INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Aktion 1005: Nazi Attempts to Erase the Evidence of Mass Murder in Eastern and Central Europe, 1942-1944

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International Call for Papers

Yahad-In Unum, the University of Paris IV-Sorbonne, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, and College Bernardin will hold an international scholarly workshop on *Aktion 1005: Nazi Attempts to Erase the Evidence of Mass Murder in Eastern and Central Europe, 1942-1944.* The workshop will be held on June 16-17, 2009 in Paris at the University of Paris IV-Sorbonne and the College Bernardin.

Aktion 1005 was the code name for the large-scale, secret campaign by Nazi Germany to destroy the evidence of the mass extermination of European Jewry during the Holocaust. The conference will highlight new archival resources and cutting-edge research on Aktion 1005, including—but not limited to—the decision-making process; bystanders; case-studies about places where it was conducted, both inside and outside the camps and ghettos; the 1005 Sonderkommando, including revolts and attempts to escape or sabotage the campaign; technical details; comparative studies; judicial proceedings dealing with Aktion 1005; survivors' and witnesses' testimonies; and Aktion 1005's relationship to Holocaust denial.

Proposals are welcome from scholars in all relevant academic disciplines, including advanced graduate students. Applicants interested in presenting a paper should be currently researching or completing projects related to Aktion 1005 and must be graduate students and/or faculty members of research institutions and/or accredited, degree-awarding colleges/universities (baccalaureate, the equivalent, or higher). Successful candidates will be required to submit a copy of their presentation six weeks in advance of the conference, for circulation among all conference participants.

For <u>non-local</u> participants whose papers are accepted, the organizers will defray the cost of: (1) direct economy-class travel to and from each participant's home institution and Paris, France; (2) lodging at the specified workshop hotel for up to three evenings; (3) up to \$150 toward the cost of taxi expenses (with receipts); and (4) per diem for meals not provided by the workshop. Taxi and per diem expenses will be reimbursed within 2-4 weeks of the conference's conclusion.

The conference will be conducted in English, French, and Russian.

If you would like to propose a paper for this conference, please send a cover letter, your curriculum vitae, and a one-page abstract of your proposed paper to: sbrown-fleming@ushmm.org, j.lehr@yahadinunum.org; a.lavastine@wanadoo.fr; and edouardhusson@yahoo.fr.

The deadline for receipt of proposals is 31 January 2009. Participants will be selected and notified no later than 1 March 2009.