

34TH ICARUS CONVENTION

ARCHIVES REFLECTING 21ST CENTURY CHALLENGES – MIGRATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Date: 12th-14th of May **Venue: Museum of Hungarian Agriculture | Budapest, Vajdahunyad Castle**

The ICARUS Convention #34 will bring together diverse initiatives that explore how archival materials and practices respond to pressing global challenges of the 21st century, such as migration and climate change. The convention will be hosted by the National Archives of Hungary on May 12–14, 2025 in Budapest at the Museum of Hungarian Agriculture (1146, Budapest, Vajdahunyad Castle).

Under the overarching theme “Archives Reflecting 21st Century Challenges,” the convention will highlight the dual role of archives as custodians of historical memory and active participants in addressing contemporary issues. Highlighted topics among others are:

1. Archives and Traces of Migration. ICARUS Convention hosts the Archives and Traces of Migration project’s closing event. This symposium will explore the archival and documentary traces of migration, examining how archives can document, preserve, and make accessible the histories of migrant communities and individuals. Despite the massive historical and growing movement of people between countries and around the globe, as well as the burgeoning economic, political, and cultural interest in many countries of origin to build closer ties with their diasporas, migrant individuals and communities often fall between the cracks of library, archival, museum, and other cultural heritage institutions.

2. Sustainable Archives and Greener Approaches. Recent events such as the pandemic, armed conflict and natural disasters have demonstrated the significant role of cultural heritage in every country. Resilience, adaptation strategies and contingency actions are crucial elements for any society. The increasing impacts of climate change, natural and man-made hazards, and related technological, environmental, and biological risks have endangered considerable parts of the archival heritage. These kinds of circumstances frequently imply the need for a quick response. Related sessions will focus on the role of archives in addressing human-made or natural catastrophies, climate change and sustainability, exploring innovative practices and strategies for reducing the environmental footprint of archival institutions.

3. Monasterium.net This event introduces the next line of features implemented in the upcoming version of Monasterium.net (MoM NG). We showcase major functional updates that enhance how users interact with the data. The presentation will cover parts of the user space, advanced (similarity) search capabilities that include textual, visual, and hybrid methods, as well as elements of explainable artificial intelligence. While primarily a presentation format, we will highlight key points with (live) demonstrations to illustrate how these innovations transform traditional browsing and search functionalities. Through this combination of overview and selected hands-on examples, participants can gain a better understanding of MoM NG's inner workings and its evolution to a cutting-edge document exploration and analysis platform.



Conference Program

Date: Monday, 12th May

Venue: Museum of Hungarian Agriculture, Budapest

Registration

Time	Registration Main building, 1st floor
08:30 - 09:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee

Plenary Sessions

Time	Symposium Archives and Traces of Migration Conference Hall
09:30 - 10:00	Welcoming words, Opening speeches
10:00 - 11:30	AToM Session 1 Archival heritage of past migrations
11:30 - 12:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
12:00 - 13:30	AToM Session 2 Migration through archival lenses
13:30 - 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>

Parallel Sessions

Time	ATOM Symposium Conference Hall	AToM Symposium Hunter's Room
14:30 - 16:00	ATOM Session 3 Archival challenges	AToM Session 4 Jewish Histories, Emigrant Networks, and the Power of Archives
16:00 - 16:20	Celebrating the Contributions of National Archives of Hungary Community Archives Volunteers	

Social Program

Time	Program
	Cultural visits (pre-registration required)
17:00 - 18:30	<i>Option 1.</i> Open Society Archives Budapest 1051, Arany János u. 32. max. 30 attendees
	<i>Option 2.</i> National Museum Conservation and Storage Centre Budapest 1135, Szabolcs u. 33-35. max. 20 attendees
19:30 - 22:00	Evening Reception Cloister of the Ják Chapel



Date: Tuesday, 13th May

Venue: Museum of Hungarian Agriculture, Budapest

Registration

Time	Registration Main building, 1st floor
08:30 - 09:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee

Parallel Sessions

Time	ICARUS Monasterium update Conference Hall	AToM Symposium Hunter's Room
09:00 - 11:00	ICARUS Session ongoing activities, introducing new members, ICARUS4All community	AToM Session 4 Archival heritage of past migrations
	Monasterium portal updates Current situation and future prospects	
11:00 - 11:30	<i>Coffee break / Main building 1st floor</i>	
11:30 - 13:00	SAGA Session 1	AToM Session 5 Migration through archival lenses
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch Break / Main building, 1st floor</i>	

Afternoon Sessions

Time	AToM Symposium Conference Hall	SAGA Workshop Hunter's Room
14:00 - 15:30	AToM Session 6 Archival challenges	SAGA Session 2
15:30 - 16:00	AToM Handbook promotion & Closing remarks	

Social Program

Time	Program
16:30 - 18:30	<i>Option 1.</i> Traditional ICARUS soccer game Mini Arena of the Budapest City Park (open air)
	<i>Option 2.</i> Visiting the Main Building of the National Archives of Hungary Budapest 1014, Bécsi kapu tér 2-4.) max. 20 attendees
	<i>Option 3.</i> Visiting the Arcanum Digitization Workshop Transport will be provided from conference venue. Max. 15 attendees
19:00 - 22:00	Dinner at your own expenses Recommended restaurants: Gundel Restaurant (Reservation: https://gundel.hu/en/) TWENTYSIX° Budapest (Reservation: https://twentysixbudapest.com/) VakVarjú Restaurant (Reservation: https://pest.vakvarju.com/en/fooldal-english/)



Date: Wednesday, 14th May

Venue: Museum of Hungarian Agriculture, Budapest

Registration

Time	Registration Main building, 1st floor
08:30 - 09:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee

Plenary Sessions

Time	SAGA Workshop Conference Hall
09:00 - 10:30	SAGA Session 3
10:30 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 - 12:30	SAGA Session 4
12:30 - 13:00	Closing Remarks and Farewell

Note: The program is subject to change. Please check for updates!



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FULL PROGRAM

PRELIMINARY VERSION

ATOM Session 1 - Archival heritage of past migrations Monday 10:00 - 11:30 (moderator: Žarko Vujošević)

- Emilio Cammarata: Immigrants and humanists networks at the outset of printing
- Emel Sherif Miftar: Traces of Migration in Ottoman archival material for Skopje in XIX Century
- Nina Milanović: A question of identity in migration literature: examples of the quest for Self in the novel After Christ by Vassilis Alexakis and the essay Mediterranean Breviary by Predrag Matvejević

ATOM Session 2 - Migration through archival lenses Monday 12:00 – 13:30 (Vlatka Lemić)

- Vivien Rapali: The Hungarian Technical Intellectuals: Challenges in Researching Their Migration and Legacy - A Case Study of Viktor Babits Papers
- Nikicag Tasevska: Emigration from the Prespa region – Republic of Macedonia
- Barnabás Pálinkás: The Return of József Szilágyi's Documents. Sources of Hungarian Emigration in the RETÖRKI Collection
- Hajnalka Bánszki: National Archives of Hungary: Population Exchange between Czechoslovakia and Hungary (1946–1948)

ATOM Session 3 - Archival challenges Monday 14:00– 16:00 (Birgit Kibal)

- Kristine Racina: Expatriates and Archives: Bridging the Gap in Migration Documentation – keynote lecture
- Vlatka Lemić: The ATOM project through facts and figures
- Ildikó Szerényi: Innovative Uses of the Population Exchange Files

ATOM Session 4 – Jewish Histories, Emigrant Networks, and the Power of Archives Monday 14:00 – 16:00 (Peer Boselie)

- Maruska Nenezic: Traces of Jews through land registers in the department historical archives of Kotor
- Yuval Lubin: The Jewish National Fund in Hungary
- Gloria Guida, Claudia Grossi: The Emigrant Service Fund in the Historical Archive of the Bank of Naples

ATOM Session 5- Archival heritage of past migrations Tuesday 9:00 – 10:30 (Zoltán Szatucsek)

- Magdalena Wisniewska-Drewniak: The movement between countries without moving: A German minority community archive in Poland and its impacts and practices
- Peer Boselie: Europe, migrating around one person
- Monika Grdiša Asić: A short term migrations from Dubrovnik Republic to Italy: 18th Century student case study
- Jasenka Feber Bogdan: Artist on the Move – Legacy of Sculptor Rudolf Valdec at the Archives of Fine Arts of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts

ATOM Session 6 - Migration through archival lenses Tuesday 11:00– 13.00 (Karl Heinz)

- Réka Bakos and Anna Fenyvesi, Hungarian Roots & American Dreams
- Zsófia Komlósi-Gera: Building a Living History Collection within the ATOM Project in NAH
- Miguel Ángel: Echoes of Migration: A Social Media Exhibition of Shared Histories
- Tamara Štefanac: Why Should Migration Concern Archives? The Theoretical and Professional Rationale of the Archives and Traces of Migration Project (2022–2025)
- Ana Vukadin: Organizing knowledge about migrations: exploring the experiences of Universal Decimal Classification

ATOM Session 7 - Archival challenges Tuesday 14:00 – 15:30 (Miguel Ángel Bermejo Alonso)

- Paul Dudman and Rumana Hashem: The Living Refugee Archive: Participatory Approaches for Ethically Archiving the Lived Experiences of Displacement – keynote lecture
- Csaba Szilágyi: Welcome to the archives: creating a safe space for people and records on the move



- Ana Roeschley: What is our archival responsibility to refugees?

SAGA Session 1 – Preservation risks in changing environment

- Miguel Ángel Bermejo Alonso.: SAGA project: General introduction and workplan.
- Samir Musa: Understanding risk management
- Domenico Pangallo or Jelena Pavlović - Potential Data Thieves and Health Threats: Microbiota in the Archival Environment

SAGA Session 2 – Archives in Danger: The Impact of Armed Conflict on Collections

- Birgit Kibal: Because of a war: a case study of an archive's relocation in and around Estonia within 300 years
- Luigi Tufano: The proximity of history and the digitization of diocesan archives: The case of the Historical Diocesan Archive of Nola
- TBA MNL

SAGA Session 3 – Greening Archives

- Giada Matheisen: Unlocking Archival Resources for Environmental Research – The Bavarian State Archives' Participation in the German National Research Data Infrastructure (NFDI)
- Forget Chaterera-Zambuko: Greening digital records management: insights from the United Arab Emirates' initiatives
- TBA MTU (online)

SAGA Session 4 – Conservation in Cultural Heritage Practice

- TBA (FOK, Poland): Protecting built heritage through risk assessment
- Katalin Orosz, Szabolcs Gyórfy: Strategy and Practice of Sustainable and Safe Long-Term Preservation of Endangered Photographic Originals at Budapest City Archives
- TBD MRRK