

UNESCO Memory of the World Programme (MoW)
Sub-Committee on Education and Research (SCEaR): Network of
Cooperating Institutions¹

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Austria

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Activities in past years: Diverse courses and lectures on: theory of cultural memory, canon, literary museums and exhibitions.

Czech Republic

Národní knihovna České republiky Praha (National Library of the Czech Republic, Prague).

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Activities:

- *National library with long-term involvement in the Memory of the World programme (many pilot projects in 1990s incl. the first one).*
- *Jikji prize in 2005, three collections inscribed in the MoW International Register. Strong digitization (manuscripts and old printed books, PPP project with Google, mass digitization of after-1800 library materials) and preservation programmes (old and modern textual documents and manuscripts) incl. trusted digital repository, and web content harvesting.*
- *Extended international cooperation and knowledge sharing.*
- *Research and development projects and application projects in preservation of and digital access to cultural heritage.*

France

Fédération nationale des maisons d'écrivain & des patrimoines littéraires (Association of Writers' Houses and Literary Heritage), Bourges, France.

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¹ Completed, ongoing or planned activities are *in italics*.

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Activities: Exhibitions and educational programmes on writers' documents.

Germany

MitteuropaZentrum [MEZ], Technische Universität Dresden (Centre of Central Europe Studies, Dresden University of Technology).

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Activities:

- *Series of lectures for students of all faculties: "The World Documentary Heritage", winter 2012/13. To be published.*
- *Implementing MoW documents into a curriculum "German Studies" (Master) at the University of Gabès, Tunisia.*
- *Online lecture on MoW, perspectives of education and research (in German; English version will follow): <http://www.e-teaching.org/community/communityevents/ringvorlesung/memory-of-the-world>*

Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Bibliothek/Niedersächsische Landesbibliothek (Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Library/ State Library of Lower Saxony), Hannover. Leibniz'

Correspondance is in the International Register of MoW.

Contact: Dr. Georg Ruppelt, Director.

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Activities:

- *Reconstruction of the research library of Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (completed) - <http://www.leibnizcentral.de/CiXbase/gwblab/>*
- *Cataloging of the correspondence of Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (LK-MOW) (ongoing) - <http://www.leibnizcentral.de/CiXbase/lkmow/>*
- *Leibniz' last year – exhibition 2016 (planned).*
- *LeibnizCentral – knowledge portal about Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (ongoing) - <http://www.leibnizcentral.de/>*
- *Leibniz bibliography - the central instrument of research and bibliographic verification of literature about Leibniz (ongoing since 1984) - <http://www.leibniz->*

bibliographie.de/DB=1.95/LNG=EN/?COOKIE=U8000,K8000,I0,B1999+++++,SY,NVZG,D1.95,E45ff48e5-2b90,A,H,R193.174.240.197,FY

- *Research and 3D digital scan of the Golden Letter from King Alaungphaya of Burma to Georg II, King of Great Britain and Elector of Hanover (completed; with support of the Federal Foreign Office) - <http://der-goldene-brief.gwb.de/>*

Leibniz-Institut für Wissensmedien (Knowledge Media Research Center), Tübingen
Contact: Prof. Dr. Dr. Friedrich W. Hesse (Director); Prof. Dr. Stephan Schwan; Dr. Uwe Oestermeier; Dr. Anne Thilloßen [e-teaching.org].

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Activities:

- *ICTs and e-learning for Memory of the World: Development of an interactive presentation of the memory of the world items, based on a large multi-touch table, setup as information desk at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, additionally, use as a research tool about the benefits of multi-touch presentations for learning and understanding issues of intercultural heritage.*
- *Presentation of the MoW programme within www.e-teaching.org, an information portal on using digital media for university teaching.*
- *Development of ideas for using the MoW documents for e-learning scenarios in cooperation with the e-teaching.org community.*

Klassik Stiftung Weimar (Foundation of Weimar Classics). The institution is owner of the literary estate of Goethe that is included in the International Register of MoW, and *ten properties in the complex are on UNESCO's World Heritage Site list as part of »Classical Weimar«.*

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Website: www.klassik-stiftung.de

Collections: <http://www.klassik-stiftung.de/en/collections/>.

Educational programmes: www.klassik-stiftung.de/en/education/

Research, publications, conferences: www.klassik-stiftung.de/en/research/. Exhibitions:

<http://www.klassik-stiftung.de/en/exhibition-event/>.

Special Activities:

- *Working on the synergies between World Cultural Heritage and Memory of the World.*

- *Elaborating programmes on Goethe's "West-Eastern Divan" (in Goethe's Literary Estate, MoW International Register).*

Herzog August Bibliothek (Duke August Library), Wolfenbüttel (Contact: Prof. Dr. Helwig Schmidt-Glintzer, Director; Dr. Thomas Stäcker, Deputy).

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Activities:

- *Interdisciplinary research on visual and textual source, primarily from the Middle Ages to the late 18th century.*
- *Comprehensive cataloguing and rare book acquisition programmes. International fellowship, including digital humanities, and conference programme.*
- *Scholarly print and online publication.*
- *Large scale image and full text digitization project, international cooperation, eg. Emblematica online <http://emblematica.grainger.illinois.edu/OEBP/UI/SearchForm>*
- *Research Projects: <http://www.hab.de/en/home/research/projects/current-projects.html>*

Macau

Macao Foundation.
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Activities: Through its own Institute of Macao Studies and the UNESCO Centre the Macao Foundation is committed to engage in academic research and cultural activities of all kinds, including its participation in MoW activities since 2008, and the launch of the "Macao Memory" project in recent years.

Macau Documentation and Information Society.
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Website: <http://macau-mdis.org/>

Activities:

- *Nominated the "Archives and Materials of the Macao Diocese from 1550s to 1800s" to MOWCAP in 2010.*

- *Together with the MoW IAC Working Group “Education and Research” and Macao Foundation organized: International Forum on Memory of the World Studies and Macau: New Perspectives for the Documentary Heritage, Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 2012.*
- *A User Survey of MoW Studies in Macau” has been conducted in Macau. Implementation of the outcomes beginning in 2013, introducing the MoW Studies to youth group, the year 4 university students of Science of Documentation (one semester programme) of the Macau Polytechnic Institute. Will organize students to study in the historical institutes, such as Seminary and Temple, to manage and digitize their rare collections including old photos and old books.*

Malta

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Activities:

- *The Department currently works on a novel Bachelor programme in Information Management with specialisation in Digital Curation; this domain has not been covered in University course in Malta so far.*
- *Department staff has also experience in participating in projects studying user needs and experiences within digital library context (Europeana focus group study, DiSCmap, PICDEX) and recent digital preservation projects (KEEP, SHAMAN, DELOS preservation cluster funded by the EC and POCOS funded by JISC).*
- *The Faculty hosts an Audio-Visual Library which has a unique collection of materials used for research and teaching purposes; conversion of materials on obsolete media into digital form started is one of the ongoing activities.*

Niger

Department of the Arabic and Ajami Manuscripts at the Institute for Research in the Human Sciences, University Abdou Moumouni of Niamey.

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Activities:

- *Prospecting, acquisition, preservation and promotion of Arabic and Ajami manuscripts.*
- *Course on the sources of history in Sub-Saharan Africa.*
- *Training workshops on working on Ajami manuscripts (in the local language).*
- *Research on the manuscripts: forms and Arabic scripts, dated manuscripts in the collection, codicology, paper, preservation techniques, etc.*

Tajikistan

Академия Илмҳои Ҷумҳурии Тоҷикистон, Душанбе (Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan), Dushanbe.

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1. Institute of history, archeology and ethnography

Институти таърих, бостоншиносӣ ва мардумшиносии ба номи А.

Дониш

Activities:

- *International conference “Professor M. Andreev’s impact in the history and ethnography of Tajik people” on October 20, 2013. Professor Andreev was for a long time involved in the research process of the history of Central Asia peoples.*
- *The Institute published a book “Central Asia: history and modernity”.*
- *An international conference dedicated to the jubilee of professor A.Semenov with the publication of a memorial book collecting his scholarly works about Central Asia history and culture.*

2. Institute of language and literature, oriental studies and written heritage

Институти забон, адабиёт, шарқшиносӣ ва меъроси хаттии ба номи А.

Рудақӣ

Activities:

- *The Institute hosts almost eight thousand medieval manuscripts; editorial work and scientific studies on these manuscripts.*
- *Organization of international conferences, symposia and seminars on documentary heritage.*
- *2013, conferences devoted to classical Persian-Tajik literature and its outstanding representatives: a) “Amir Khosrav Dehlavi Heritage and Central*

Asia Cultural Development”; b) ” Rudaki Heritage and its Ideological and Cultural Influence on Persian Tajik literature, and seminar on Codicology.

3. Central scientific library of the Academy of Sciences.

Китобхонаи марказии илмии Академии илмҳои Ҷумҳурии Тоҷикистон

Activities: 2013 book and illustrative exhibition about the documents which demonstrated the history of sciences in Tajikistan. - Book: A. Aslitdinova: “Tajikistan: Society, Information, Cultural Heritage”. (In Russian)

USA

World Digital Library, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.. Contact: John Van Oudenaren, Ph. D., Director.

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Activities: Continue adding digitized versions of Memory of the World items and collections to the WDL website, so that they can be used by students, teachers, and the general public in e-learning and other activities. - Currently 491 books, manuscripts, photographs, and maps are on the WDL and can be seen at:

http://www.wdl.org/en/search/?additional_subjects=Memory%20of%20the%20World

Many more are in the production pipeline; others are being sought from existing and prospective partners.