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**University of Warsaw on digital humanities**

**Warsaw, 27 November 2014 – The University of Warsaw and Ministry of Science and Higher Education organized 1st International Conference on Digital Humanities "Modern technologies in humanistic research.” During the meeting, which took place on 27 November of this year at the University of Warsaw, its participants discussed state-of-the-art humanities projects which in most part are based on using digital tools.**

The conference participants included in particular the vice-minister of science and higher education, Professor Włodzisław Duch, Ph.D. who presented prospects for development of digital humanities in Poland. Among the conference guests there were also researchers from Germany and Italy, representatives of DARIAH-ERIC (EU) who shared their research and organizational experiences in conducting humanities projects by using digital tools.

Subjects discussed at the conference included, among other things, projects conducted in the 3D ScanLab of the Institute of Archaeology at the University of Warsaw, open repository of historical sciences Lectorium as well as achievements and plans to present history in 3D in the Museum of the University of Warsaw. Researchers from the Laboratory of Media Studies of the University of Warsaw explained how to conduct research in the area of receiving media by using modern digital tools such as an eye-tracer or the so-called diamond mask to track face muscles movements. The Interdisciplinary Centre for Mathematical and Computational Modelling (ICM) presented open digital humanistic resources which are under completion. Conference participants could also familiarize themselves with principles of computer inflexed analysis of 19th century texts.

**The conference is connected with an event which is remarkably important for the Polish science, in particular in the field of the humanities.** Namely, in August 2014 DARIAH-PL consortium comprising 13 largest research and research and development institutions in Poland was formed. It objective includes development of and cooperation between institutions and researchers engaged in digital humanities research projects in our country. The consortium will soon become a part of the European infrastructure DARIAH (ERIC) which will conduct international research in digital humanities.

"This important meeting was a great opportunity for researchers from Poland and other countries to talk, exchange their experiences and ideas within the new, very perspective area, i.e. digital humanities. I am convinced that the activities recently undertaken by the consortium will result in solutions and tools which will prove to be important for the Polish science” – said Professor Aleksander Bursche, Ph.D., President of the Board of DARIAH-PL Consortium.

Further information on the conference and DARIAH-PL consortium is available at [www.dhlab.uw.edu.pl](http://www.dhlab.uw.edu.pl).

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