ICARUS NEWS #2 (JUNE 2011)

1. UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12th International Congress of Ottoman Social and Economic History (ICOSEH), Retz (AT), 11. – 13.07.2011

Between 11th and 13th July the 12th International Congress of Ottoman Social and Economic History (ICOSEH) will take place in Retz (Lower Austria) including an introductory presentation of the Monasterium project (“Monasterium - documents online”) giving examples about the usage of the database and practical examples especially for orientalistic studies.


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

- Lectures/Presentations:

17th August, Speyer/DE: 2nd ICARUS-Lecture by Thomas Just (AT)

14th – 16th September, Ostrava/CZ: 10th Congress of Czech Historians, presentation “ENArC and the Czech Republic” (Ludmila Sulitková, Tomáš Černušák)


4th October, Praha/CZ: national ICARUS-workshop

13th October, Bratislava/SK: national ICARUS-workshop
2. PAST EVENTS

- ICARUS@work #5: workshop „Informatization of Archives“ in Tuzla (BiH), 30.- 31.05.2011

In cooperation with the Archives of the Tuzla-Canton (BiH) the Croatian State Archives (HR) organised a workshop within the section “ICARUS@work”, exploring the possibilities and current status as well as future options of archives in the electronic environment. The 2-day-workshop took place in Tuzla in Bosnia – Herzegovina from 30th to 31st May 2011 and was financially supported by the project “ENArC” as part of its “Linking the Neighbourhood”-programme, to foster a closer connection between Croatia and Bosnia Herzegovina.

- ICARUS-meeting in Poznań (PL), 06. – 08.06.2011

From 6th to 8th June 2011 the ICARUS-members were guests at the Archiepiscopal Archive in Poznań. This years’ summer meeting commenced on Monday, 6th June with a number of individual meetings and working groups addressing different international cooperation projects. Tuesday started then with the General Assembly of the association ICARUS, followed by the international workshop “European Archives – one heritage, one future, one cooperation” presenting various activities concerning archives, digitisation, online presentation, etc. Afterwards a special guided city tour had been organised: a round-trip through and around the city of Poznań in a chartered tramway! After returning to the premises of the Archiepiscopal grounds the participants of the meeting were taken on a tour through the cathedral, including a memorable audio sample from the imposing organ, before being rewarded with an excellent buffet in the Archiepiscopal Archive.

The final day began with another highly memorable and imposing experience: a reception and meeting with the Archbishop Stanisław V. Gądecki. After this, the group had the chance to visit the State Archive in Poznań, including a guided tour through the premises and a show of the archives’ most precious holdings.

The recordings of the speeches at the Meeting are available as podcasts on our website www.icarus.eu.

- Workshop in Madrid (ES), 22.06.2011

On 22nd June 2011 a workshop on ICARUS, Monasterium and the cooperation with Spanish archives took place in the Spanish National Historical Archives, with the title: “El proyecto ENArC y la difusión del contenido medieval de los archivos en Internet”.

18th October, Speyer/DE, City Archives: Monasterium-presentation

25th October, Toledo/ES: CITRA-conference: ICARUS-workshop “Meeting the information challenge together – New ways of international cooperation within ICARUS”

3rd November, Vienna/AT: 3rd ICARUS Lecture by Stefano Vitali (IT)

21st – 23rd November, Marburg/DE: ICARUS-meeting
3. 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 (Regional State Archives of 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.

The second ICARUS-Lecture will be held by Thomas Just (Haus-, Hof- und Staatsarchiv, Vienna/AT) in Speyer (DE) on the 17th August at 18.00. Topic of the lecture is: "Von der mittelalterlichen Kanzlei ins WWW - die Urkunden des Stadtarchivs Speyer und anderer europäischer Archive auf dem Weg ins virtuelle Urkundenarchiv".

The third ICARUS-Lecture will be held by Stefano Vitali (Soprintendenza archivistica per l’Emilia-Romagna, Bologna/IT) on the 3rd November 2011 in Vienna (AT). Further information will follow.

Recordings of the lectures are available as podcast on our website www.icar-us.eu.

- 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.

- ICARUS Annual Reports

The past and present Annual Reports of the international association ICARUS can now be downloaded from the website www.icar-us.eu.

- New Managing Board

After the expiration of the first 3-year-term, the General Assembly of the association ICARUS elected a new Managing Board during its meeting on the 7th of June 2011.

Find the list of elected and co-opted members for the period 2011-2014 on our website.
- New members:

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

- Department of History of the Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem (Katedra historie, Univerzita Jana Evangelisty Purkyně v Ústí nad Labem, CZ)
- University Library of Heidelberg (Universitätsbibliothek Heidelberg, DE)
- Department for Italian Language and Culture of the University of Turku (Dipartimento di Lingua e Cultura Italiana dell'Università di Turku, FI)
- National Archives of Malta (MT)

4. PROJECTS:

- Monasterium Collaborative Archive “MOM-CA 1.5”

After an intensive period of development a new technical base for the collaborative tool of the online charters’ portal Monasterium (www.monasterium.net) has been created. The beta version of MOM-CA 1.5 has been tested in a mass-test on 17th May 2011, trying to locate and eliminate bugs and functional disorders. The analysis of the results is still ongoing and will enable a more user-friendly approach for all users of the platform.

- Monasterium – New stocks online!

Since the beginning of 2011 over 50.000 images were uploaded into the portal www.monasterium.net, including the following stocks (among others):

- Kloster, München – Pütrichhaus (DE)
- Pergamene Ecclesiastiche (IT)
- Bratislavská Kapitula (SK)
- Kloster Frauenchiemsee (DE)
- Hollenburg (AT)
- Krems (AT)
- Stein (AT)
- Ensdorf (DE)
- Weißenhove (DE)
- Konvent premonštrátov v Jasove (SK)
- Konvent premonštrátov v Lelese (SK)
- Würzburger Ratsurkunden (DE)
- Schlossarchiv Piesing (DE)
- Kloster Himmelspforten (DE)
- Aschaffenburg, Jesuiten (DE)
- Schweinfurt, Reichsstadt (DE)
- ...
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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