

AIMH-Workshop

„History Museums in Focus: Museum Professionals in Dialogue“

Mission

The mission of the newly founded AIMH-Workshop is to initiate and organize museum trips to learn more about the activities and curatorial practices in historical museums and exhibitions. These excursions are developed in cooperation with European and international museums, which are the focus of professional museum discussions.

Within these institutions, the AIMH-Workshops discuss the aims, the premises and conditions of today's museum work as well as the public resonance of museums/exhibitions.

Central to the project are the expansion of the international AIMH-network and questions related to museum discourses on a local level, as well as questions of national and transnational identities.

There will be one excursion per year. Each excursion consists of a one-day-workshop. The first AIMH-Workshop will take place July 1st 2005 in Budapest.

AIMH-Workshop 2005: Budapest, Museum House of Terror (Terror Háza Múzeum)

July 1st 2005

The Museum House of Terror

Web site presentation (www.terrorhaza.hu):

“After having survived two terror regimes, it was felt that the time had come for Hungary to erect a fitting memorial to the victims of terror, and at the same time to present a picture of what life was like for Hungarians in those times.

In December 2000 "The Public Foundation for the Research of Central and East European History and Society" purchased the building with the aim of establishing a museum in order to present these two bloody periods of Hungarian history. Dr. Mária Schmidt is the Director-General of the House of Terror Museum, which was completed in February 2002.

During the year-long construction work, the building on 60 Andrassy Avenue was fully renovated inside and out. During the reconstruction, the building was turned into a monument; the black passepartout (the decoration entablature, the blade walls and the granite sidewalk) provides a frame for the Museum, causing it to stand out by its sharp contrast to the other buildings on Andrassy street, and befitting its historic significance, focuses attention on the house itself.

Opened on February 24th, 2002 at 5 pm, the House of Terror Museum - the only one of its kind - is a monument to the memory of those held captive, tortured and killed in this building. The Museum, while presenting the horrors in a tangible way, also intends to make people understand that the sacrifice for freedom was not in vain. Ultimately, the fight against the two cruellest systems of the 20th century ended with the victory of the forces of freedom and independence."

Address: Museum House of Terror, 1062 Budapest, Andrásy út 60.

Directions: Public transport: Metro line 1 to Vörösmarty utca station or tram 4 or 6 to Oktogon

Schedule

10 a.m.	Beginning of the workshop:
10 - 11.30 a.m.	Guided tour through the exhibition
11.30 - 12 a.m.	Individual tour through the exhibition
12 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.	Discussion between workshop participants and staff members of the Terror Házá Múzeum
1.30 - 2.30 p.m.	Lunch break
2.30 - 3.15 p.m.	Working groups on different aspects of the museum
3.15 - 4 p.m.	Plenum discussion: Working group participants/staff members of the Terror Házá Múzeum
4 p.m.	End of the Workshop

Details of Participation

Participants are required to book the flight by themselves and take care of all travel arrangements. Everyone is free to spend some more time in Budapest, for example for the weekend (cheaper flights!). Neither AIMH nor Terror Házá Múzeum can cover any travel expenses. Terror Házá Museum will send a list of hotels close to the museum on request.

The maximum number of participants is 20.

Registration

Participation by announcement only (registration deadline: 15.06.2005) Address for registration: beier@dhm.de or by AIMH web site. There are no registration fees.

Upon registration, a packet will be sent to each participant containing information and international press reports on the Terror Házá Múzeum. This packet will be compiled by AIMH and Terror Házá Múzeum together.

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