



## ICARUS NEWSLETTER #8

October 2013 – February 2015

Dear colleagues,

welcome to the ICARUS-newsletter #8 which covers quite a large time span: October 2013 – February 2015. This time has been filled with a vast variety of international activities, honourable awardings and just recently the ICARUS-network even brought a new project to life: **community as opportunity: the creative users' and archives' network (co:op)**. The project has started in December 2014 and we are currently working on setting up a project website as well as starting to organize the project-related activities.

Parallel to starting a new project era, another big project era is expiring in 2015: the European Network on Archival Cooperation (ENArC) project is finally coming to an end and we will celebrate our successful project with a final closing conference at the end of April at Břevnov monastery in Prague (CZ).

Feedback, questions and suggestions are always welcome at [editor@icar-us.eu](mailto:editor@icar-us.eu).

Enjoy the read!

Cheerio,  
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## Events since October 2013

### ICARUS-meetings 2013/2014

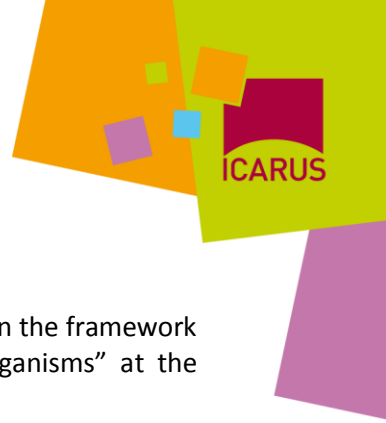
- 25-27 November 2013, Madrid (ES): The ICARUS-meeting #12 took place at the National Historic Archives of Spain in Madrid.
- 16-18 June 2013, Copenhagen (DK): The ICARUS-meeting #13 was hosted by our colleagues from the Danish National Archives.
- 17-19 November 2014, Colmar (FR): The ICARUS-meeting #14 was organized by the Archives Départementale du Haut-Rhin.

### ICARUS@work

- 06 May 2014, Bucharest (RO): ICARUS@work #14 at National Library of Romania in Bucharest
- 13 May 2014, Prague (CZ): Lecture by Priit Pirsko (General Director of the National Archives of Estonia): "Towards the digital archives: Summing up the first lessons" at the National Archives of the Czech Republic
- 30 October 2014, Sofia (BU): "Future in the past – Bulgarian history online" at Sofia University

### Presentations and workshops

- 06-07 November 2013, Pisa (IT): conference "Cartography and Cadastral maps" at the Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa
- 14-16 November 2013, Paris (FR): Digital Diplomats
- 25-27 November 2013, Madrid (ES): Didactics workshop within ICARUS-meeting #12
- 03 December 2013, Pisa (IT): conference "Ecclesiastic archives towards Europe" at the Biblioteca Cathariniana in Pisa, co-organized by the Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa and the University of Naples Federico II
- 03 December 2013, Pisa (IT): workshop "Archivi ecclesiastici verso l'Europa. Prospettive di cooperazione in vista del programma HORIZON 2020" organized by Scuola Normale Superiore, Library Cathariniana and the University of Naples Federico II
- 16 December 2013, Salzburg (AT): Bi-annual meeting of the BAS-net project in connection to the conference "Quellen und Erschließung" at the Archdiocese of Salzburg in Austria
- 03 April 2014, Stuttgart (DE): conference „Offene Archive 2.1 Social media im deutschsprachigen Archivwesen (und im internationalen Kontext)“ at the Central State Archives Stuttgart
- 11 April 2014, Benevento (IT): presentation of the volume "Le pergamene di S. Maria della Grotta di Vitulano (secc. XI-XII)", edited by Antonella Ambrosio
- March-May 2014, Naples (IT): academic course with MOM-CA on Monasterium.Net and social networks



- 28 April-01 May 2014, St. Pölten (AT): international conference within the framework of the Men and Books project “From microorganisms to megaorganisms” at the Bildungshaus St. Hippolyt
- March-June 2014, Vienna (AT): Blended Learning courses at Vienna University
- 09 May 2014, Florence (IT): presentation “Image digitization in ICARUS” at the EVA2014 conference
- 13-14 May 2014: final conference "Memory without borders - Austrian and Slovak Archives of the border region. Present and future"
- 16-17 September 2014, Vienna (AT): conference “En route to a shared identity” at the University of Vienna/Institute of History  
Publication available via the conference blog [here](#).
- 25-26 September 2014, Šibenik (HR): Archives of Religious Communities in Croatia – Practical Experiences and Perspectives“ which will be held at the State Archives of Šibenik
- 07 November 2014, St. Pölten (AT): Topothek-Tag, St. Pölten
- 11 December 2014, Vienna (AT): Presentation of the conference blog “En route to a shared identity” at the University of Vienna/Institute of History  
For more information, click [here](#).
- 12 December 2014, Pisa (IT): Archives and History – Current trends in European Historiography of the Great War, organized by the Scuola Normale Superiore in Pisa.  
More information available [here](#).
- 15 January 2015, St. Pölten (AT): Symposium “Genealogische Quellen” at Bildungshaus St. Hippolyt.  
More information [here](#).
- 16-17 February 2015, Naples (IT): Workshop “Towards a digital edition of the charters of the abbey S. Maria della Grotta with Monasterium.net” at the Department of Humanities in Naples.  
More information is available [here](#).
- 24 February 2015, Budapest (HU): “Archival Pedagogy in Germany and the German Archives Portal” at the Budapest City Archives.  
Click [here](#) for more information.
- 26 February, Vienna (AT): Symposium “Herzogswerkstatt” at the Curhaus.  
More information is available [here](#).



## Upoming events 2015

### ICARUS-meetings

- 27-29 April, Prague (CZ): The ICARUS-meeting #15 will take place at Břevnov monastery, co-organized by the National Archives. The meeting is furthermore the closing conference of the ENArC-project.

### ICARUS@work

- 12-13 March, Opatija (HR): Croatian ICARUS days: Archives and Cooperation in the Digital Age, organized by the Croatian National Archives  
Programme available [here](#).

### Conferences, presentations and workshops

- 27-29 April, Prague (CZ): International conference “Archival cooperation and community building in the Digital Age” at Břevnov monastery, co-organized by the National Archives. This conference incorporates the ICARUS-meeting #15 and the ENArC-closing event.
- 27-29 April, Prague (CZ): Kick-Off Meeting co:op at Břevnov monastery.  
More information available [here](#).

### Other activities within the ICARUS-ENArC-framework

- 18 May, Brno (CZ): Excursion to the Moravia Provincial Archives Brno within the ICARUS4all framework.  
Click [here](#) for details.
- 18-19 June, Rottenburg (DE): Presentation of the friends’ association ICARUS4all at the Southwest German Archival Days 2015 at the Regional Archives Baden-Württemberg  
More information is available [here](#).
- 22 June, Salzburg (AT): Presentation of the friends’ association ICARUS4all at “Local Chronicles: risks and approaches” at the Regional Archives Salzburg  
Click [here](#) for more information.
- 02 October, Gotha (DE): Presentation of the friends’ association ICARUS4all at the 67<sup>th</sup> Day of Genealogy Germany.  
More information is available [here](#).
- 14 October, Třeboň (CZ): Excursion to the Regional Archives Třeboň within the ICARUS4all framework.  
Click [here](#) for details.



## Special announcements

*December 2013:* Our ICARUS president **Thomas Aigner** was awarded with the **Decoration of Honour in Silver for Services to the Republic of Austria**. As inspiring pioneer in terms of the digitization of archival documents and unparalleled catalyst advocating and actively originating initiatives and projects which establish and strengthen international networks within the archival world, we can't think of a better recipient for this honouring. With the foundation of *monasterium.net*, the most comprehensive virtual portal of medieval charters worldwide, *Matricula* ([www.matricula-online.eu](http://www.matricula-online.eu)) which allocates the complete church registers of the Diocese of St. Pölten online, and as president of ICARUS, Thomas Aigner can not only be considered the founder of online sources of archival information but he will most certainly keep pushing the boundaries of today and strike out the path into the future!



*March 2014:* the **Hyppolit Holy Order in gold** was awarded to **Herbert Wurster** (Director of the Archives of the Diocese of Passau, DE).

*June 2014:* **Marie Ryantová** and **Thomas Aigner** were awarded with the **Honorary Medal of Merits for Czech Archives**. Both were awarded with this high decoration by the Czech Ministry of the Interior in Prague. Marie Ryantová because of here activities as president of the Czech Archival Society and Thomas Aigner because of his long lasting activities in the field of digitization and linking of archives in Central Europe, in particular in the Czech Republic.



*September 2014:* **Antonella Ambrosio** (Vice president ICARUS) was awarded the **Honorary Citizenship of the city of Vitulano** (near Benevento, in South Italy) for her past and on-going research activities on the charters of the abbey S. Maria della Grotta of Vitulano.

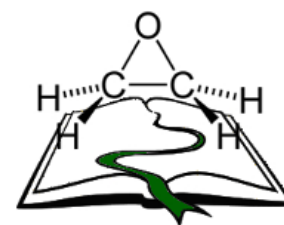


February 2015: **István Kenyeres** (Director General of the Budapest City Archives) was nominated as a **Titular Professor at the Kodolányi János University of Applied Sciences (KJU)** in Székesfehérvár. After receiving the status of a Titular University Lecturer at the ELTE University in Budapest, this is the second big public acknowledgement of his didactic activities.

## Concluded projects

### **MEN AND BOOKS – for a risk-free use of the European written cultural heritage**

The project intended to find a solution to exterminate mould with a substance and method harmless for men and books. This is beneficial for all European users of archival material. The Archives of the Protestant Parish of the Holy Trinity in Swidnica (PL) houses about 12000 manuscripts, prints, bound books and loose archival material. This archival material is complete without any losses from 1652 until today. These highly valuable sources for the history of Protestantism were chosen as a representative material. The material is certainly of interest for all European citizens which are interested in their history.



From the material point the various writing materials, leathers, parchment and paper in this archive are found in almost any historic collection in Europe, promising significant results useful for any other institution in Europe and around the world.

In total this project couldn't have been realized without a substantial interdisciplinary, international dialogue. By combining art and culture, history and science and health topics the project clearly became more than its individual parts.

Duration: 01.05.2012 – 20.04.2014

Lead: University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna (AT)

Project partners: Protestant Parish of the Holy Trinity in Świdnica (PL), European Research Center for Book & Paper Conservation- Restoration (AT), Charles-University Prague (CZ), ICARUS, Technical University Graz (AT)

Funding programme: Culture Programme 2007-2013

Website: [www.menandbooks.icar-us.eu](http://www.menandbooks.icar-us.eu)



## BAS-NET – Archival cooperation across borders



Carrying on the work started in the similar cross-border project Net.Archiv (2008-2010), the Interreg Project BASNet continued the digitization and research on archival content concerning the common historic background of the border region of Upper Austria, Salzburg and Bavaria. Additionally the set-up of a digitally available database of important persons was developed to support the historic research in the named area.

Duration: 01.07.2012 – 30.06.2014  
 Lead: ICARUS  
 Project partners: Upper Austrian Regional Archives (AT), Archives of the Archdiocese Salzburg (AT), Archives of the Diocese Passau (DE)  
 Funding programme: European Territorial Cooperation Programme (ETC) "Gemeinsam grenzenlos gestalten INTERREG Bayern – Österreich 2007 – 2013  
 Website: [www.bas-net.eu](http://www.bas-net.eu)

## Memory without borders" (CrArc)

The history of Austria and the Slovak Republic has many common characters. Those common properties were concealed for a fairly long time, for example because of the so called "Iron curtain". Since the Middle-European countries joined the European Union those barriers disappeared and new room for a fertile cultural exchange have been established. Numerous important documents and written historical sources of the border region Austria and the Slovak Republic are kept in the national, regional and clerical archives of both countries. For a fairly long time those mutual European cultural beneficiaries were barely open for the interested public. In order to make those sources available to the public and to foster an intensive exchange of knowledge and experience across the national borders, the establishment of the virtual platform <http://crossborderarchives.eu> based on current scientific and technological standards, has been implanted and provided free of costs. Through the virtual access to historical data, experts and the interested public can use this pool of information now for studies on the cultural heritage, local history, tourism, in school lessons or in further education for adults.



Duration: 01.02.2012 – 30.06.2014  
 Lead: ICARUS  
 Project partners: Austrian State Archives (AT), Netzwerk Geschichte NÖ in cooperation with the Lower Austrian Archives (AT), Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic - Department of Archives (SK)  
 Funding programme: European Territorial Cooperation Programme (ETC) Creating the future - Slovak Republic - Austria  
 Website: <http://crossborderarchives.eu>

## New Projects

### community as opportunity: the creative users' and archives' network (co:op)

The EU-funded project “community as opportunity – the creative users' and archives' network” (co:op) will officially be inaugurated with a first Kick-Off Meeting at Břevnov Archabbey in Prague (CZ) on 27-29 April 2015.

co:op is an international project comprised of 17 archival and scientific institutions from 12 European countries and aims at strengthening transnational cooperation between archives and their users. A variety of creative, pedagogical and didactic activities will further not only the safekeeping of our shared European history but even more explore this shared history of ours, lowering thresholds between institutions and user communities.



THE CREATIVE  
ARCHIVES' AND USERS'  
NETWORK

Detailed information on the project aims and the planned activities will be soon available on the project's homepage which is currently still under construction.

The Kick-Off Meeting will take place parallel to the international conference “Archival Cooperation and Community Building in the Digital Age”.

Click [here](#) for more information on the Kick-Off Meeting.

Duration: 01.12.2014 – 30.11.2018  
Lead: Hessian State Archives in Marburg, Germany  
Project partners: International Centre for Archival Research (ICARUS), National Archives of Hungary (MNL) HU, Budapest City Archives (BFL) HU, National Archives of the Czech Republic (NACR) CZ, Croatian State Archives (HDA) HR, Swedish National Archives (RA) SE, Finnish National Archives (NA) FI, National Archives of Estonia (NAE), General Directorate of Archives Munich (GDA) DE, Archive of the Diocese of St. Pölten (DASP) AT, Historical Archives of Bizkaia (AHEB-BEHA) ES, Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM) ES, University of Naples Federico II (UNINA) IT, University Graz (UNI Graz) AT, University of Cologne (UCO) DE, Balkan Institute SANU (BISANU) RS  
Funding programme: Creative Europe Programme, Category 2 – Cooperation Projects  
Website: [www.coop-project.eu](http://www.coop-project.eu)





## New members (since October 2013)

- Archives of the Republic of Srpska (BA)
- UCLA Department of Information Studies (USA, CA)
- National Centre of Manuscripts (GE)
- Archive of the Protestant Church in Austria (AT)
- Gesher Galicia, Inc. (USA, CA)
- State Archives of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg (DE)
- Centre for Advanced Medieval Studies in Belgrade (SRB)
- Sofia University Library (BG)
- Archive of the Benedictine Monastery Admont (AT)
- Museum of Slavonija (HR)
- Historical Archives of Novi Sad (SRB)
- Royal Canonry of Premonstratensians at Strahov (CZ)
- University of Jyväskylä (FI)
- Swedish National Archives (SE)
- State Archive of Dubrovnik (HR)
- Computer Genealogy Society (DE)
- Historical Archives of Subotica (SRB)