



# APEF Newsletter

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The Archives Portal Europe Foundation  
monthly newsletter

## Dear APEF friends

Welcome to the [Archives Portal Europe Foundation](#) Newsletter #9 !

The APEF Newsletter brings you all the news on the Archives Portal Europe Foundation and its network - plus interesting stories from the world of European archives.

If you want to contribute to the newsletter, please contact ([info@archivesportaleuropefoundation.eu](mailto:info@archivesportaleuropefoundation.eu))

## FROM APEF

### NEW ASSOCIATES & BOARD MEMBER

Two new prestige institutions have joined APEF's Assembly of Associates: the [Archives State Agency of the Republic of Bulgaria](#) (Държавна Агенция Архиви), represented by Mihail Gruev, and the [UK National Archives](#), represented by Jeff James.

Furthermore, Zoltán Szatucsek, director of the [National Archives of Hungary](#) (Magyar Nemzeti Levéltár), is the new member of the Governing Board. For more information on the work of the Governing Board and the Assembly of Associates, and on how to join, please visit the [APEF website](#).

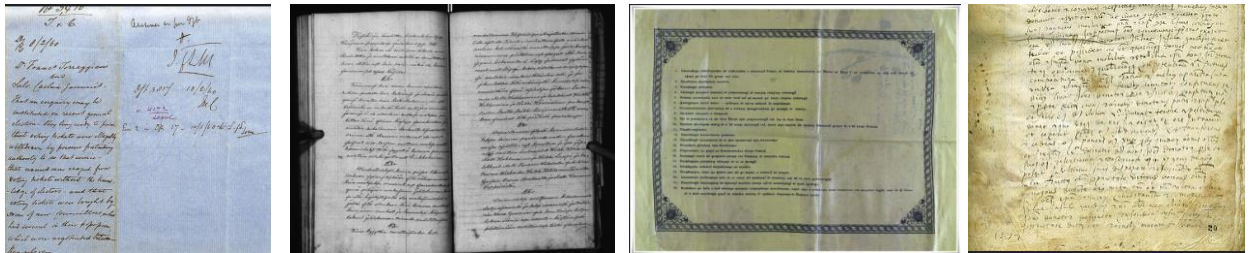


РЕПУБЛИКА БЪЛГАРИЯ  
Държавна агенция "Архиви"



## #AllezDemocracy ! – THE DEMOCRATISATION OF EUROPE

The online exhibition in collaboration with [Europeana](#) continues! The campaign on the democratisation of Europe was launched on the 19<sup>th</sup> September, on social media and on the [Archives Portal Europe Foundation](#) website. The campaign will continue over the next months – to catch up and to contribute to the project, please visit the [dedicated page](#) on APEF's website, or follow the hashtag **#AllezDemocracy**



## NEW CONTENT PROVIDERS

Three new Content Providers have joined Archives Portal Europe: the [Kreisarchiv Stormarn](#), a German municipal archive, responsible for the traditions and records of the district of Stormarn since 1867; the German district archives of [Rhein-Kreis Neuss](#), in the west of North Rhine-Westphalia; and the [Archives de Lille](#), the municipal archives of Lille, France, which hold 7 linear km of documentation, the oldest records dated as early as 1088



## COUNTRY MANAGER MEETING IN TALLINN

On the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September, the Country Managers of the Archives Portal Europe Foundation met in Tallinn, hosted by the Tallinna Linnaarhiiv, the Tallinn City Archives. Discussions on future projects for APEF and archival integration were interspersed with a visit to the archive and its unique manuscript collection



## RESEARCH WITH APE – A call for contribution to researchers

On the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October Archives Portal Europe was hosted by the INET (Institute for New Economic Thinking) Festival in Edinburgh, where it presented a call for paper for history researchers to use APE for their research and evaluate the new possibilities offered by the Portal and digital archives in general to history research.



### ***RESEARCH ARCHIVES PORTAL EUROPE – a new way to do historical research***

*Archives Portal Europe ([www.archivesportaleurope.net](http://www.archivesportaleurope.net)), the largest online archive catalogue in the world, is seeking contributions from history researchers - of any field and time period – to conduct research using the Portal, thus establishing new ways of approaching primary sources in the digital era.*

*The Digital has brought about enormous challenges and opportunities to archives, as well as to historical research. While the preservation of digital-born sources and digitisation processes caused a real revolution amongst archivists, historians and researchers can also approach the discipline in different ways, thanks to new tools such as online access and indexing standardisation - just to mention a few.*

*Since 2009, a consortium of archives from all over Europe has been working to integrate and digitise all European archives in one single repository.*

*Archives Portal Europe (APE) now holds almost 260 million descriptive units from thousands of archival collections from all over Europe. This material is organised and made freely available online: [www.archivesportaleurope.net](http://www.archivesportaleurope.net)*

*The Portal allows to search from thousands of archival collections from all over the world, starting with a simple Google-like query with keywords. It also supports multilingual search, allowing to search in different languages with the same query. A full explanation of how to conduct research in Archives Portal Europe is available here:*

*<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsRb2rwCngo&t=310s>*

*Archives Portal Europe is seeking help from historians of any time period, field, or career level, to contribute to determine what are the elements of novelty that this type of research can bring about in historical research. For this reason, the Archives Portal Europe Foundation (APEF) is calling for volunteers to conduct short pieces of research, on any topic or time period, which use Archives Portal Europe as a research source, and explore the new possibilities that the Portal and Digital Archives in general can offer to historical research. This can include, without being restricted to:*

- Transnational aspects of European History*
- Comparing isolated European communities and parallel lives*
- Historical events and characters as narrated by different archives*
- Multilingual and quantitative research*
- Memory and impacts of global events across Europe*

- *Different narrations of historical events (e.g., the Napoleonic period; the Cold War; the 1848 revolution)*
- *Taxation across Europe*

*Topics and approaches to the usage of the Portal are completely free, and the research can be part of ongoing projects towards academic papers, books, or other. The Portal holds documents from ancient times until the present, and from more than twenty countries in Europe, which allows for a vast array of experimentation.*

*The output of the research should be a short paper of 1500-3000 words that outlines the advantages and shortcomings of Archives Portal Europe (and of digital archives in general) as a tool for historical research. The papers will be published in a collective volume available online on the Archives Portal Europe website ([www.archivesportaleuropefoundation.eu](http://www.archivesportaleuropefoundation.eu)), which will be cited as a case study for research on academic archives.*

*The paper can be written in any of the languages represented in Archives Portal Europe; however, papers written in languages other than English should be accompanied by a 800-word summary in English.*

*In order to participate, please send a short research proposal in English (max 500 words), contact details (including Skype number) and short bio to [info@archivesportaleuropefoundation.eu](mailto:info@archivesportaleuropefoundation.eu) by the **15<sup>th</sup> December 2017**. Research proposals will be then discussed with the APEF technical team; the final deadline for the papers will be the **15<sup>th</sup> of April 2018**.*

## COMING UP

### **The British Library's Endangered Archives Programme Call for Applications – deadline 17 November**

The **Endangered Archives Programme** of the **British Library** is now accepting grant applications for the next round of funding. Detailed information on the timetable, criteria, eligibility and application procedures is available on the [Programme's website](#). The deadline for receipt of preliminary grant applications is midnight GMT, **17th November 2017**. Since it was established in 2004, the Programme has so far funded some 325 projects in 88 countries worldwide, with grants totalling over £8 million. The aim of the Programme is to contribute to the preservation of archival material worldwide that is in danger of destruction, neglect or physical deterioration. The endangered archival material will normally be located in countries where resources and opportunities to preserve such material are lacking or limited. The Programme is keen to enhance local capabilities to manage and preserve archival collections in the future and it is essential that all projects include local archival partners in the country where the project is based.

For further details of application procedures and documentation as well as EAP projects and collections, please visit the [website](#)



## MOMathon #4

You are invited to the 4<sup>th</sup> online MOMathon!

MOMathon is an online event concerned with the [Monasterium portal](#) – Europe's virtual charters archive. It gives everyone interested in refining the accessibility of digital available historic documents the opportunity to collectively enhance the world's largest database of medieval and early modern charters.

MOMathon #4 will take place on **30 November 2017**. For more details on how to participate, and on the prize awaiting the winner, please log on the [website](#). To learn about the past MOMathons, visit the European Archival Blog [here](#)



## APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT

### State Archive of Darmstadt, Germany – 27 November 2017s

On behalf of our colleagues from the State Archives of Hessen, we would like to extend the invitation to participate in the colloquium "Appraisal Management" which will be held at the State Archive of Darmstadt on 29 November 2017.

The event addresses the possibilities and chances to improve control and procedure of appraisal and presents several instruments that have been developed in this regard.

Since all archives are confronted with comparable challenges in the field of appraisal, but solve them differently in part, a closer exchange appears to be promising, not least with respect to potential synergies.

Please find the colloquium's agenda and further information here (in German):

[https://landesarchiv.hessen.de/kolloquium\\_bewertungsmanagement](https://landesarchiv.hessen.de/kolloquium_bewertungsmanagement)

In case of further questions, please contact Eva Rödel from the State Archives of Hesse: [Eva.Roedel@hla.hessen.de](mailto:Eva.Roedel@hla.hessen.de)

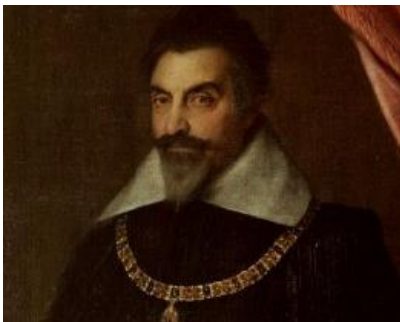
**THE RISORGIMENTO IN TERNI: men and ideas on the way to Rome - the Fratini brothers' contribution**  
**Terni, Italy, 20 October - 7 December 2017**

The State Archive of Rieti is organising a series of events to celebrate the 150<sup>o</sup> year (1867-2017) of the military campaign for the conquest of Rome during the Italian unification process (the "Risorgimento"). The celebrations will include a historical re-enactment of the campaign and a series of events at the Rieti State Archive, which holds the documentation on two of the main protagonists of the campaign, the brothers Federico and Augusto Fratini. More information on the Italian State Archives' [website](#) (*in Italian*)



**REVEALING PAPERS**

**Modena, Italy, 19 October - 23 November 2017**



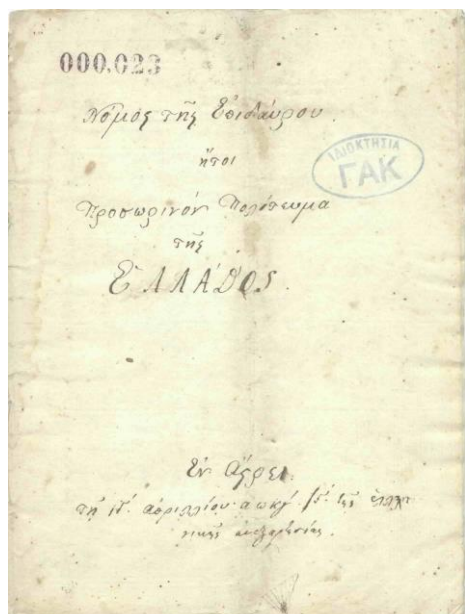
The Modena State Archive and the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia are organising a cycle of conferences on the history of the House of Este, the rulers of Ferrara, Modena, and Reggio between the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> century. More information on the Italian State Archives' [website](#) (*in Italian*)

**MASS DEACIDIFICATION OF ARCHIVE AND LIBRARY COLLECTIONS MADE OF GROUNDWOOD PAPER - A NEW METHOD**  
**Danube University, Krems, Austria - 29 November 2017**

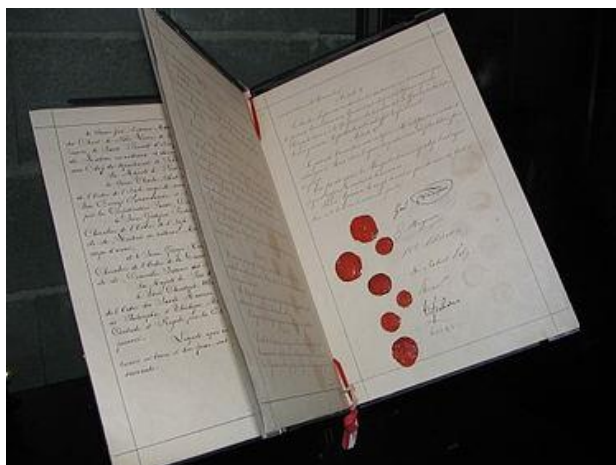
A conservation seminar will be held on the 29th November at the Danube University in Krems, Austria, on "Mass deacidification of archive and library collections made of groundwood paper". The seminar introduces an innovative nano mass deacidification method which has been developed by the University of Graz and the Danube University. More information [here](#). The working language is *German*



## FEATURED DOCUMENTS



Our [Featured Documents exhibition](#) continues, as part of the [#AllezDemocracy](#) series.



## IN THE LOOP

### The Social Networks and Archival Context (SNAC) Cooperative

The Archives Nationales de France, National French Archives, are partners in the [SNAC Cooperative](#) project, which aspires to improve the economy and quality of archival processing and description while addressing the longstanding research challenge of discovering, locating, and using distributed historical records by building a global social-document network using both computational methods and human curation. The project is led by the University of Virginia, which has recently been awarded \$750,000 by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to complete the project. For this final phase, the University of Virginia Library is collaborating with the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration and 27 other Cooperative members. The objectives include: the development of “cooperative ingest tools” that will enable data-contributing institutions to collaborate in refining and ingesting data into SNAC, and in return to receive persistent identifiers to enhance their descriptive data; the refining and enhancing the History Research Tool for researchers; performing computational refinement and enrichment of existing SNAC data. For additional information and possible collaborations, please contact Daniel Pitti ([dpitti@virginia.edu](mailto:dpitti@virginia.edu)) or Ivey Glendon ([img7u@virginia.edu](mailto:img7u@virginia.edu))