Highlights from 2023

Saving Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Online

During 2023, Saving Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Online continued to support cultural heritage institutions and professionals in Ukraine through equipment donations, hosting and storage solutions, as well as an internship program.

We fulfilled 95 digitization equipment requests from 71 Ukrainian cultural institutions, and under the coordination of Ekaterina Malygina, led a six-month student internship program, Memory Savers, in partnership with our Ukrainian coordination partner, Centre for Digital History in Rivne, and financial support from the German Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility, Future (EVZ).

SUCHO was honored to receive several awards in 2023, including the prestigious European Heritage Awards / Europa Nostra Awards in the category of Heritage Champions as well as a Grand Prix achievement, and a cultural heritage award (Millor Iniciativa de Divulgació Històrica (àmbit internacional) from *Sàpiens*. An amount of 10,000 Euro was awarded to SUCHO as part of the Grand Prix awards and we would like to announce that the entire award has been donated to the Center for Urban History of East Central Europe in Lviv, Ukraine in support of their work to preserve and document the history of Ukraine.

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Through a generous sponsorship from Wasabi, SUCHO set up a Nextcloud instance that is being used by 60+ Ukrainian institutions.

Employees at these institutions have integrated Nextcloud into their day-to-day workflows to safely back up their digitized cultural materials.

Memory Savers

The Memory Savers project ran from 1 June to 31 December 2023 and during this time, 22 museums and historical & cultural institutions across Ukraine were able to jointly make a breakthrough in the digital preservation of their collections. The project was made possible thanks to the close work of museum interns and experienced curators. For half a year they have been working together on the subtleties of digitization of historical objects and museum photography at educational seminars and workshops, mastering new technologies, handling new equipment and designing new formats for digital projects in museums.

In cooperation with *museum-digital*, which offers free open-access software to European and now also Ukrainian museums, more than 10,000 objects have been made available online over the last year and can be *viewed online*.

At three meetings in Lviv, Rivne and Kyiv, students discussed local historical representations with museum curators and developed ideas for future projects. Even more important than the increase in collaboration, the museums' networks were enriched with young professionals, as many of the students were given the opportunity to continue their careers at the institutions where they

interned. SUCHO supported participating museums with equipment, training materials, workshops, and consultations in the field of digitization.

One internship project developed by Nina Zadorozhna that we'd like to highlight, "A Look into the Past" ("Погляд у минуле"), examines the history and places of the Transcarpathia and Rivne region during the period of World War II.

Visit the Memory Savers FB page to see all updates, including photos, videos, and projects.
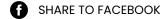
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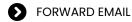
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