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EHRI in Prague



▲ The EHRI Project Management Board Meeting

EHRI Partners assembled in May in Prague for several meetings and a Workshop on Privacy. See full write-up below.



▲ A Tour of The Jewish Cemetery, Prague

The meetings were hosted by the Jewish Museum in Prague, an EHRI Partner. Participants had time for a tour of the museum and Jewish cemetery.

Workshop on Privacy: The Foundations of an EHRI Privacy Policy

By Dirk Luyten and Hans Boers, Work Package 3, CEGES-SOMA, Belgium

Work Package 3 on 'Privacy, Access and Copyright Policies' organized its first workshop in the Jewish Museum and the National Archives in Prague on 23 and 24 May 2011. The workshop focused on privacy, a key issue for EHRI. Members of all work packages were invited to identify the core problems and discuss a common privacy policy.

Privacy is an ongoing concern for EHRI, and one that will become increasingly important over the course of the project as sources are integrated into the infrastructure. In addition, in the coming years the European data protection directive (95/46/EC), which is the main legal means to protect privacy, will be revised. The aim of the workshop in Prague

was to establish a precise idea of what privacy protection entails from a judicial point of view and how privacy protection is dealt with in the archives and documentation centres involved in EHRI.

The judicial angle was analysed from a theoretical and practical point of (cont. on p.2)

(from p.1) view. Using publications of other European research projects, which can serve as ‚good practice‘ guides, an introduction was given on the basic principles of the European legislation ruling privacy protection. Since the instrument for privacy protection is a directive, transposition in the national legislation is necessary.



Workshop on Privacy

The Dutch privacy law was used to illustrate this process. The Dutch law was an obvious choice, since the controller of the research infrastructure and the processing of personal data is established in the Netherlands and, as a consequence, the Dutch law is to be observed.

Surveys

The data protection directive states that data protection authorities (DPA's) should be established in the member states to organise protection of personal data and to implement the rules of the directive in practice. The DPA's, who have a specialized knowledge of privacy legislation, must be informed about the processing of personal data. Last winter, WP 3 organized a survey of more than twenty European DPA's, focussing on three issues: the legislation(s) to be observed, the role of the DPA and the obligations of the personal data processors, as well as the transferral from one country to another. We limited ourselves to the countries in which it is likely that personal data will be processed for EHRI.

The survey showed important differences in the national privacy laws (eg definition of personal data, definition of a data subject). In most countries included in the survey, privacy was protected by other laws than the privacy law. Laws on archives and on judicial data are of particular interest to EHRI. In some Eastern European states, the files of the security forces of the communist and Nazi-regimes are ruled by specific legislations, kept in special institutions and with specific conditions for access, entailing privacy protection. Another conclusion, useful for EHRI in the future, was that most DPA's can be asked for advice on particular questions.

Alongside this judicial approach, Work Package 3 also looked at how privacy protection was organised by the archives and documentation centres participating in EHRI. The hypothesis was that, for ethical reasons, the internal regulations would be stricter than the privacy laws. This proved not to be the case: institutions complied with the law, but the policy was to keep access as open as possible.

Conclusions

The aim of the workshop was twofold: on the one hand to get a precise idea of the rules on privacy protection and the problems which will have to be solved in the future, and on the other hand, to design a common EHRI-policy regarding privacy protection after discussion with all the partners. As far as the first objective is concerned, the surveys gave a good idea of the questions to be taken into account. The information from the DPA's on the relevant legislation will be collected and as such form the first part of a digital handbook. Furthermore it was decided to finalize the notification with the Dutch Data Protection Authority. The need for notification to other DPA's will be evaluated regarding the sources which are integrated in the infrastructure. Moreover, it was decided to establish a special committee for privacy. A specific privacy regulation for EHRI will be elaborated.

EHRI Fellowships in Holocaust Studies 2012

EHRI is pleased to invite applications for its 2012 Fellowship Programme.

EHRI Fellowships are intended to support and stimulate Holocaust research by facilitating international access to key archives and collections. The fellowships will support researchers and younger scholars, especially PhD candidates with limited resources. Candidates from Central and Eastern Europe are especially encouraged to apply.

The following EHRI partners are offering Fellowships:



NIOD: Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Offering two fellowships on a competitive basis.



Jewish Museum in Prague

Prague, Czech Republic

Offering two fellowships on a competitive basis.



Institute of Contemporary History

Munich, Germany

Offering two fellowships on a competitive basis.



Yad Vashem – The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority

Jerusalem, Israel

Offering two fellowships on a competitive basis.



The Shoah Memorial Museum, Centre for Contemporary Jewish Documentation

Paris, France

Offering four fellowships on a competitive basis.

EHRI Fellowships include a stipend for housing and living expenses as well as travel to and from the institution. Recipients are responsible for securing any necessary visas. Fellows will have access to the research infrastructure of the respective EHRI partner institution including access to a computer. The average length of the researcher's stay is four weeks, but the Fellow may extend the stay at his/her own expense and in accordance with the host institution and visa regulations. Fellows will be expected to spend three days a week at the host institution to conduct research. Research at other institutions in the vicinity of the respective host is encouraged. The Fellowships are funded by the European Union.

All application materials must be submitted in English or German. The application must include:

- A completed application form.
- A curriculum vitae (maximum 2 pages).
- A four to five page (1,250-1,500 words) detailed research project proposal related to the Holocaust (including its antecedents and aftermath) that the applicant plans to undertake

during the term of the fellowship as well as an explanation of which institution(s) an applicant wishes to apply to and why this choice fits the chosen research topic.

- A letter of recommendation from a reputable academic who is familiar with the applicant's work. A letter of recommendation should include evaluation of the applicant's proposed research as well as the overall quality of the applicant's work. The letter may be sent by email as a scan (including the recommender's signature and letterhead) with the application or directly by the recommender. The letter must be received before the application deadline.
- Applicants must also designate a second recommender in the application form. The recommender may be contacted directly by EHRI.

All application material can be sent as an email attachment in DOC or PDF format to bennett@ifz-muenchen.de. Please send all application material together. Submissions must reach EHRI by **30 September 2011**. Late submissions will not be accepted. Decisions will be announced by December 2011.

More information about EHRI Fellowships can be found at www.ehri-project.eu/Fellowships. This includes research profiles of the participating EHRI partner institutions and the respective Holocaust research environment in their cities, and the **application form** for the EHRI Fellowship.

EHRI-Stipendien für Holocaust-Studien 2012

EHRI (European Holocaust Research Infrastructure) ruft hiermit zu Bewerbungen für das EHRI Stipendienprogramm für 2012 auf.

Mit den EHRI-Stipendien soll die internationale Holocaustforschung unterstützt und angeregt werden, indem sie den Zugang zu zentralen Archiven und Sammlungen zum Holocaust ermöglichen.

Das Stipendienprogramm richtet sich an s owohl an Forscherinnen und Forscher als auch den wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchs, besonders aber an Doktorandinnen und Doktoranden mit begrenzten Ressourcen. Besonders Kandidatinnen und Kandidaten aus Mittel- und Osteuropa sind aufgefordert, sich zu bewerben.

Umfassende Informationen finden sich unter: www.ehri-project.eu/Fellowships.

Stypendia EHRI – Program Badań nad Holokaustem 2012

EHRI (Europejska Infrastruktura Badań nad Holokaustem) zaprasza do składania wniosków w ramach programu stypendialnego na rok 2012.

Stypendia EHRI mają na celu wspieranie oraz stymulowanie badań nad Holokaustem poprzez udostępnianie zaawansowanej infrastruktury w tym zakresie, czyli kluczowym archiwów i kolekcji związanych z Zagładą.

Stypendia skierowane są do badaczy oraz młodych naukowców, zwłaszcza doktorantów z ograniczonym dostępem do materiałów źródłowych. Do składania wniosków szczególnie zachęcamy kandydatów i kandydatki z Europy Środkowej i Wschodniej.

Pełny pakiet informacyjny można pobrać ze strony: www.ehri-project.eu/Fellowships.

EHRI stipendia pro studium holocaustu 2012

EHRI (European Holocaust Research Infrastructure, Evropská infrastruktura pro výzkum holocaustu) vydala výzvu na podávání žádostí o stipendia na rok 2012.

Cílem stipendií EHRI je podněcovat výzkum holocaustu podporou lepšího přístupu k "infrastrukturám výzkumu holocaustu", tj. významným archivům a sbírkám vztahujícím se k holocaustu.

Stipendia jsou určena na podporu výzkumníků a mladých vědců, zvláště doktorandů s omezenými finančními možnostmi. Přihlášky od kandidátů ze střední a východní Evropy jsou obzvláště vítány.

Kompletní informace jsou k dispozici na: www.ehri-project.eu/Fellowships.

Стипендии EHRI в области изучения Холокоста, 2012

EHRI (Европейская инфраструктура по исследованию Холокоста) приглашает кандидатов к подаче заявок для участия в программе стипендий на 2012 год.

Стипендии EHRI предназначены для поддержки и интенсификации исследований Холокоста. Цель программы - обеспечить ученым из разных стран доступ к развитой "инфраструктуре исследований Холокоста" - основным тематическим архивам и коллекциям.

Стипендии рассчитаны на исследователей и молодых ученых, в первую очередь аспирантов с ограниченными средствами. Особенно приветствуются заявки на стипендии от кандидатов из Центральной и Восточной Европы, работающих тематически в области Холокоста.

Для получения полного объема информации обращайтесь на сайт: www.ehri-project.eu/Fellowships.

EHRI is looking for Holocaust Researchers

Can you help EHRI by joining our Research Users' Advisory Committee?

Are you a Holocaust researcher who would like to follow the developments of EHRI?

Would you be willing to provide us with feedback on our ideas and approach, and comment on the usability of prototype tools and services?

Key to the success of EHRI will be to engage with researchers working in the field of Holocaust research; to understand their research practices, and to ensure that their requirements are fully understood and incorporated into the resulting infrastructure. To that end the project has a work package (WP16) devoted to working with researchers both within and outside of educational institutions in order to gather their requirements for the EHRI infrastructure. To help us with this task we are establishing a Research Users Advisory Committee.

The primary responsibility of the Committee members will be to provide focused feedback and comment on our approach and the outcomes of our work, and to contribute suggestions for the EHRI infrastructure. For example, we might ask you to provide feedback on the survey questionnaire, or to comment on a prototype user interface. Members may also be invited to join EHRI workshops or focus groups, although there will be no obligation to attend. Participation on the Committee will allow members to follow the EHRI project as it develops and, most importantly, to shape its direction by providing us with input about your requirements and needs.

If you are interested, please contact: Petra Links p.links@niod.knaw.nl.

Technothings A Presentation of EHRI in Athens

By Agiatis Benardou, DCU, R.C. 'Athena', Greece

On Saturday 14 May 2011, the students of the postgraduate course on Cultural Management at the Department of Communication, Media and Culture, Panteion University in Athens, organised 'Technothings', a mini-conference on art, collections and the media, as well as information requirements, digital tools and the technology of knowledge and culture.



Agiatis Benardou at 'Technothings'.

The event, followed by a long discussion, included papers by young researchers whose

research interests lie in the fields of the Arts and Humanities, Museum Studies, and Media and Information technology. Among the speakers was Dr. Agiatis Benardou, Digital Curation Unit (DCU), R.C. 'Athena', who gave a paper entitled 'Challenges and preliminary results on information practices and user requirements in Arts and Humanities research: The cases of DARIAH and EHRI'.

Agiatis, alongside her colleagues Prof. Panos Constantopoulos, Dr. Costis Dallas, Dr. Dimitris Gavriliis and Stavros Angelis, was responsible for the work on user requirements as well as conceptual modelling within the 'Preparing DARIAH' (cont. on p.6)

(from p.5) project, and is now working on EHRI Work Package 16 (User Requirements) alongside KCL and NIOD. Agiatis discussed the work carried out by DCU on the technical work package of DARIAH, her own empirical research and its outcomes, and she briefly presented the conceptual model of scholarly research activity developed by DCU within the project. Moreover, Agiatis presented an

introduction to the work DCU will be undertaking within EHRI, and discussed the similarities and differences between EHRI and DARIAH with regard to user requirements. This was the first presentation on EHRI made by a member of the DCU team, and also the first time EHRI has been presented to an audience in Athens, Greece.

An Information Database for EHRI Work Package 17, Standards and Guidelines

Across Europe many institutions manage collections related to the Holocaust, and an overview of these institutions and their collections will be a central part of the EHRI portal. At present, several subprojects (called work packages) within EHRI are working together to create a database as a central source of up-to-date information for this purpose.

The information in the database is not only important for the final stage of the portal, but is also vital for its creation. For instance, the Work Package „Investigation and Identification’ (of Holocaust related material) is already collecting this kind of information, which will immediately be put into the database.

Currently Work Package 17 (Standards and Guidelines), in close cooperation with Work Package 19 (Data Integration Infrastructure), is designing the central database where this information can be edited by different people. We intend to establish this database according to international standards so we ensure that the information is complete and can be easily exchanged with other projects and portals in the future.

Standards we are focussing on at this moment are:

ISDIAH - International Standard for Institutions with Archival Holdings:

<http://www.archives.org.il/UserFiles/File/120585386415.pdf>

ISAF - International Standard for Activities/Functions of Corporate bodies:

http://www.gobcan.es/cpi/igs/temas/archivos/docs/isaf_ingles.pdf

ISAAR (CPF): International Archival Authority Record for Corporate Bodies persons and families:

[http://www.icacds.org.uk/eng/isaar\(cpf\).pdf](http://www.icacds.org.uk/eng/isaar(cpf).pdf)

ISAD (G) - General International Standard Archival Description: [http://www.icacds.org.uk/eng/ISAD\(G\).pdf](http://www.icacds.org.uk/eng/ISAD(G).pdf)

ISBD – International Standard Bibliographic Description: <http://www.isbd.org/EdCenter/index.asp>

EHRI hosts International Workshops

Every year EHRI partners will organize several expert workshops on methodologies for Holocaust related sources. Participation is possible by submitting a proposal. After admission, travel, accommodation and subsistence costs will be reimbursed. The first workshop will be held in July 2011 at Yad Vashem. „Recording the Names’ is a workshop for Names Computerization Experts. In September, a further workshop

will be organized at NIOD, Amsterdam, on The Holocaust and the (Digital) Photographic Documentation.

Both calls for these workshops are now closed, but there will be others.

For future workshop calls and to find out more please visit our website
www.ehri-project.eu/events.

People in EHRI

Veerle Vanden Daelen, Leader of Work Package 15, Identification and Investigation

In every issue of the EHRI Newsletter we will introduce someone who works for EHRI. This time: Veerle Vanden Daelen, who leads Work Package 15 on the identification and investigation of collections with Holocaust related material.



When the director of Ceges-Soma, Rudi Van Doorslaer, contacted me about EHRI last year, I was very enthusiastic to become part of the project. The work package I am coordinating identifies Holocaust-

related sources. It delivers the content (the material) with which other work packages construct the EHRI infrastructure in order to make it accessible to the wider research community. Jewish history and migration history have been the main focus points of my academic work over the last ten years. My PhD examined the return of Jewish life to Antwerp (Belgium) after the Second World War, and my postdoctoral research concerned Jewish life in Antwerp in the first half of the twentieth century. The history and ramifications of the Holocaust have always

been very present in my research and teaching. Joining EHRI will allow me to expand my focus to all of Europe and to contribute to the facilities for further research. I am very excited about the international nature of this project. I have my office at Ceges-Soma (Centre for Historical Research and Documentation on War and Contemporary Society) in Brussels, but the other partners within Work Package 15 are in Jerusalem, London, Munich, and Warsaw. The input and expertise from these different perspectives will be greatly beneficial to the success of EHRI. Teleconferencing will help me work with colleagues throughout Europe, but I will also be doing some work-related traveling, which I very much enjoy, as long as I manage to have some time left over for building sand castles, looking for sticks in the garden, working on train tracks, and other such activities – in short, for quality time with my husband and our two sons (a three-year-old and a five-month-old). I also play violin in two chamber orchestras (nothing professional or fancy, but lots of fun).

For more information, please visit www.ehri-project.eu.

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