



CONFERENCE

“AS MASS MURDER BEGAN: IDENTIFYING AND REMEMBERING THE KILLING SITES OF SUMMER-FALL 1941” VILNIUS, MARCH 22-23, 2017

The follow-up IHRA conference to the one in Kraków in January 2014 will address several subjects and will emphasize a workshop framework with the aim of providing a forum in which those active in the field in dealing with mass killing sites in Europe will have an opportunity to exchange views and share issues, problems, solutions, and best practices.

The geographical focus of the conference and workshop will be on the Baltic States, Belarus, Ukraine, and Romania. The thematic focus will be on three central themes on both national and local levels – Identification; Marking; and Commemoration. Within these themes, the workshops will discuss finding and identifying killing sites, research, archives, interviews, databases, preservation, maintenance, legal and religious issues and solutions, remembrance and education.

The participants will be given the opportunity to present their initiative and activities at the workshops or at the marketplace, at which participants (individuals, NGOs and other institutions) can share information about their activities in this field through posters and other means.

The Steering Committee of the Multi Year Working Plan “Killing Sites”

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CONFERENCE VENUE:

Vilna Gaon State Jewish Museum
Tolerance Center, Naugarduko g. 10/2
Vilnius LT-01309
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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

1ST DAY – MARCH 22

MORNING SESSION

9.00-9.30	Registration of the participants
9.30-10.30	Opening of the Conference (Welcome speeches by IHRA Chair, VGSJM director and Killing Sites SC MYWP Chair) Moderator: Dr. David Silberklang, International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem; or Dr. Kamile Rupeikaite, Vilna Gaon State Jewish Museum
10.00-10.45	Keynote Speech: <i>Framing the historical background and the broader approach</i> (Dr. Christoph Dieckmann, Fritz Bauer Institute, Frankfurt am Main)
10.45-11.10	Discussion
11.10-11.30	Coffee Break
11.30-11.45	<i>Current work in Paneriai mass killing site</i> (Neringa Latvytė-Gustaitienė, Vilna Gaon State Jewish Museum)
11.45-13:00	Presentation and discussion on <i>Identification</i> (field work, research, archives, database) Moderator: Dr. David Silberklang, International Institute for Holocaust Research, Yad Vashem Ukraine Romania Belarus Lithuania Latvia
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break

AFTERNOON SESSION

14:00-15:00	Market Place
15:00-16:30	Presentation and discussion on <i>Marking</i> (preservation, legal and religious issues)

Moderator: Dr. Thomas Lutz, Memorial Museums Department of
the Topography of Terror Foundation in Berlin
Ukraine
Belarus
Romania
Lithuania
Latvia

16:45-17:15 Coffee Break

17:15-18:45 **Presentation and discussion on *Commemoration*** (remembrance,
education)

Moderator: Dr. Piotr Trojański, Pedagogical University of Krakow
Ukraine
Romania
Belarus
Lithuania
Latvia and Estonia

19.00 Dinner

2ND DAY – MARCH 23

MORNING SESSION

9.00-9.30 Registration of the participants

9.30-11.30 **Parallel Workshops:**
Workshop 1 – *Identification*
Workshop 2 – *Marking*
Workshop 3 – *Commemoration*

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break

12.00-13.00 **Marketplace**

13.00-14.00 Lunch Break

AFTERNOON SESSION

14.00-16.00 **Parallel Workshops:**
Workshop 1 - *Identification*
Workshop 2 - *Marking*

Workshop 3 – Commemoration

16.00-16.30	Coffee Break
16.30-18.00	Workshop reports, discussion and closing remarks

GENERAL AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Optional visits to sites will be organized day before and after the conference on March 21 (15.00 – 18.00 - Tour of Jewish Vilnius and the Ghetto) and on March 24 (10.00 – 14.00: Trip to Paneriai and smaller mass killing site near Vilnius).

There is no conference fee, but the IHRA will not be able to cover travel and accommodation. We will be blocking out rooms at the hotel at special rates.

If you would like to attend the conference, please visit the website www.jmuseum.lt: under the column **IHRA Conference 2017** on the first page you will find registration form, preliminary conference program and information on the suggested hotels.

In case you are interested to participate at the “Marketplace”, kindly include a short description of what you want to present and how much space will be needed.

Please send the completed [registration form](#) to the following e-mail address IHRAVilnius2017@gmail.com by January 31 , 2017.