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INTERNATIONAL CENTRE
FOR ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

Dear ICARUS Community,

It’s been a while, but we hope summer has treated you nicely and autumn will also show its best side. But while the days are getting shorter, activities and events are getting more numerous – so we are looking forward to a busy final quarter of the year.

One of the highlights on the horizon is our **37th ICARUS Convention, held jointly with the DTI (Digitise – Transform – Inspire) Conference in Prague, 18–20 November 2026**. Hosted at the historic Břevnov Monastery in cooperation with the DTI Alliance and the National Archives of the Czech Republic, the event already gathered so much interest, that our places on site are already fully booked!

Before Prague, you will also have the opportunity to connect in **Bucharest on 13–14 November 2026**, where the **ICA European Regional Branch (EURBICA)** will hold its General Assembly and Conference under the theme “Archives across Borders: Pedagogies, Practices, and Partnerships.” The event will explore how education, interdisciplinary research, digital innovation, and international partnerships can help archives respond to new challenges and reach wider audiences. Registration is still open until 1 November 2026.

Thanks to the increase of collaborations with new and aspiring members, as well as through our other European network connections, we are happy to share with you some interesting funding and support opportunities:

- **Offer from “Global Authentic Memory Initiative” (GAMI)**: join their service as part of a piloting phase where ICARUS members can benefit from free collaboration and support.
- **Funding opportunity: 5.000 EUR** to finance the development and delivery of in-person **training activities dealing with 3D cultural heritage** – as part of the EU co-funded project “3D-4CH”. Call for participation has been expanded to 29 October.

In addition to this other exciting news, we are delighted to see the ICARUS family continuing to expand, welcoming **new members and partners** who share our commitment to preserving documentary heritage, embracing digital innovation, and making historical sources more accessible to everyone. Every new connection strengthens our international network and brings fresh expertise, ideas, and opportunities to work together.

Thank you for being part of our community!

Your ICARUS-team

Note: to accommodate our ICARUS4all-readers we included a German

summary below. / Eine deutsche Zusammenfassung der Informationen finden Sie **hier**.

ICARUS Convention #37/ DTI Prague 2026, 18-20 November 2026

Scheduled for 18-20 November in the historic premises of Břevnov Monastery in Prague, our joint event together with the DTI-Alliance and the National Archives of the Czech Republic is **already fully booked**.

For those who already registered we have some relevant updates concerning the programme:

- ***new***: **Workshop on Time Machine Organisation's "Time Atlas"**: learn how the tool uses spatial and temporal context to connect archival collections, engage new audiences, and inspire new research questions. In this hands-on session, participants will learn to showcase and collaboratively explore their own data, discover materials from other collections, and ensure sources and contributing institutions remain acknowledged. Friday, 20 November, 10:35-11:50.
- ***change of timing***: **Workshop by GAMI** on "Proving Authenticity in the Age of Deepfakes: Inside the Backend That Secures Archival Files" by Francesco Zambonin and Pablo Toussaint was moved to a new timeslot - commencing on Thursday 19 November at 15:15.
- ***additional guided tour*:** visit the **National Archives of the Czech Republic** on Friday, 20 November - feel free adapt your registration using the link in your confirmation mail.

ICARUS / DTI Prague

EURBICA 2026 Assembly and Conference in Bucharest, 13-14 November 2026

Archives across Borders: Pedagogies, Practices, and Partnerships

The European Branch of the International Council on Archives (EURBICA) invites archival professionals, educators, researchers, historians, IT experts, and cultural heritage specialists to its 2026 General Assembly and Conference in **Bucharest, Romania, on 13–14 November 2026**.

Organised in collaboration with the ICA Section for Archival Education and Training (SAE) and the National Archives of Romania, the event will provide an international platform for exchanging knowledge, exploring innovative approaches to archival practice, and strengthening cross-border cooperation.

The conference, taking place on **14 November at the National Archives of Romania**, will focus on the intersection of archival practice, education,

interdisciplinary research, and digital transformation. Key topics include innovative teaching methods and archival training; artificial intelligence, digital humanities, and improved access to archival collections; interoperability and Linked Open Data; and the ethical and professional challenges posed by emerging technologies, climate change, and other global risks. The programme aims to foster sustainable partnerships between archives, universities, researchers, and cultural heritage institutions.

The **EURBICA General Assembly (members only)** will take place on **13 November at the Bucharest Central University Library**. The Assembly and Conference offer valuable opportunities to connect with colleagues from across Europe and beyond, share experiences, and discuss the future of archives, professional education, and international collaboration.

The **registration** was extended until **1 November 2026.**

EURBICA 2026

Exclusive Offer: Protect the Authenticity of Your Digital Records with GAMI

The **Global Authentic Memory Initiative (GAMI)** is a global non-profit initiative that helps **preserve the authenticity and credibility of historical digital records** in an era of AI-generated images, videos and audio. GAMI partners with archives, memorial sites, museums and other remembrance organisations to facilitate the creation of long-term, publicly verifiable proof of the authenticity of digital historical materials.

Its central idea is simple: make it possible to verify that a historical file is genuine in its recorded form, came from a particular institution, and existed at a particular point in time.

Key qualities of GAMI

- **Authenticity and integrity**: GAMI creates a cryptographic fingerprint of a digital file, allowing users to check whether it has been changed since it was registered.
- **Proof of existence over time**: It records cryptographic evidence on a public, tamper-evident ledger, helping establish that a particular file existed in a specific form by a particular date.
- **Verifiable institutional provenance**: Digital signatures link records to their originating institutions, such as archives or memorial sites, so their source can be independently checked.
- **Privacy-conscious and decentralised**: Original files remain within the institution's own systems. GAMI records cryptographic proofs rather than uploading the underlying material, and its verification approach does not depend on trusting one central authority.
- **Open and designed for long-term use**: GAMI uses an infrastructure with open-source code, an open proof format and a registry designed to be mirrored by independent parties.

As ICARUS member you now have the great opportunity to **anchor a collection free of charge with GAMI** via a simple method: your institution computes cryptographic fingerprints (SHA-256 hashes) of its digital holdings on its own servers. No file ever leaves the institution, and nothing is modified. The institution signs these fingerprints, which are then anchored in open, tamper-evident public infrastructures.

If you're interested, get in touch with the colleagues at GAMI via info(at)authenticmemory.org (read more about the mission & vision of GAMI here and the onboarding process here)

Get to know GAMI also at our Convention in Prague – please note that the timing for the respective workshop has changed to 15:15 on Thursday, 19 November.

Authentic Memory

Support for Training Events on 3D Digital Cultural Heritage

The 3D-4CH Training Synergy Call, launched by the 3D-4CH Online Competence Centre and our partner Time Machine Organisation (TMO), offers up to six grants of €5,000 each to organisations developing **practical training workshops in 3D digital cultural heritage**.

Eligible applicants include museums, archives, universities, research institutions, public bodies and private companies based in EU Member States or Horizon Europe-associated countries.

Activities must align with the 3D-4CH curriculum, covering the lifecycle of 3D projects, from digitisation to data management and reuse.

Workshops should be primarily in-person and hands-on and are scheduled to run from January to October 2027.

Applications close on **29 October 2026**.

Submit your proposal

The ICARUS Community is Expanding

Within the past months our ICARUS family has been constantly growing. In addition to a significant number of individuals joining us as associated members (via ICARUS4all), it is our great pleasure to announce the following new additions to the ICARUS network:

New institutional members:
- Directorate-General for Books, Archives and Libraries (DGLAB, PT) - the Portuguese government agency under the Ministry of Culture responsible for national archives, public libraries, and book promotion.
- National Archives of Finland (FI) - the Finnish national archival body holding over 200 shelf-kilometers of records from the 14th century to the present day.

Our most recent company members are:
- Greyscale limited (UK)

- Historic Records (UK)
- Max Communications (UK+US)

All three companies have vast experience in **document digitsation, image processing, data management, digital archiving, and corresponding software solutions**, and are happy to support our ICARUS community with their expertise and know-how. Meet them during our "Companies Market" session at the ICARUS Convention #37/ DTI Prague on our first day from 18:25-19:20.

Welcome to ICARUS - great to have you on board!!

Join ICARUS

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Liebe Mitglieder und Freunde von ICARUS!

Es ist schon eine Weile her, aber wir hoffen, dass ihr einen schönen Sommer hattet und auch der Herbst sich auch noch weiter von seiner besten Seite zeigt. Während die Tage kürzer werden, nimmt die Zahl der Aktivitäten und Veranstaltungen jedoch zu – und so freuen wir uns auf ein ereignisreiches letztes Jahresviertel.

Eines der Highlights, auf die wir uns besonders freuen, ist unsere **37. ICARUS Convention, die gemeinsam mit der DTI-Konferenz (Digitise – Transform – Inspire) vom 18. bis 20. November 2026 in Prag stattfindet**. Die Veranstaltung wird in Zusammenarbeit mit der DTI Alliance und dem Nationalarchiv der Tschechischen Republik im historischen Kloster Břevnov ausgerichtet. Das Interesse ist bereits so groß, dass alle Plätze vor Ort ausgebucht sind - weitere Anmeldungen kommen auf die Warteliste.

Noch vor Prag habt ihr die Gelegenheit, euch am **13. und 14. November 2026 in Bukarest** zu vernetzen. Dort veranstaltet die **Europäische Regionalgruppe des Internationalen Archivrats (EURBICA)** ihre Generalversammlung und Konferenz unter dem Motto „Archives across Borders: Pedagogies, Practices, and Partnerships“ (Archive über Grenzen hinweg: Pädagogik, Praxis und Partnerschaften). Im Mittelpunkt steht die Frage, wie Bildung, interdisziplinäre Forschung, digitale Innovation und internationale Partnerschaften Archiven dabei helfen können, auf neue Herausforderungen zu reagieren und ein breiteres Publikum zu erreichen. Die Anmeldung ist noch bis zum 1. November 2026 möglich.

Dank der zunehmenden Zusammenarbeit mit neuen und potenziellen Mitgliedern sowie unserer weiteren Verbindungen innerhalb des europäischen

Netzwerks freuen wir uns, euch einige interessante Förder- und Unterstützungsmöglichkeiten vorstellen zu können:

- **Angebot der Global Authentic Memory Initiative (GAMI):** Werdet Teil einer Pilotphase und profitiert als ICARUS-Mitglieder von kostenloser Zusammenarbeit und Unterstützung.
- **Fördermöglichkeit: 5.000 EUR** für die Entwicklung und Durchführung von **Präsenzschulungen zum Thema 3D-Kulturerbe** im Rahmen des EU-kofinanzierten Projekts „3D-4CH“. Die Frist für die Einreichung von Interessenbekundungen wurde bis zum 29. Oktober verlängert.

Neben diesen weiteren spannenden Neuigkeiten freuen wir uns besonders darüber, dass die ICARUS-Familie stetig wächst und wir neue Mitglieder und Partner begrüßen dürfen, die unser Engagement für die Bewahrung des dokumentarischen Kulturerbes, die Förderung digitaler Innovationen und den besseren Zugang zu historischen Quellen für alle teilen. Jede neue Verbindung stärkt unser internationales Netzwerk und bringt neue Fachkenntnisse, Ideen und Möglichkeiten für die Zusammenarbeit mit sich.

Vielen Dank, dass ihr Teil unserer Community seid!

Euer ICARUS-Team

ICARUS Convention #37 / DTI Prag 2026, 18-20 November 2026

Unsere gemeinsame Veranstaltung mit der DTI Alliance und dem Nationalarchiv der Tschechischen Republik findet vom 18. bis 20. November in den historischen Räumlichkeiten des Klosters Břevnov in Prag statt und ist **bereits vollständig ausgebucht**.

Für alle, die sich bereits angemeldet haben, gibt es aber einige wichtige Neuigkeiten zum Programm:

- ***Neu:*** **Workshop zur „Time Atlas“-Plattform der Time Machine Organisation:** Erfahrt, wie das Tool räumliche und zeitliche Kontexte nutzt, um Archivbestände miteinander zu verknüpfen, neue Zielgruppen anzusprechen und neue Forschungsfragen anzuregen. In dieser praxisorientierten Session lernen die Teilnehmenden, ihre eigenen Daten zu präsentieren und gemeinsam zu erkunden, Materialien aus anderen Sammlungen zu entdecken und sicherzustellen, dass die Quellen sowie die beitragenden Institutionen weiterhin angemessen gewürdigt und genannt werden. **Freitag, 20. November, 10:35–11:50 Uhr.**
- ***Zeitliche Änderung:*** Der **GAMI-Workshop** von Francesco Zambonin und Pablo Toussaint zum Thema „Proving Authenticity in the Age of Deepfakes: Inside the Backend That Secures Archival Files“ wurde auf einen neuen Zeitslot verlegt: **Donnerstag, 19. November, ab 15:15 Uhr.**
- ***Zusätzliche Führung:*** Besucht das **Nationalarchiv der Tschechischen Republik** am Freitag, dem 20. November. Ihr könnt eure Anmeldung gerne über den Link in eurer Bestätigungs-E-Mail entsprechend anpassen.

Bitte beachten Sie, dass die Konferenzsprache **Englisch** ist.

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