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Conference proceedings:

ICARUS-Meeting #9 Einsiedeln (CH), 25.-27.06.2012

This year's first ICARUS-Meeting took place from June 25.-27., 2012 on the premises of the Monastery of Einsiedeln (CH). Over 50 ICARUS members and nearly 30 Swiss archivist experts participated in this meeting to learn about the latest developments of ICARUS and the Swiss archivist landscape. It was locally organized by Franziska EGGIMANN and Andreas KRÄNZLE from the Monastery Einsiedeln Archives.

With the impressive monastery building as backdrop and thanks to the skilled organization of the local hosts, the meeting was not just a great overall success and further step to crosslink old and new ICARUS members but even more so a wonderful chance to meet face-to-face and exchange news and experiences.

The meeting was formally opened by the monastery's abbot Martin WERLEN whereupon A. KRÄNZLE (Director Monastery Einsiedeln Archives) and Thomas AIGNER (President ICARUS) welcomed the participants from 18 countries (Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Serbia, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, Montenegro, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland).

The workshop in cooperation with Swiss archivists on Monday 25th, 2012 was divided into three parts and moderated by Thomas JUST (Director Austrian State Archives). The first session was dedicated to T. AIGNER presenting ICARUS and its current activities: as a consortium of 130 members from 26 European countries plus Canada (90% archives, 7% research institutions, 3% libraries) ICARUS runs the Work Groups



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Didactics, Cadastral Maps, Population Registers and World War I and the projects ENArC, APEx, CrArC, Men & Books.

Within the second session of the day Kerstin MUFF and Daniel JELLER (ICARUS) introduced the [APEx](#) project and the [Archives Portal Europe](#).

Finally, the third session served to introduce the Monasterium project as well as for the Swiss archivists to present their fields of expertise:

Pascale SUTTNER (Rechtsquellenstiftung des Schweizerischen Juristenvereins) introduced a comprehensive digital register of the printed registers of the collection of Swiss sources of law.

Karl HEINZ presented Monasterium; the beginnings, development, content and databases. Stefan SONDEREGGER and Thomas BRUGGMANN (Stadtarchiv der Ortsbürgergemeinde St. Gallen) talked about the early modern charters and missives of the Lake Constance region – raising questions on the editions of early modern texts and their value for users.

Parallel to the workshop the technical MOM-CA Work Group held their session to discuss the technical development of the Monasterium database and portal.

In the afternoon a guided tour through the monastery's library with the exhibition *Von Ansichten und Einsichten, Von Originalen und anderen Typen* and *Zebraritt und Bireweege* as well as its old and new archives was arranged. The day ended with a formal reception in the monastery.

The second day started off with the General Assembly of ICARUS. The very first minutes were dedicated to the recently deceased Václav BABIČKA who for many



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years had been the director of the Czech Archives Management and honorary member of ICARUS.

Herbert WURSTER (Cashiers ICARUS) then proceeded with presenting the financial report of 2011 and Patricia ENGEL was elected as new accountant since the former, Jindra EMMEROVA, left the ICARUS member institution Moravský zemský archiv in Brunn.

After a short presentation of the new ICARUS projects, members, activities and upcoming events and the new ICARUS homepages, it was time for the new members to introduce themselves at the Plenum I:

Etienne FERRITO introduced the National Archives of Malta, Lucyna HARC the Archives of the University of Wroclaw, its history and the Archival Studies at the University, Slobodan MANDIĆ the Historic Archive of Belgrade and Anna Sokół the States Archive of Kraków.

The second part centered around current developments within ICARUS: Daniel EBNER, Jochen GRAF and Georg VOGELER talked about the latest news on MOM CA 2.0, Daniel JELLER informed in detail about the new ICARUS websites, Patricia ENGEL touched upon new methods of mass deacidification of archival material, Corinna ZIEGLER spoke about a new interregional project– [CrArc – Crossborder Archives](#) which is realized between Austria and Slovakia in the years 2012-2014 (partners: Austrian State Archives, the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, Netzwerk Geschichte Niederösterreichs, ICARUS) and Caroline MAXIMOFF introduced the international project [Men & Books](#) which is dedicated to the research and indexing of the collection of the Historisches Kirchenarchiv in Świdnica (partners from Poland, Austria, Czech



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Republic and Great Britain. Finally, Elisabeth STEIGER (Stadtarchiv Speyer) invited the participants to the upcoming conference *Offene Archive* (November 2012 in Speyer).

In the afternoon, Plenum II, the progress of the individual current ICARUS Work Groups was presented before each of them had their own meetings to be held in order to discuss future development and current progress in detail.

This day's evening was reserved for the traditional soccer match. Though they had played fiercely, the ICARUS team eventually had to admit to the Swiss teams well-earned victory. The day was brought to a close with a BBQ get-together and some live music from the convent school's big band.

After a guided tour through the monastery itself and the ENArC-Meeting, the ICARUS-Meeting #9 was officially closed on Wednesday 27th, 2012.

The next ICARUS-Meeting will be from November 19.-21., 2012 at the Slovak National Archives in Bratislava.