

Borders as a Result of War

NETWORLD WWI Heritage Conference

3 - 5 May 2018,

Nove Hradý, Academy and University Center of Nove Hradý, Czech Republic

Aims and Objectives

The conference is a part of the Danube Transnational Programme project Networkworld. The aims of the Networkworld project are to increase the awareness of the First World War (WWI) heritage in a transnational context and to use this heritage for the development of a sustainable transnational cultural tourism.

The objective of the conference is to help place both the tangible and intangible heritage of WWI in a transnational context by linking stories and experiences of soldiers and civilians to battles, foreign locations, and events during the war and changes after the war.

As such, the focus of the conference and related cultural events is on the impacts on the local population and individual soldiers. Mobilization, transport to far-away front lines, feeding the soldiers, refugees, prisoners of war camps, rationing back home, getting information on missing or killed soldiers, new borders after armistice, and maintenance of war graves and other heritage after the war. Our focus lies on these topics; details about the various battles and units can be easily found online.

Participants we want to attract

The Conference is specifically targeted at historians, archive and museum staff, educators, universities, interest groups, and public authorities involved in heritage protection. Other interested participants are welcome as well.

Presentations, posters, and papers

Each speaker will have 20 minutes, including time for discussion. At the end of each session there will be time for further discussion. The main language will be English and (for native speakers) Czech, with simultaneous translation.

Speakers and other participants are invited to provide posters on the topics as well. There is a limited poster space; therefore, we kindly ask presenters and other participants to contact the organizers for availability of space and further instructions.

All presenters are invited to submit their lecture/poster in paper form as well while at the conference. We plan to publish proceedings (**not** peer-reviewed) in August 2018.

Further details and updates of the program and requirements for articles or posters will be provided accordingly.

Cultural Program

Thursday afternoon: visit to the open-air Border Museum (Nove Hradý).

Thursday evening: music group „Pouličníci“

Friday afternoon: visit to the exhibition “World War I - years of destruction and pain” in the Museum of South Bohemia (Ceske Budejovice, unconfirmed)

Saturday: WWI re-enactment groups, music and other activities in Nove Hradý.

Saturday: 14:00 - Unveiling new WWI monument for fallen soldiers from the region.

During the three days, the exhibition “*Moments of War*” (by the Museum of Jindřichuv Hradec) will be on display as well.

Additional information on the cultural activities will be provided in a separate invitation and on the website.

Venue

The Conference will take place in the restored [Buquoy Chateau](#). The 19th century chateau is the property of the Czech Academy of Sciences and houses the innovative and leading institution “Academy and University Center of Nove Hradý”. The Chateau has excellent facilities including all modern techniques, Internet room, bar, in-house accommodation with wi-fi and more.

BEWARE: There are TWO towns called Nove Hradý in the Czech Republic. Ours is located in South Bohemia, equidistant from Prague and Vienna. GPS: 48.7910161N, 14.7825239E

Accommodation

Buquoy Chateau Nove Hradý and other local providers. Please, contact the organizers for further details including availability and rates.

Registration

Participation in the conference is free, including coffee breaks, lunches, and dinner on Thursday evening. For registration, please use the [online registration form](#).

For additional questions including travel to Nove Hradý please contact the organizers.

Conference Website

The [Conference Website](#) provides more details and updates on the Conference itself and also on conference tours and accommodation options. The site is updated regularly.

Further information on the project and on WWI can be found on [our website](#) and on our [Czech Emigration Museum](#) site

Organizers

The Rozmberk Society o.p.s. is the main organizer of the conference, in close cooperation with the Town of Nove Hradý.

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DAY 1: Thursday May 3, 2018 – Agenda

MORNING

- 8:30** *Registration open during entire conference from 8:30 to 17:00*
- 9:30** **Opening**
- Welcome Address
- Conference Introduction
Drs. Robert Dulfer, Rozmberk Society, Czech Republic
 - Regional Introduction
Mgr. Vladimír Hokr, Town of Nove Hradý, Czech Republic
 - DTP Networld Project
Vesna Kozar, Soca Valley Development Centre-LP, Slovenia
- 10:00** Mobilization of rural soldiers and effects on local situation in Nove Hradý
Mgr. Vladimír Hokr, Town of Nove Hradý, Czech Republic
- 10:25** Nové Hradý - town and surroundings depicted in local chronicles
PhDr. Jiří Cukr, District Archive České Budějovice, Czech Republic
- 10:50** **Coffee break**
- 11:20** Caring for war refugees and evacuees in Prague during the First World War.
Mgr. Bohuslav Rejzl, City of Prague Museum, Czech Republic
- 11:45** The Collection of Josef Váchal in the Literature Archive of the MNL as an important source for the history of WWI
PhDr. Hana Klínková, Memorial of National Literature, Czech Republic
- 12:10–13:30** **Lunch break**

AFTERNOON

- 13:30** 1914 – 1918 Hungarian Everyday in Wartime: Life in the Hinterland
Sebo Santas, Cultural LAB Social Cooperative, Hungary
- 13:55** Feeding the Army
Mgr. Petr Bejacek, Military History Institute, Czech Republic
- 14:20** WW I, POWs, refugees, and internees in Austria-Hungary
Dr. Julia Walleczek-Fritz, Danube University Krems, Austria
- 14:45** *Coffee break*
- 15:00** Poster time
- 16:00** *Excursion to nearby open-air Border Museum*
- 19:00** *Dinner*

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DAY 2: Friday May 4, 2018 – Agenda

MORNING

- 9:00** The „Walk of Peace” brand.
Maša Klavora, Walk of Peace in the Soča Region Foundation, Slovenia
- 9:25** Preserving war cemeteries in Slovenia
Ernesta Drole, Institute for the Protection of Cultural Heritage of Slovenia, Slovenia
- 9:50** Databases on personal histories of soldiers
Mgr. Tomas Kykal, Military History Institute, Czech Republic
- 10:15** Registration of Documents and events from 1918
PaedDr. Laděna Plucarová, State Archive Třeboň, Czech Republic
- 10:40** *Coffee break*
- 11:10** The 91st Infantry Regiment as part of the Czechoslovak Republic army between 1918 and 1920
Jan Ciglbauer, Czech Republic
- 11:35** Czech – Slovenian cooperation on preserving war monuments on Mrzli vrh
Speaker, International Cultural Historical Society of General Borojevich, Slovenia
- 12:00** Unconfirmed - workshop
- 12:30** *Lunch*
- AFTERNOON**
- 14:00–18:00** Excursion

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DAY 3: Saturday, May 5, 2018 – Agenda

- 10:00 – 17:00** WWI re-enactment group including the Slovenian *International Cultural Historical Society of General Borojevich*.
Displays on countries where Czech soldiers were fighting.
Music and other activities throughout Nove Hradý.
- 14:00** Unveiling ceremony for the new WWI monument for fallen soldiers from the region.