

The Ukrainian-Lithuanian Scientific Archival Seminar: Approbation of the Research Results Achieved by InterPARES Trust's Kyiv Group

Within the framework of the project «Social and Ethical Foundations of Preservation of Digital Historical-Cultural Heritage» which has been carried out since 2013 by a research group of National Aviation University under the auspices of InterPARES Trust (project director of the Kyiv Group is Doctor of Science (History) Iryna Tiurmenko) a Ukrainian-Lithuanian scientific archival seminar was held at National Aviation University on March 17-18, 2016.

The seminar co-organizers were Department of Archival Studies and Special Historical Disciplines at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Central State Electronic Archives of Ukraine, Lithuanian State Modern Archives, and Kaunas County Archives (Lithuania). Heads of Central State Archives of Supreme Bodies of Power and Government of Ukraine, Central State CinePhotoPhono Archives of Ukraine named after H.S. Pshenychnyi, State Archives of the Kyiv Region, and Ministry of Justice of Ukraine's state enterprise "National Information Systems" also took part in the work of the seminar.

The seminar participants discussed problems related to access, transfer, and preservation of digital documents and trust in them; risks and challenges that face the archival institutions in the digital era; the importance of improving the educational standards in the sphere of archivists training in the conditions of information society.

A lively discussion was aroused by the seminar participants, namely Mr Gintaras DRUČKUS, Director of Kaunas County Archives; Ms Kristina STANIŠAUSKĖ, Administration and Electronic Records Department Manager at Kaunas County Archives in Lithuania; Ms Irena KASCIUSKEVICIUTE, Director of Lithuanian State Modern Archives; Ms Danutė KONTRIMAVICIENE, Head of Division for Supervision of Documents Management at Lithuanian State Modern Archives (Vilnius) and Lecturer of the Faculty of Communication (Vilnius University, Lithuania).

The Ukrainian participants of the seminar such as Mr Yurii KOVTANYUK, PhD (History), Director of Central State Electronic Archives of Ukraine; Ms Maryna PALIENKO, Doctor of Science (History), Professor, Professor of the Department of Archival Studies and Special Historical Disciplines at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv; Ms Tetiana YEMELYANOVA, PhD (History), Deputy Director of the Central State CinePhotoPhono Archives of Ukraine named after H.S. Pshenychnyi and others discussed the risks and opportunities related to the activity of archival institutions in the digital era, shared practical experience in creation of digital document collections and electronic data.

The seminar participants discussed the results of expert evaluation carried out by the research group of the Department of History and Records Management at National Aviation University concerning the preservation and access to digital historical and cultural legacy on the websites of state archives of Ukrainian regions.

Iryna TIURMENKO – Doctor of Science (History), Professor, Head of the Department of History and Records Management drew attention to the positive dynamics of context activity of the websites of state archives of Ukrainian regions from 2014 to 2016 concerning the state of preservation of digital historical and cultural heritage. I. TIURMENKO also presented for discussion to the seminar participants the basic principles of the strategy of access to digital historical and cultural heritage on the websites of archival institutions. Ms Tetiana KURCHENKO, PhD (History), Associate Professor of the Department of History and Records Management and Lessia HALETSKA, PhD (History), Senior Instructor of the same department presented a comparative analysis of preservation of digital historical and cultural heritage on the websites of regional history museums in Ukraine; Ms Mariya ROHOZHA, Doctor of Science (Philosophy), Professor, Professor of the Department of Ethics, Aesthetics and Cultural Studies at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv dwelt on the issues of professional ethics and ethic principles of work with online digital documents.

The seminar participants positively evaluated the results achieved by the research group and supported the proposals made by Iryna Tiurmenko and other members of the research group concerning the necessity of development by archival institutions a policy for preservation of digital documents on websites and a strategy of access to documentary collections in the on-line regime.

Particularly, Ms Tetiana YEMELYANOVA, PhD (History), Deputy Director of the Central State CinePhotoPhono Archives of Ukraine named after H.Pshenychnyi and Sofya KAMENEVA, Director of State Archives of the Kyiv region proposed to make presentations at a joint conference of archival and museum institutions of the Kyiv region. The seminar participants supported a proposition to publish the research results of the Kyiv group in a special monograph.