



ICARUS NEWS #1 (MAY 2011)

1. UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY 2011:

- Conference "New Approaches in Book and Paper Conservation-Restoration in Europe", Horn (AT) 09.- 11.05.2011

From 9th to 11th May 2011, there will be a the start-up conference in Horn, that aims at bringing together conservators, librarians and archivists, collection managers and many more professionals in the field of book and paper conservation and restoration who fight for the safeguarding and maintenance of our cultural book- and paper-heritage from all over Europe and even further countries, with 50 speakers from 28 different countries. During the entire conference experts on funding programmes will also be present.

Venue: European Research Centre for Book and Paper Conservation-Restoration

Wienerstraße 2, A - 3580 Horn, Austria

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Conference language: English

Programme: <http://www.european-research-centre.buchstadt.at/Conferences.113.0.html>

- Lectures:

10 May 2011, Budapest/HU: Meeting of the 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)

18 May 2011, Zagreb/HR: SEEDI-conference, Lecture "The Croatian State Archives and ICARUS - Cooperation in the framework of European archival and cultural networks" (Vlatka Lemić)

24 May 2011, Tallinn/EST: Conference "Aligning national approaches to digital preservation": Lecture by Karl Heinz

JUNE 2011:

- ICARUS - Meeting Poznań (PL), 06.- 08.06.2011

The members of the international consortium of ICARUS will come together again for the regular biannual meeting in the beginning of June - this time meeting within the premises of the Archdiocesan Archive in Poznań (PL).

Venue: Archiwum Archidiecezjalne w Poznaniu (Archidiocesan Archive in Poznan)
Programme and Agenda:
http://www.icar-us.eu/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=55&Itemid=62&lang=en

AUTUMN 2011:

International Conference „Digital Diplomatics 2011 - Tools for the Digital Diplomatist”, Naples (IT), 29.09. - 01.10.2011

The conference aims at presenting projects which working to enlarge the digitised charter corpus on the one hand and on the other hand will put a particular focus on research applying information technology on medieval and early modern charters aiming at pure diplomatic questions as well as historic or philological research.

Venue: Naples (IT)
Conference languages: English, Deutsch, Italiano, Français, Español

CALL FOR PAPERS: <http://www.cei.lmu.de/digdipl11/>
(deadline for the submission of papers: 15th May 2011; contact: DigDipl11(at)lrz.uni-muenchen.de)

→ *All current events (lectures, workshops, conferences etc.) can also be found on the website www.icar-us.eu under “Schedule”.*

2. PAST EVENTS

Conference “Archives on the Web - Experiences, Challenges, Visions”, Vienna (AT), 23. – 25.11.2010

ICARUS launched an international conference in cooperation with the Austrian State Archives and the St. Pölten Diocese Archives, exploring and analyzing the status and needs of archives on the internet.

Report on the conference and general information:
http://www.icar-us.eu/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=66&Itemid=75&lang=en

3. GENERAL NEWS

Archive Portal “porta fontium”

A new archive portal *Porta fontium* – the common project of the State District Archive in Pilsen and the General Directory of the Bavarian State Archives in Munich – was introduced on 8th April 2011 in Waldsassen, Germany. Its function is to digitize the archive documents and units which were separated after the Second World War and to connect them in one digitized virtual complex. There are presented registers, chronicles, charters and photos from the Czech and Bavarian state archives.

See more: www.portafontium.eu

4. ICARUS – NEWS

- ICARUS Lectures

ICARUS initiated a series of lectures dealing with different and up-to-date issues of the archival sciences and other topics concerning archival institutions in general.

The first of these ICARUS-Lectures was held by Karel Halla from the Regional State Archives of Cheb (Státní okresní archiv Cheb, CZ) in Munich (DE) talking about the situation of Czech archives online and the common historic sources of the border region of Bavaria and the Czech Republic.

- ICARUS Podcasts

All ICARUS-Lectures and many lectures of ICARUS members and associates are going to be recorded and made available for subscription as podcasts, online playback as webstreams and individual mp3-download on the website www.icar-us.eu.

For more information see:

http://www.icar-us.eu/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=94&Itemid=110&lang=en

- ICARUS Grants

The international association ICARUS is meant to support and enhance the cooperation and exchange of knowledge between its member institutions. Therefore ICARUS offers financial support for some of its bigger international events – the “ICARUS Travel Grant”.

Another more individual and personal approach is offered within the so-called “Experts’ Exchange Programme”, which is meant to give staff members from institutions of the ICARUS-consortium the opportunity for an exchange visit to a foreign archive to gain work experience, exchange knowledge, etc.

For more information see:

http://www.icar-us.eu/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=98&Itemid=80&lang=en

- New members:

Since the beginning of 2011 several new members joined the ever growing international archives’ association ICARUS:

- Centre for Information-Modelling in the Humanities (Zentrum für Informationsmodellierung in den Geisteswissenschaften (ZIM:IG), Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz , AT)
- Regional Archives Maribor (Pokrajinski arhiv Maribor, SI)
- Institute for Literature of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia (BG)
- European Research Centre for Book and Paper Conservation-Restoration situated in Horn in Lower Austria (AT)
- State Archives of Florence (Archivio di Stato di Firenze/IT)
- Communal Archive and the Archive of the monastery of Popping (Gemeindearchiv und Klosterarchiv Popping/AT)
- Landesarchiv Baden-Württemberg (DE)

4. PROJECTS:

- EU-project “Central European virtual archives network of medieval charters” (short: Charters Network)

Charters Network was a project supported by the European Commission as part of the Culture Programme 2007-2013 with the duration of 2 years commencing in October 2008 has been concluded in autumn 2010. Coordinated by the St. Poelten Episcopal Archives (AT) 8 partners from 6 different EU-countries (AT, CZ, DE, HU, SI, SK) collaborated in building up a tighter network of archival institutions within Central Europe.

The main goals of the project were

- 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)

- EU-project “ENArC – European Network on Archival Cooperation”

Following in the footsteps of the above mentioned project, another cooperation project of archives within the framework of the EU Culture Programme 2007 – 2013 was successfully submitted in 2010. The project consortium consists of 14 partners from 10 different European countries (AT, CZ, DE, ES, HR, HU, IT, RS, SI, SK) working towards a common goal for the duration of 4.5 years.

The main aims of the project “ENArC - European Network on Archival Cooperation” are:

- Establishing and expanding the already existing network of ICARUS and strengthening the international cooperation
- Continuous exchange of know-how and experience - between individuals and institutions involved
- Digitisation and indexing activities of the participating partners
- Publishing project results both within the network and to the general public

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