



# **IHRA Multi-Year Work Plan**

## **Steering Committee on Holocaust Memorial Days**

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# Timeline

**October 2, 2012:** Circulation of the letter of the Steering Committee to HoDs concerning the possibility of an IHRA team visiting member countries in conjunction with Holocaust Memorial Day commemorations

**December 2012:** Approval by the IHRA Plenary of MYWP proposal of the Steering Committee on Holocaust Memorial Days

**January-April 2013:** Orchestration of programming in four IHRA member countries (Ireland, Spain, Hungary and Poland)



# Timeline

## **January 2013: Spain and Ireland**

Meetings within the Liège plenary in December 2012

## **April 2013 to Hungary and Poland**

Meetings within the Liège plenary in December 2012, follow-up in coordination with the IHRA Permanent Office



# Spain 23-24 January 2013





# Spain: Holocaust Memorial Day Programming

- Senate House, Parliament Building
- City Hall, Alcorcón
- Assembly of Madrid

and

**Participation in a Special Program: “Men of Reason, Men of Faith. Memories of Civil Resistance to Nazi Barbarism”**



# Meetings Coordinated in Spain

- Advisor to the Secretary of State for Culture
- Representatives from the Education Section of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport
- Representatives of the Spanish Department of State Archives
- Leaders of the Jewish community
- Academics from a number of universities
- Members of various NGOs

The IHRA delegation engaged with 791 people



# Ireland 27-29 January 2013





## **Ireland: Holocaust Memorial Day Programming**

- Mansion House, Dublin
  - Hosted by the Lord Mayor of Dublin
  - Organized by the Holocaust Education Trust of Ireland (HETI)

**Lectures** by the Academic Advisor at:

- Irish Jewish Museum
- Trinity College





# Meetings Coordinated in Ireland

- Chief Advisor to the Minister of Justice and Equality
- Minister of Education and Skills
- Director of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Religious representatives from the Dublin Inter-Faith Forum
- Trinity College faculty members

The IHRA delegation engaged with 793 people



# Hungary 15-17 April 2013





# Hungary: Holocaust Memorial Day Programming

## Memorial Day Ceremonies:

### Budapest:

- Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration organized by the Holocaust Documentation Center
- Candlelight commemorative event at the “Shoes on the Danube” memorial

### Hódmezővásárhely:

- Commemoration event at a Calvinist school and a municipal ceremony



## Meetings Coordinated in Hungary

- President and CEO of MAZSIHISZ (Alliance of Hungarian Jewish Faith Communes)
- Under-Secretary of State Mr. Gergely Pröhle
- Chief Advisor for Holocaust Remembrance Issues at the Prime Minister's Office
- Director General of the Institute for Educational Research and Development (OFI)
- Deputy Head of the Hungarian Delegation to the IHRA and Secretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The IHRA delegation engaged with 470 people



# Poland 18-22 April 2013





## **Poland: Holocaust Memorial Day Programming**

- Visit to the new Museum of the History of Polish Jews to be opened in Spring 2014

**Lectures** by the Academic Advisor at:

- Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw
- The Galician Jewish Museum in Krakow, organized by different universities



## Meetings with Polish Officials:

- Deputy Foreign Minister Mr. Jerzy Pomianowski
- Head of the Delegation of Poland to the IHRA, Dr. Krzysztof Olendzki

The IHRA delegation engaged with 100 people





# Analysis and Recommendations

IHRA Member Country	People Engaged
Spain	791
Ireland	793
Hungary	470
Poland	100
<b>Total: 2154</b>	





# Analysis and Recommendations

- ✓ IHRA visits in all four member countries raised the profile of the IHRA
- ✓ Press and media coverage exponentially increased the reach of the visit
- ✓ New contacts were forged in all four member countries

Allocation of a small sum of money by the IHRA significantly raised the IHRA's profile



# Analysis and Recommendations

- IHRA visits should be planned well in advance
- The need for simultaneous translation should be taken into account
- Close cooperation between the IHRA Steering Committee and the organizers is key
- Cooperation with the IHRA liaison and observer countries should be encouraged
- Partnership with the IHRA Permanent Observer organizations should be fostered
- The IHRA Steering Committee should be enlarged
- The lasting impact of IHRA visits should be assessed



# Analysis and Recommendations

- ✓ Holocaust Memorial Day Programming provides opportunities to translate the Stockholm Declaration (2000), the IHRA's Mission Statement, into action
- ✓ **The IHRA must be proactive to raise its own profile**



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