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The New Conny Kristel Fellowship Programme: Building Communities of Knowledge

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In the autumn of 2020, EHRI will publish a new call for its Conny Kristel Fellowship Programme.
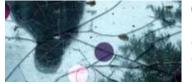
The Conny Kristel Fellowships (formerly EHRI Fellowships) provide scholarly and trans-national access to high-level research infrastructures within the EHRI consortium. In the past project phase, EHRI awarded fellowships at fifteen of its partner institutions to a total of 145 successful applicants, who came from all over the world.

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EHRI in an Upside-Down World. Covid-19 and Holocaust Research and Education

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By Roxana Popa, Public Relations Counsellor at EHRI partner, The "Elie Wiesel" National Institute

for the Study of the Holocaust In Romania, and involved in EHRI communications.

In a moment, our world turned upside-down. Caught in a whirlwind of actions, on a fast forward rhythm, we woke up in a world we no longer recognize, forced to STOP, to prioritize, to understand what our needs are, and what helps us to adapt and cope with change. First, overwhelmed by the shock of the change, we began to understand the role of health and freedom. The privilege of doing simple things without restrictions, things that not long ago might have annoyed us or seemed trivial. After that, we realized how much we miss human interaction, and how lucky we are (at least most of us) to be able to interact remotely, online. Maybe it is now that we have understood the benefits that technology brings to our lives, and we have also understood that to feed our sense and need of belonging, the world could not stop. We must go on with our lives: working, learning, and doing all the things that define our normality. Doing this differently, but continuing it.

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The 2020 IHRA Ministerial Declaration: A World That Remembers The Holocaust – A World Without Genocide

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"As we mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of German Nazi concentration and extermination camps and other sites of persecution and murder, we, the High Governmental Representatives of the Member Countries of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) honor the victims and survivors of the Holocaust (Shoah) which engulfed the Jewish people. We honor, too, the victims and survivors of the genocide of the Roma and others who were persecuted. We promise to never forget those who resisted the Nazis and those who protected or rescued their persecuted fellow human beings. Today, the world still faces genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity and continued threats to pluralistic, democratic and inclusive societies."

On 19 January 2020, ministers and representatives of 35 countries and international organisations assembled in Brussels and adopted the 2020 IHRA Ministerial Declaration, a document that for years to come will guide their work in Holocaust remembrance, education and research, and against antisemitism, antigypsyism and other forms of discrimination.

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New Yad Vashem Campaign Harnesses Crowd-sourcing

to Create Personal Files for Holocaust Victims

30/06/2020

While most of us had to stay at home due to the Covid-19 lockdown, EHRI partner Yad Vashem created something good out of a difficult situation and launched a unique crowd-sourcing project.

Yad Vashem's online Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names contains information on more than 4.8 million individuals from millions of Pages of Testimony, as well as millions of documents from the YV Archives. In fact, increasingly more data comes from the "building blocks" – the bits of information on individual Shoah victims that is gleaned from documents collected from archives worldwide. In many cases various records relate to the same person and, if they could only be grouped together, we could tell a more complete story of their life and fate.

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New EHRI Blog: Jewish Emigration to Palestine in interwar Czechoslovakia

19/05/2020

In 1939, people interested in Hachshara training, i.e. professional, ideological, and practical training for life in Palestine, filled in questionnaires at the Hehalutz office. These questionnaires contain detailed personal information that can be used to form an analysis of Hachshara activities and the participants. By mapping the places where Hachsharot training centers were held, this new EHRI Document Blog post offers insight to changes in the Jewish geography of interwar Chzechoslavakia and the very limited possibilities for emigration in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia.

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