

**Historical Bibliography as an Essential Source for Historiography. 5th International Conference on European Historical Bibliographies 2013**

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The fifth International conference of the project „European Historical Bibliographies“ was held in Prague in the Villa Lanna on November 7th - 8th, 2013.<sup>1</sup> Two main objectives of this conference were to discuss the issue of national historical bibliographies in European countries and the importance of bibliography as an information source for historiography. This joint project of cooperation among national historical bibliographies was established in 2007 under the auspices of the Berlin - Brandenburg Academy of Sciences in Berlin. Its aim is to unite the so far diversified national bibliographic projects on a European level and in this way to achieve a more comprehensive searching in these prospectively involved resources and thus promote international comparative historical research. The conference was organised with support of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic (LM2011018 - Bibliography of the Czech Lands History).

The conference was opened by the director of the Historical Institute Eva Semotanová. She firstly greeted the participants in her introductory speech and then spoke about the importance of bibliography for the historical community. Afterwards, JAROSLAV PÁNEK (Prague) summarized in his methodological paper the importance of bibliography for orientation in the ever growing historiographical production and also appreciated the effort of „European historical bibliographies“ to establish a common platform of national bibliographic databases in Europe. The following program was divided into three thematic sections. Session one was entitled „Historical bibliographies and their utilization in scientific research“. It was launched by VÁCLAVA HORČÁKOVÁ and VĚRA HANELOVÁ (both

Prague) presenting their paper „Bibliography of the Czech Lands' history. The project of modernization and international cooperation“. They summed up the actual outputs of the first two years' work on this project funded by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports under the Roadmap Czech Republic – large infrastructures. These outcomes are: the use of new opportunities brought to the bibliographic database thanks to the implementation of international standards (MARC 21) in particular and a new software.<sup>2</sup>

After the break, LENE EKLUND-JÜRGENSEN (Copenhagen) from the Royal Library in Copenhagen in her paper „Memoirs and autobiographies on the occupation of Denmark from 1940 to 1945. Danish historical bibliography as an essential information source“ addressed options which various Danish bibliographies offer in terms of searching for autobiographies and memoirs for the study of World War II. BERNADETTE CUNNINGHAM (Dublin) gave a brief overview of the history of historical bibliography in divided Ireland, recalled its remarkable personalities and also pointed out the reflection of changing political and cultural circumstances in the bibliographic processing of Irish history. LUDGER SYRÉ (Karlsruhe) from the Landesbibliothek in Karlsruhe introduced individual German provincial bibliographies and demonstrated search options which bring a large amount of diverse information.

The second section was devoted to the history of historical bibliography and its leading figures of the past. BRIGITTE KERIVEN (Paris), an editor of *Bibliographie annuelle de l' Histoire de France*, spoke about the changing priorities in research focused on the course of the World War II and the anti-fascist resistance movement in France. Her paper was based on the research of bibliographic records in French historical bibliography between 1964-2010. MARIE MAKARIUSOVÁ (Prague) in her paper „The founders

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<sup>1</sup> All the texts of the conference can be found on the website of European historical bibliography, <<http://www.histbib.eu/>>, (16.3.2014).

<sup>2</sup> Bibliography of the History of the Czech Lands, Data are freely available on -line at <<http://biblio.hiu.cas.cz/>>, (16.3.2014).

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of Czech historical bibliography. Čeněk Zíbrt, Josef Pekař, Josef Kazimour, Josef Klik and Stanislava Jonášová - Hájková" introduced to the audience these most significant personalities. HELMUT TEUFEL (Brno) from the Society for history of the Jews in the Czech Republic spoke in his extensive lecture „Defense of a bibliography of Jewish history in Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia“ about genesis and authors of a series of bibliographies on Jewish history in the Czech lands. The session closed with a written contribution by ROBERT LUFT (Munich) from the Collegium Carolinum. In his study „Heinrich Jilek (1902-1986), a librarian and a bibliographer of the Czech lands. To the history of bibliographic work in the 20th century“, Robert Luft mapped life and work of this Czech-German bohemist, slavist, librarian and bibliographer.

The other conference day was dedicated to the third thematic section whose point of interest laid in the use of software applications in historical bibliography with special emphasis on international cooperation. EVA KRAUS (Munich) from the Bavarian State Library and MATTI STÖHR (Berlin) from the Berlin - Brandenburg Academy of Sciences introduced a project heading towards a unified „German Historical Bibliography“ in their joint paper. The project's aim is to prepare such platform that would enable to search the most important bibliographic databases for the topics related to German history in Germany. IRENA TUMELYTĖ (Vilnius) from the Lithuanian Historical Institute spoke about Lithuanian cooperation on a joint bibliography which is being created together with the Herder Institute in Marburg. She mainly dealt with differences in bibliographic classification which have their stems in a different approach of both historiographies. WERNER BOSSHARD and NATHALIE VUILLEUMIER (both Berne), representatives of cooperating institutions, demonstrated the use of Swiss historical bibliography for the needs of a historical encyclopedia of Switzerland (Historisches Lexikon der Schweiz).

STEFAN WIEDERKEHR (Berlin) from the Berlin - Brandenburg Academy of Sciences focused in his lecture on the issue of personal authorities, its unification and application in the largest German historical biblio-

graphic database Jahresberichte für deutsche Geschichte. LIBOR ŠIMEK (Prague) from the National Library in Prague delivered a paper on a similar topic. In his contribution he stressed the importance and further development of unification of national name authorities in bibliographic databases, libraries, archives, museums and other heritage institutions. JÜRGEN WARMBRUNN (Marburg) from the Herder Institute in his contribution summed up the past and present of Marburg's ongoing bibliographic project which encompasses the cooperation of national historical bibliographies on a joint database of the history of Central and Eastern Europe.

After lunch, GÉRALD PÉOUX, ISABELLE HAVELANGE and CYRIL MATHEVON (all Paris) in their paper „Annual bibliography on French history: Data remodelling as first step towards a comprehensive tool for European historiographies“ evaluated the latest trends in French historical bibliography, primarily concerning the computer data processing. The last speakers were JAN LHOTÁK (Sušice) and JIŘÍ NOVÁK. Their contribution dealt with two closely related topics: firstly, they spoke about bibliographic processing of history of Šumava/Bohemian Forest and secondly, they discussed general issues of regional bibliography. KRISTINA REXOVÁ (Prague), a representative of the Bibliographic department of the Historical Institute, evaluated the conference as a whole and closed the session.

Historians and bibliographers from Denmark, France, Ireland, Lithuania, Germany and Switzerland gathered along with many Czech experts from a number of historical institutions and libraries to debate a large scale of themes. This diversity also mirrored in lively and open discussions that followed each block of papers. A deep interest in the issue of combining history, bibliography and data processing was obvious. The organization of the following, already the sixth conference of European historical bibliographies respectively, was promised by the representatives of Switzerland.

#### **Conference Overview:**

Eva Semotanová (Institute of History, The Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic,

Prague), Opening Address

Jaroslav Pánek (The Institute of History, The Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague), Historian's Remarks on Historical Bibliography

*Session 1 – Historical Bibliographies and their Utilization for Scientific Research*

Václava Horčáková / Věra Hanelová (Department of Historical Bibliography, The Institute of History, The Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague), Bibliography of the Czech Lands History. Project of its Modernisation and International Cooperation

Lene Eklund-Jürgensen (The Royal Library, Copenhagen), Memoirs and Autobiographies on the Occupation of Denmark 1940–45. Two Danish Historical Bibliographies as Essential Sources for People's History

Bernadette Cunningham (Irish History Online / Royal Irish Academy, Dublin), Multiple Histories: Historical Bibliographies in a divided Ireland

Ludger Syré (Badische Landesbibliothek, Karlsruhe), Die Recherchemöglichkeiten in den Online-Datenbanken der deutschen Landesbibliotheken

*Session 2 – History of Historical Bibliographies and Their Essential Personalities*

Brigitte Keriven (Institut d'Histoire Moderne et Contemporaine, CNRS/ENS, Paris), France during World War II. Historiographic Analysis Based upon the Annual Bibliography of French History (Bibliographie annuelle de l'histoire de France) 1964–2010

Marie Makariusová (The Institute of History, The Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague), Founding personalities of the Bibliography of the Czech History

Helmut Teufel (Společnost pro dějiny židů v České republice, Brno), Plädoyer für eine Bibliographie zur Geschichte der Juden in Böhmen, Mähren und Schlesien

*Session 3 – Software Applications and Historical Bibliographies (with special interest in international cooperation)*

Eva Kraus (Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, München) / Matti Stöhr (Jahres-

berichte für deutsche Geschichte, Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin), On the way to a „German Historical Bibliography“. State and perspectives – The DFG Project „Continued Cooperative Development of Historical Subject Bibliographies“

Irena Tumelytė (Lithuanian Institute of History, Vilnius), Current Lithuanian historical bibliography

Werner Bosshard (Historical Dictionary of Switzerland, Bern) / Nathalie Vuilleumier (Swiss National Library, Bibliography on Swiss History, Bern), The Use of the Bibliography on Swiss History for Electronic Historical Resources: The Example of the Historical Dictionary of Switzerland

Stefan Wiederkehr (Jahresberichte für deutsche Geschichte, Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin), How to Retrospectively Enrich a Bibliographical Database with Authority Records. Lessons learnt at Jahresberichte für deutsche Geschichte

Libor Šimek (National Library of The Czech Republic, Prague), Creation of Personal Authorities as a Tool for Unified Access to Heterogenous Bibliographical Databases

Jürgen Warmbrunn (Herder Institut für historische Ostmitteleuropaforschung – Institut der Leibniz-Gemeinschaft, Forschungsbibliothek, Marburg), Historical Bibliographies on East Central Europe – a Collaborative Approach

Gérald Péoux / Isabelle Havelange / Cyril Mathevon (Institut d'Histoire Moderne et Contemporaine, IHMC/CNRS, Paris), Annual Bibliography on French History: Data Remodeling as a First Step Towards an Exhaustive Tool for European Historiographies

Jan Lhoták (Muzeum Šumavy, Sušice) / Jiří Novák, History of Historical Bibliography of the Šumava Mountains and Problems of Regional Bibliography Today

*General Discussion and Conclusion*

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