
Malach Visual History Centre launches its own journal

Centrum vizuální historie Malach vydává vlastní magazín

The Malach Visual History Centre whose archive of recordings was made accessible by the Library of the Charles University Faculty of Mathematics and Physics over a year ago has launched its own quarterly titled Magazín CVH Malach. The electronic publication will publish news not only from the Malach Centre but from other related institutions as well.

Every issue will feature an interview with an interesting personality or an outstanding story chosen from among the survivor testimonies. “We would like to publish original studies and articles on topics related to the USC Shoah Foundation Institute’s Visual History Archive in the broadest sense: from possible educational and academic applications of the audio-visual survivor testimonies, to case studies of various topics using the archive testimonies, to broader methodological and theoretical implications of oral history, human memory and narrated memories from the point of view of the humanities and social and natural sciences,” CVH Malach’s coordinator Jakub Mlynář says.

In the first issue readers learn about the potential of video testimonies for university education (on the example of various courses) and Martin Šmok, a long-time collaborator of the USC Shoah Foundation Institute and adviser for educational programmes, looks back at the beginnings of the archive. The editors have chosen the story of one of the oldest Czech survivors from the Visual History Archive, Emil Glauber born in 1895, who fought on the eastern front during WWI. An article on the educational project Neighbours Who Disappeared which has been running in Czech schools for over ten years was penned by the project coordinator Mgr. Marta Vančurová. The final pages of the issue are dedicated to a short story by Dita Stehlíková, winner of the literary part of this year’s DANIEL contest organized by the National Institute for Children and Youth of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport.

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