

WWI Meeting

Resume

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1. Planned activities on national level

Either the present institutes and countries are already making some projects about WWI on a national level, or they are planning to do so. Topically these projects are dealing with lists of war-heroes or victims (databases), photo collections, digitization projects, lists about war losses, prisoners etc. The financing of those little projects is an issue in all countries. Because of the lack of international financial supports most of the institutes are working on their own and try to make smaller projects just with their own work forces and personnel. On a national level financial support is available. Also political interest in the topic can be found.

2. Possibilities of international cooperation on WWI

Even on national level there is a lack of information what projects according to WWI are happening. On an international level information exchange is even less. An exchange of information about specific activities is needed not only to know what is going on in different countries but also to have arguments for funding new projects. In that manner other countries could be named as examples.

2.1. International platform on WWI

Therefore an international platform (website) should be made (perhaps by ICARUS), because it is the easiest and cheapest way for information exchange on an international level. Responsible people on national level can fill in information about planned projects or activities like workshops, conferences and digitization and educational programs. Responsible people of each country are needed to fill in the website. An English platform would be practical. Further discussion if the platform should be multilingual is needed.

2.2. International events on WWI

Common activities like conferences or workshops and exchanging of persons is needed to get information on national programs and projects on WWI. ENARC plans a conference in Sarajevo (Bosnia). It is possible to move the conference to June 2014 and focus on the WWI as main topic. Perhaps also the joint platform can be presented there. Travel costs for lecturers/speakers can be paid by ENARC, ICARUS can sponsor travel costs for participants (mobility grant).

2.3. International declaration of archives on WWI

Archives play an important role in memorizing the historical past. An international declaration of archives would help to remember the public and the political institutions about this importance to overcome still existing national prejudices. A declaration by all 28 ICARUS members can be prepared for the next ICARUS meeting (18-20 November 2013, Madrid).

2.4. Cooperation possibilities with the Cendari project

The EU funded Cendari project www.cendari.eu could be an important cooperation partner for the planned international networking. It can help to overcome national hurdles and make information easier accessible to archives from other countries, for example with the help of an open data exchange platform. Digitization programs are not planned, but the Cendari team can be sent to archives, have a look on their collections and put the information on the Cendari platform, so that other archives have a better overview in which archives information about WWI are available.

3. Next steps

- Discussion if a cooperation agreement between the interested countries is needed
- Development of the in 2.1. described platform
- Planning of the in 2.2. discussed conference in Sarajevo (June 2014)
- Formulation of the in 2.3. described declaration
- Discussion about possibilities of cooperation with the Cendari project
- Naming of responsible persons from all interested institutions
- Further discussion about the next steps at the ICARUS meeting in Madrid (18-20 November 2014)

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