



European Seminar on the Holocaust in Eastern Europe during the World War II

July 5 & 6, 2010
Paris

Organized at the
Yahad - In Unum's
European Resource Centre for Research and Learning about the Holocaust in Eastern Europe
(CERRESE)

Target

History Teachers interested in being trained on new perspectives and resources about the Holocaust in Eastern Europe

Yahad - In Unum's project 'Holocaust by bullets'

Between 1941 and 1944, the *Einsatzgruppen*, the mobile killing units of Hitler's Third Reich, executed by shootings more than 1.5 million Jews and Roma in the Ukraine and hundreds of thousands more in Belarus and Russia.

Since 2004, the association Yahad – In Unum has been systematically searching for the mass graves of the victims and has interviewed more than one thousand witnesses to the executions.

In October 15, 2009, in partnership with the Sorbonne University, Yahad – In Unum opened its Paris-based European Resource Centre for Research and Learning about the Eastern Holocaust (in French: CERRESE). The Centre makes available to the public the results of its investigations: more than two hundred video testimonies and the different archival sources used to complete its unique research in the field.

European Seminar at the CERRESE

On July 5 & 6 2010, the CERRESE invites high school History teachers from European countries to gather and participate in the Yahad - In Unum European Seminar on the Holocaust in Eastern Europe during World War II.

Participants will be given access to Yahad - In Unum materials collected at the CERRESE: the different sources of German and Soviet archives, contemporary recorded oral histories and contemporary photographs of execution sites and witnesses, as well as books on Jewish history. They will also be taught the methodology implemented by Yahad – In Unum during its investigations.

Historians, researchers and members of the Yahad – In Unum team will present the different faces of the 'Holocaust by bullets' including the different steps of the extermination process by shootings as well as the other ways used by the Nazis to kill the Jews and Roma in the Ukraine, Belarus and Russia; a historical perspective on the creation of ghettos and on the concentration camps; the roles played by various actors during the WWII, their functions and methods according to the villages' number of victims and the exact locations of the corpses. All of this and more will be explained for the educators' further understanding of the Holocaust in Eastern Europe as part of the overall history of the genocide of the Jews and Roma of Europe.

Dates and Place

The seminar will take place in Paris on July 5 and 6, 2010 at the CERRESE located 114 boulevard Magenta in the 10th arrondissement of Paris (metro station: Gare du Nord).

The seminar will be held in English without translation to any other language.

For non-local participants accepted into the program, the organizers will defray the cost of: (1) direct economy-class travel to and from each participant's home institution and Paris; (2) lodging at the specified hotel for up to three evenings (from Sunday until Tuesday included); (3) up to 120 euros toward the cost of taxi expenses (with receipts); and (4) up to 100 euros for meals not provided by the seminar (with receipts). Taxi and per diem expenses will be reimbursed within 2-4 weeks of the seminar's conclusion.

Application

All interested high school teachers should send a letter of interest and their curriculum vitae to the following contact at Yahad - In Unum:
Johanna Lehr at j.lehr@yahadinunum.org.

Deadline: March 15, 2010.

Participants will be selected and notified in the Spring 2010.