

RECORDING THE NAMES”
International Workshop for Names Computerization Experts
July 2011

Within the framework of the **European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI)**
Program

Call for Papers

Dear Colleague,

We would like to invite you to the workshop “Recording the Names” that will take place at Yad Vashem between July 3rd and July 6th, 2011.

This will be the sixth names computerization workshop to be held at Yad Vashem. We intend to invite about 20 representatives from different institutions that deal with computerization of the names of Nazi victims to participate in the workshop. The workshop will focus on the implications of reaching the milestone of 4 Million Shoah victims documented in the Central Database of Holocaust Victims’ Names and the impact on further efforts towards the collection of Holocaust Victims’ Names. Our main purpose for this year is to look for, present and discuss new, additional or alternative sources of names from the areas where a high percentage of Holocaust Victims are still nameless, such as the former USSR, Poland, Romania, Hungary, etc.

We will also wish to focus on the current and potential uses of the victims’ names repositories as well as cooperation with users groups and communities, such as family researchers, communities associations and memorial projects. Last but not least, we will try to see to what extent new available technologies can be of help in our efforts to document all or most of the victims.

The international workshop planned for July will take place within the framework of the European Holocaust Research Infrastructure (EHRI) program, supported by the European Union.

Topics for discussion at the workshop:

1. **Mapping the potential for new or additional sources of Holocaust victims’ names:** Presentations of local surveys and/or estimates of different sources available in archives, libraries, monuments or memorial projects and any other types of repositories relevant to Holocaust victims from the East European countries.
2. **Analysis of the behavior and needs of users of victims’ names repositories’:** Presentations of surveys and observations concerning users from the perspective of the names repositories managers as well as from that of users groups and

communities; discussion of possibilities of cooperation and harnessing the users' potential to help with adding new victims' names or new documentation on already documented victims.

3. **Management and consolidation of names data:** Discussion of technological procedures for cross-referencing data and possibilities to integrate new knowledge tools (soundex, etc.) to optimize retrieval.

Also on the Program:

1. Lecture on the "Transports to Extinction – Deportation of Jews" project and its presentation (by the International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem)
2. Tour of Yad Vashem – for anyone who has not yet visited the museum or wants to revisit it
3. Optional tour of Jerusalem

Framework:

Sunday, July 3: Assembly and Opening (afternoon)

Monday-Wednesday, July 4-6: Workshop Days

The workshop will be conducted in English at Yad Vashem, with approximately 20-25 participants, most of them from abroad.

We are asking for your response before April 26 in order to have enough time to organize the event. Please tell us whether you are interested to give a presentation on one or more of the above topics, or you are interested only in participating in the workshop. All participants will have the opportunity to install short digital presentations of their institutions' projects on a free access computer and also to exhibit printed material for the duration of the workshop.

Subsidies will be available to participants in accordance with European Commission guidelines and the EHRI project budget.

Please mark the dates: July 3-6, 2011, and let us have your response as soon as possible. Requests to participate in the workshop should be sent to:

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The success of this workshop depends on your voluntary participation and contribution.

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