.
- April 23/24, 2009, Prague (CZ):
European Board of National Archivists (EBNA), Lecture: „Monasterium.Net – European Charters Online“ (Thomas Aigner)
- April 28, 2009, Füssen (D):
Meeting of Bavarian Church Archivists, Lecture: „From Monasterium to ICARUS“ (Thomas Aigner)
- April 29, 2009, Florence (IT):
EVA Conference, Lecture: “Europe an Charters Online” (Thomas Aigner)
- June 9, 2009, Budapest (HU):
International Day of Archives 2009 – Conference on: Church Registers in Research and Administration, Presentation: Matricula – The Online Archive of Medieval Church Registers (Karl Heinz)

Caroline Maximoff (June 12, 2009)