



EUROPEAN HOLOCAUST RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE



EHRI Newsletter - March 2020

Some Good News in Uncertain Times

Due to the coronavirus crisis most of you will by now be living and working under difficult circumstances in a state of more or less severe lockdown. Our first concern is for your health and safety.

EHRI has always been as much about connecting collections as about connecting people. Now that we all have to stay in, EHRI continues to offer its many online services and resources. If your private and professional circumstances allow it, you can still do your research on the [EHRI Portal to Holocaust Sources](#), read the latest [online edition on Early Holocaust Testimony](#), catch up on all the [EHRI blog posts](#), or start the [Online Course in Holocaust Studies](#).

Last but not least, in the midst of these uncertain times, EHRI received some good news that we wanted to share with you and you can read in this newsletter.

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EHRI Receives New Funding to Sustain and Develop Resources and Services

25/03/2020



Green Light for Fellowship and Training Programme

Last week, the European Commission announced that EHRI would receive new funding from the Research and Innovation Programme **Horizon2020** to sustain and further develop its main resources and services. Already in the process of transforming from a project into a permanent body for international Holocaust research, EHRI now, with this new funding, can maintain and expand its successful resources, such as the **fellowships**, **training activities** and the **EHRI Portal**. Hence, over the next 4 years, EHRI will follow two paths: developing into a permanent infrastructure and progressing as a longstanding, active project. Having both streams of funding is especially good news for our user community as it means that they can keep on using EHRI's new and improved services, while behind the scene, foundations for a stable organization are being built.

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Next Phase of EHRI Kicked Off in Munich

05/03/2020

Between 11 and 13 February 2020, the EHRI consortium assembled in Munich to kick-off a new era. EHRI's longstanding partner, the **Center for Holocaust Studies at the Leibniz Institute** for Contemporary History, kindly hosted the event.



The European Holocaust Research Infrastructure was founded in 2010 and established itself during two project phases. In December 2019, EHRI entered a new phase in which it will transform itself from a project into a permanent, sustainable entity. To mark this, around sixty people representing fifteen partners from thirteen countries gathered in Munich.

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EHRI Document Blog: "It is Folly not to do Anything, Even if one can not do Everything"

01/03/2020



On August 19, 1944, a quite extraordinary thing happened in Hungary, which had been under German occupation for five months already. Dr János Benedek, the leading civil servant of the Kiskőrös district, ordered the internment of István Velich, the agricultural officer of the district and

local functionary of the Eastern Frontline Companions' Association. This fascist, paramilitary organization – comprising of 200 members –, which had been founded in 1942 by veterans who had served at the Russian front, was infamous for its extreme anti-Semitic and anti-communist conviction and the obsession with remaining loyal to the Germans until the end. Until March 19, 1944, the time of the German occupation, it operated illegally, afterwards, they stepped up openly. The members organized unexpected attacks on Jews and leftist workers, as a result of which they earned the dubious reputation of one of the most dreaded organizations.

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Searching for life stories from World War II on Warlives.org

11/02/2020

300,000 UNIQUE RECONSTRUCTIONS FROM A RANGE OF SOURCES

What did my family go through during the war?

You may now find out on [Warlives.org](#): The starting point for research into the personal histories of Dutch WWII eye-witnesses. Never before have the individual stories of people during wartime been revealed by bringing together a large number of scattered sources.



And there will be more to come: The [Dutch Network of War Collections](#), which initiated the project and has connections with EHRI, is continuing to add and expand timelines, in collaboration with organisations that manage sources.

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EHRI partners

- NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies (NL)
- CEGES-SOMA Centre for Historical Research and Documentation on War and Contemporary Society (BE)
- Jewish Museum in Prague (CZ)
- Jewish Historical Institute (PL)
- King's College London (UK)
- Ontotext AD (BG)
- Elie Wiesel National Institute for the Study of Holocaust in Romania (RO)
- DANS Data Archiving and Networked Services

- Institute of Contemporary History Munich - Berlin (DE)
 - YAD VASHEM The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority (IL)
 - United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USA)
 - Bundesarchiv (DE)
 - The Wiener Holocaust Library (UK)
 - Holocaust Documentation Centre (SK)
 - Polish Centre for Holocaust Research (PL)
 - The Jewish Museum of Greece (GR)
 - Kazerne Dossin: Memorial, Museum and Documentation Centre on Holocaust and Human Rights (BE)
 - (NL)
 - Shoah Memorial, Museum, Center for Contemporary Jewish Documentation (FR)
 - Arolsen Archives: International Center on Nazi Persecution (DE)
 - Hungarian Jewish Archives (HU)
 - INRIA Institute for Research in Computer Science and Automation (FR)
 - Vilna Gaon Jewish Museum (LT)
 - VWI Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies (AT)
 - Foundation Jewish Contemporary Documentation Center (IT)
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