



International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

Addendum
Draft Report on Survey Data
IHRA Multi-Year Work Plan on Archival Access
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Since April 4, 2014 there have been a total of 32 new responses to the survey.

The new useful responses concerned the Czech Republic (1), Germany (1), Tunisia (1), Ukraine (3), and the United States (1). Respondents came from the Czech Republic (1), Israel (1), Ukraine (2), and the United States (1).

Incomplete responses were received from respondents in Australia (2), Belgium (1), Germany (1), Ireland (1), Israel (3), Russia (1), South Africa (1), Ukraine (2), the United Kingdom (7), the United States (7), and Vietnam (1).

5 new first priority challenges were reported. They are

- Germany
 - Legal obstacles: Local archives in Nordrhein Westfalen (1): “local archivists imposed their own rules for access and limited access to information”
- Tunisia
 - Legal obstacles: National Archives, collections regarding Jews (1): “as an Israeli scholar [I] have difficulties to access”
- Ukraine
 - The archive was closed:
 - State Archive of the Ministry of Internal Affairs/ архив МВС України (1): There is no way to access. “нет формы доступа”
 - State archive of the Volyn region/ Державний архів у Волинській області; Архів управління УСБУ у Волинській області, Collection: фонд припинених справ , ф. 4666, 5666 (1): Document can only be obtained with a certain form of access, which I have. The director of the archive does not want to give me access, so the collection is closed to me. “можно получить документы только за определенной формой доступа, у меня она есть. директор архива за личными отношением не хочет предоставлять эти документы, фонд закрыт лично для меня.”
- United States
 - Legal obstacles: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, German Records (1): “the archive had to operate according to the wishes of the Germans in preventing some access to documents... the archivists said that access to certain materials was restricted by the Germans eg to the Residentenliste”

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- Czech Republic
 - Insufficient cataloging/reference assistance: State Regional Archives in Pilsen/ Statní oblastní archiv Plzeň (1): No finding aid available, the collection was not recorded. “Kein Findbuch vorhanden, Bestand nicht erschlossen”
- Germany
 - Poor physical condition of material: Local archives in Nordrhein Westfalia (1): “some documents were in poor condition”
- Ukraine
 - Prohibitive costs for reproduction and use: ДАГО (1): Cost of copying was too high! “Слишком высока стоимость копирования!”
 - Insufficient cataloging/reference assistance:
 - ДАГО (1): No detailed response given
 - State Archive of the Ministry of Internal Affairs/ архив МВС України (1): Reference department is poorly organized. “справочные отделы плохо организованы”

The following professions were represented in the new useful responses: Genealogist (1), Independent Researcher (1), Scholar/professor (3)