

PLAN OF ACTIVITY FOR 2011

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Introduction

Part A – Research, Scholarly, Educational and Publishing Activities

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Introduction

In 2011, under difficult conditions, the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes will fulfil its obligations ensuing from Section 4 of Act No. 181/2007 of the Collection of Laws (Coll.), on the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, the Security Services Archive and the amendment of certain acts. State Budget Chapter No. 355 has also not managed to avoid the impact of the financial and economic crisis. For objective reasons, owing to limits being placed on financial resources, including staff reductions, it will be necessary to optimise and re-evaluate some short-term and medium-term priorities for the sake of the internal stability of the Institute.

This approach is necessary in order to ensure further investigation, access to materials and impartial evaluation with regard to the period of Nazi occupation and the era of communist totalitarian power. Even under aggravated circumstances, it will be necessary to organise research activity so that it will be possible to comprehend and describe the mechanism of repressive power in its entirety.

In the course of the coming year, emphasis will definitely be placed on professional quality as well as on political impartiality and non-partisanship with respect to the wider democratic political spectrum. The Institute unequivocally affirms that it is not a party-political institution.

The proposed plan of activity for 2011 consists of three main parts: A. Research, Scholarly, Educational and Publishing activities; B. Financial Management, Operations and Digitisation; and C. Institute Office/Staffing. With the first part in particular (covering research, scholarly, educational and publishing activities), the Institute was forced for financial and staffing reasons to re-evaluate some priorities and to seek solutions which would ensure that the amount of scholarly output would at least remain at the same level as that of 2010.

The absolute priority in all areas of work is cooperation with the Security Services Archive as a crucial collaborator with the Institute and its nearest natural partner. Without this archive, it would be impossible to implement a substantial number of projects.

Insofar as it is possible, the Institute will develop cooperative relationships on both a domestic and international level. In particular, it will intensify existing cooperation with the Military History Institute, the Institute of Contemporary History, Libri prohibiti, the Confederation of Political Prisoners of the Czech Republic, Czech Centres, the Office for the Documentation and Investigation of the Crimes of Communism, individual faculties of

Charles University, Masaryk University, Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem, Palacký University in Olomouc, the University of Pardubice, the University of Defence in Brno, the Metropolitan University in Prague, the National Museum and the National Library.

Even despite the financial restrictions, the scholarly output of medium-term and long-term projects and the development of international cooperation will be presented to the academic community within a similar extent to that which occurred in 2010. While tackling individual projects, the Institute must concentrate on cooperating with external partners or seeking additional sources of financing.

Great importance will be attached to presentations on the Institute's website, where the results of our scholarly, editorial and educational efforts will be continuously published. After a certain hiatus, the Institute in conjunction with the Archive will continue the pilot electronic archive project, which will simplify archive activity and improve the protection of archive materials. The Institute's information system will be developed, and this will make the scholarly activity of the Section for Research on Totalitarian Regimes and the activity of the Publishing Section more effective. The validation of data files originating from the communist security services will continue for the benefit of the Archive.

Besides the active involvement of the editorial boards of both academic periodicals (*Paměť a dějiny (Memory and History)*, *Securitas Imperii*), a new publishing system will be completed with the establishment of a supreme body, i.e. the Publications Board, which should cooperate closely with the Academic Council. Even despite the adverse financial situation, the possibility of preparing the publication of a bulletin focusing on specific issues concerning the "Second" (anti-Nazi) and "Third" (anti-communist) resistance should be considered.

As regards international cooperation, the Institute will endeavour to revive the Platform of European Memory and Conscience project whilst also continuing to cooperate with partner institutions, particularly Poland's Institute of National Remembrance, Slovakia's National Memory Institute, the Institute of History of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, the Office of the Federal Commissioner (BStU) in Germany, as well as Hungarian, Romanian, Bulgarian, Estonian and other institutions.

The Institute will continue to fulfil a cooperation agreement with the U.S. Memorial Holocaust Museum as well as with the Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars, in Washington, D.C. We also expect to formalise cooperation on the examination of Soviet and Czechoslovak archive collections with Yad Vashem and the Davis Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University in the U.S.A.

As was the case last year, the draft Plan of Activity has been formulated in general terms, particularly in the publishing sphere, so that it will be possible to respond flexibly and complete projects with partner institutions and publishing houses. Regardless of the impact of the financial crisis, the Institute will continue to be prepared to ensure the fulfilment of its basic obligations. As is the case with other institutions, for the coming period we shall proceed on the assumption that the effects of the crisis will not intensify in a fundamental way. Consequently, the outlook for the Institute's subsequent operations will be formulated in a reasonably optimistic manner.

Part A – Research, Scholarly, Educational and Publishing Activities

INTRODUCTION

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Introduction

The long-term objectives of the activity of the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes are defined by Act No. 181/2007 Coll.:

- **studying and impartially evaluating the period of Nazi occupation when there was a lack of freedom and the era of the communist totalitarian power;**
- **examining the anti-democratic and criminal activity of state bodies, especially the security services;**
- **examining the criminal activities of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia and other organisations based on its ideology;**
- **analysing the causes and methods used to remove a democratic regime;**
- **documenting Nazi and communist crimes;**
- **documenting the participation of both local and foreign entities in supporting the communist regime and in resistance to it;**
- **publishing information, issuing and disseminating publications;**
- **organising exhibitions, seminars, expert conferences and discussions.**

Investigative research is focused on the time of the Nazi occupation, when there was a lack of freedom (30 September 1938 – 4 May 1945) and the era of communist totalitarian power (25 February 1948 – 29 December 1989, as well as the preceding period when events occurred in connection with preparations for the totalitarian seizure of power by the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia).

Section for Research on Totalitarian Regimes

The Section for Research on Totalitarian Regimes is responsible for the historical research of the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes. It arranges the investigation and impartial evaluation of the time of the Nazi occupation, when there was a lack of freedom, as well as the era of communist totalitarian power, the anti-democratic and criminal activities of state bodies, particularly the security services, and of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia and organisations based on its ideology. Together with the Department for Studying the Period of Nazi Occupation, the Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power handles the tasks of the Institute that are specified by Act No. 181/2007 Coll. It conducts research on the demarcated historical periods, and it participates in the preparation of publications and educational projects. The Documentation Department carries out its defined activity by documenting Nazi and communist crimes, collecting the memories

of people who lived through both totalitarian regimes, preparing and implementing educational events, as well as by participating in the preparation of exhibitions. At the same time, it also creates a collection of pictorial documents and other documentation.

The Section handles medium-term tasks in coordination and in cooperation with other workplaces in the Institute and the Security Services Archive as well as with external collaborators in the form of research projects and educational projects. At the same time, special importance is placed on processing digitised collections and other archive materials. The cooperation of the Section for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes with the Institute's Information Technology and Digitisation Section is extraordinarily important in this respect.

The state budget restrictions implemented by the government of the Czech Republic and their impact on the Institute as well as personnel changes have forced the Section to conduct a review and to change the structure of some medium-term research projects. In seeking solutions, we were guided by the endeavour to optimise the quantity and extent of individual projects, the staffing situation, and the use of external collaborators within the scope of individual projects, and to thus ensure the maximum fulfilment of tasks ensuing from Act No. 181/2007 Coll. despite the need for financial cuts. Nonetheless, it is not possible to rule out other possible government measures that could still have an influence on the implementation of some projects in the course of 2011.

On the one hand, the priority for the Section for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes is to investigate, reconstruct and analyse the operation of totalitarian mechanisms of power, including individual forms of repression. On the other hand, another of its priorities involves the study of all expressions of civic opposition and resistance. The results of the investigation will be presented in periodical and non-periodical publications as well as on the Institute's website in the form of a reconstruction of the structure of staffing positions in individual institutions of totalitarian power. Based on the experience of preparing aids for researchers, a group will be established which will focus on the methodology of working with the archive records of communist and Nazi security services.

Individual projects are structured as research projects, documentation projects or education projects. The Section is divided up into five basic categories:

- I. Resistance, Persecution and Society During the Era of the Protectorate
- II. Anti-Communist Resistance (the "Third Resistance")
- III. The Mainstays of Communist rule
- IV. Victims, Perpetrators, Society – the Documentation of Communist Rule
- V. The Memory and History of Totalitarian Regimes (Oral History)

Publishing Section

The task of this Section is to pursue publishing activities whilst also preparing and issuing periodical and non-periodical publications, arranging exhibitions, organising seminars, expert conferences and discussions. Periodical publications include the quarterly historical review *Paměť a dějiny* (*Memory and History*) and the biannual specialist journal *Securitas Imperii*. The publication of the English-language journal *Behind the Iron Curtain* is dependent on the obtainment of appropriate financial resources.

With respect to the anticipated financial situation of the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, the Section's priority for 2011 is to ensure that the maximum number of non-periodical publications is issued (monographs, editions of documents, etc.) and to obtain extra-budgetary financial resources by co-publishing non-periodical publications in cooperation with partner institutions and commercial publishers, co-organising conference events and exhibition projects with similarly focused Czech and foreign institutions, local authorities and bodies from the non-profit sector. Only close cooperation with the Finance and Operations Section, the Section for Research on Totalitarian Regimes, and the Director's Office will ensure that an identical level of publication activity as that proposed for 2010 will be implemented along with a commensurate number of conference events and exhibition projects, even with a reduced budget.

In the course of 2011, we will continue efforts to observe all the stipulated conditions for the inclusion of the specialist journal *Securitas Imperii* in the list of peer-reviewed academic periodicals. Improvements in the quality of content will be ensured through increased activity by both editorial boards and their involvement in a new system of conceptual policy in this area, particularly the establishment of a Publications Board.

The Publishing Section cooperates with the Section for Research on Totalitarian Regimes in organising seminars, conferences, web presentations, etc. It is also necessary to find another partner institution for the conference entitled "The Communist Party of Czechoslovakia 1921-2011" ("KSC 1921–2011"). The organisation of exhibitions abroad will also continue in cooperation with Czech Centres.

Insofar as the finances allow, there will also be further participation in the development of the *Paměť národa* (Memory of the Nation) digital archive of witnesses' memories. With the help of the U.S. Memorial Holocaust Museum, the Jan Langoš Library

will continue to ensure that workers from the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes and the Security Services Archive will have access to international databases of books, journals and articles. It will also organise an inter-library lending service. Moreover, the library's collection will be expanded within the extent permitted by the financial situation. Conditions will be arranged for reading microfilms purchased from the U.S. National Archives.

1. PRIORITY RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION PROJECTS

I. Resistance, Persecution and Society During the Era of the Protectorate

I.1 Personalities from the Nazi Apparatus of Repression in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia

Person responsible: Bc. Pavel Kreisinger (Department for Studying the Period of Nazi Occupation)

Type of project: research

Period of implementation: 2011–2015

Project objective: To formulate an overview and outline the characteristics of representatives of the apparatus of the Nazi occupation in the so-called Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia (SD, Gestapo, Abwehr), and to put their operations into the context of the time, particularly in terms of tackling local resistance. Part of the project will also comprise reflections on their fate after the end of the Second World War and their possible utilisation by communist security services.

The year 2011: Partial comparative studies in the periodicals of the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes. The preparation of editions of documents.

A more extensive study or edition of documents will be prepared in 2012.

I.2 The Nobility of the Czech Lands in Confrontation with the Totalitarian Regimes of the 20th century (1938–1989)

Person responsible: Mgr. Dita Jelínková (Department for Studying the Period of Nazi Occupation)

Type of project: research

Period of implementation: 2011–2015

Project objective: The main aim of the project is to compile monographs about the nobility during the period when the transformation of elites was in progress, whilst emphasising the complexity of the Czech nobility's links with National Socialism. Based on analysis and comparisons, we wish to precisely define the pressure exerted by the totalitarian (Nazi and communist) regimes on the nobility on the one hand. On the other hand, we want to reach more general conclusions on the relationships, attitudes and behaviour of the nobility with regard to both totalitarian systems.

The year 2011: Continuous results will be published in the form of articles and studies in the

Institute's periodicals. A collective monograph will be prepared on the basis of the conference entitled "The Nobility of Central Europe in Confrontation with the Totalitarian Regimes of the 20th Century" ("Šlechta střední Evropy v konfrontaci s totalitními režimy 20. Století").

The monograph will be prepared for submission as of the end of 2013.

I.3 The Resistance and Persecution of Christians During the time of Nazism and Communism (1939–1989)

Person responsible: Stanislava Vodičková, DiS. (Department for Studying the Period of Nazi Occupation), PhDr. Rudolf Vévoda (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Type of project: research

Period of implementation: 2009–2013

Project objective: Based on analysis and comparisons, the aim of the project is to define and specify, using model samples, the extent and forms of resistance as well as the persecution of faithful Christians during the time of the Nazi occupation and the communist totalitarian regime. On the basis of the documentation of the individual fates of Czechoslovak clergy who were imprisoned, executed and tortured in concentration camps (including those who returned from these facilities) and people who were similarly persecuted in the years 1948–1989, we wish to present the Church as a "victim" of totalitarian regimes, as well as in institution of defiance and resistance towards both totalitarian systems.

The year 2011: Studies that present individual Church figures in conflict with totalitarian systems, or which possibly focus on partial watersheds in relations between the Church and totalitarian state, will be published in the academic periodicals *Paměť a dějiny* and *Securitas Imperii*. Oral history will comprise part of the project.

At the end of 2013, a monograph will be submitted, which will contain profiles focused on comparing Nazi and communist persecution of the Church as well as on the resistance of Christians to both totalitarian regimes.

I.4 Children and Youths in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia

Person responsible: Radka Šustrová (Department for Studying the Period of Nazi Occupation)

Type of project: research

Period of implementation: 2009–2013

Project objective: Based on historical-sociological methods, the aim of this project is to

produce a general analysis of the status of children and young people in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia as well as the impact of the Nazi occupation on their social circumstances. Consequently, within the scope of the research, attention will be devoted to the involvement of young people in the resistance, Jewish youths and the Holocaust, as well as the Board of Trustees for Youth Education. This will also concern the specific *Erweiterte Kinderlandverschickung* (KLV) project, which was implemented in close connection with the Hitlerjugend organisation.

The year 2011: In the course of 2011, a study will be prepared for an Institute periodical. A monograph will be submitted at the end of 2013.

II. Anti-Communist Resistance (the “Third Resistance”)

II.1 Anti-Communist Resistance

Person responsible: PhDr. Libor Svoboda, Ph.D. (Group for the Study of Anti-Communist Resistance and Opposition)

Type of project: research

Period of implementation: 2008–2012

Project objective: The aim of the project entitled *The History of Anti-Communist Resistance and Opposition* is to analyse and present the forms of anti-communist opposition and resistance in the first phase of the existence of the communist totalitarian regime in the years 1948–1960. It also hopes to process basic information about the entire extent of domestic and foreign resistance and the personalities involved in it as well as its activity and influence on society. With respect to the existing level to which this subject has been processed, the project concept is built on basic archive research, the use of all available sources, literature, data files and, of course, testimony from eyewitnesses (tying in with an oral history project). The main outcome will be the creation of a typology of the various forms of resistance and opposition on the territory of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia.

The year 2011: The project will be implemented on several levels: in book publications, specialist output in the Institute’s periodical publications, editions of documents, conferences, seminars, public lectures, as well as in the form of web presentations, records of the memories of eyewitnesses, exhibitions, media output and publications of an encyclopaedic nature.

II.2 Czechs and Slovaks in Indochina During the First Indochina War (1946–1954)

Person responsible: PhDr. Ladislav Kudrna, Ph.D. (Department for Studying the Period of Nazi Occupation)

Type of project: research

Period of implementation: 2010–2014

Project objective: The aim of this project is to create a database containing around 2000 names of Czechoslovak citizens, who fought in the French Foreign Legion against the Viet Minh (among other things, the research will be conducted directly at the archive of the Foreign Legion). This pertains to Czechs and Slovaks who fought and died or were captured during the First Indochina War. The project also aims to acquaint people with their role within the French Foreign Legion and to assess the significance of the involvement of Czechoslovak citizens within the context of conflicts between East and West during the Cold War.

The year 2011: A monograph entitled *The Foreign Legions in Letters (Cizinecká legie v dopisech)* is to be published by the end of the year. The authentic testimony of Ladislav Charvát, who fought and died in Indochina.

In the course of the project, articles and studies are to be published in the Institute's periodicals.

III. The Mainstays of Communist Rule

III.1 The Evolution of the State Security Services

Person responsible: PhDr. Jan Kalous, PhD., PhDr. Milan Bárta (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Type of project: research

Period of implementation: 2008–2013

Project objective: To reconstruct the organisational development of the intelligence and counterintelligence divisions of State Security and divisions subordinate to the Ministry of Defence; to present their focus areas and activities as well as the staffing of management positions in their individual sections (heads of departments and directorates).

The year 2011: The project will be focused on formulating biographies of the heads of individual operational directorates at the Ministry of the Interior (National Security Corps). The outcome of this work will comprise a biographical dictionary in 2010 of heads of Interior Ministry directorates from the years 1953–1989. (Individual entries and studies will be processed in 2011.) A web presentation of the project will be prepared in tandem with partial studies in Institute periodicals (see the Structures of Power (Struktury moci) column in the *Paměť a dějiny* review).

III.1.1 The Evolution of the Intelligence Services (the First Directorate and the Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff)

Person responsible: Mgr. Martin Slávik (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Type of project: documentary

Period of implementation: 2009–2014

Project objective: To reconstruct the organisational development and staffing of the intelligence apparatus of the Interior and National Defence Ministries (1945–1989). Attention will be devoted to central operations on the domestic front as well as residencies abroad.

The year 2011: The reconstruction of the organisational development and the staffing of the head office of the Main Intelligence Directorate of the Federal Ministry of the Interior/National Security Corps as well as their foreign residencies in the years 1971–1989. The output will be implemented in the form of a web presentation and articles in the journal *Paměť a dějiny*. The systematic reconstruction of the intelligence directorate of the General Staff of the Czechoslovak People's Army will also commence.

III.1.2 Agency-Operational Activity of the Security Services

Person responsible: PhDr. Pavel Žáček, PhD. (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Type of project: research

Period of implementation: 2009–2011

Project objective: On the basis of systematic and comparative research, the aim of the project is to present the agency-operational activity of Nazi and communist security services, including specifications of identical proportions.

The year 2011: The completion of an edition on the Main Counterintelligence Directorate; the publication of a study on the controlling bureau of the Gestapo in Prague; the preparation of an anthology on the theory and practice of agency-operational activity by State Security in the years 1945–1989.

III.1.3 The Staffing, Organisational Structure and Activity of Counterintelligence Divisions (1974–1989)

Person responsible: Jerguš Sivoš (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Type of project: research

Period of implementation: 2010–2012

Project objective: To reconstruct the staffing and organisational development of central and territorial counterintelligence services during the so-called “normalisation” era.

The year 2011: The outcome will comprise studies in Institute periodicals, cooperation on dictionaries of leading figures in the security services and a web presentation.

III.1.4 Documentation of the Development of the Border Guard and Interior Guard Services

Person responsible: Mgr. Lubomír Morbacher (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Type of project: documentary

Period of implementation: 2009–2013

Project objective: Formulating organisational and staffing developments as well as the repressive activity of the Border Guards and Interior Guards as specific security services of the communist totalitarian regime. An essential element in this endeavour will comprise a comparison of their operations in the Czech lands and in Slovakia.

The year 2011: Studies in Institute periodicals and the expansion of the web presentation.

III.2 Evolution of the Organisational Structure of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia

Person responsible: Mgr. Vítězslav Sommer (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Type of project: research

Period of implementation: 2008–2016

Project objective: The aim of the research is to specify the theoretical and ideological aspects of Czechoslovak communism, particularly its political practices and wider social impact. Reconstructing the staffing arrangements of the controlling apparatus of the Communist Party in the years 1921–1989 remains another important objective.

The year 2011: The preparation of individual biographical profiles. The main output will be a *Biographical Dictionary of Leading Officials in the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia: 1921-1989* (*Biografický slovník vedoucích představitelů KSČ 1921–1989*), which will record the fate of important communist functionaries. (This concerns around 400 people).

Selected pilot studies will be prepared and published in the course of 2011 and the web presentation will also continue. In cooperation with the Institute of Contemporary History, an international academic conference for the 90th anniversary of the establishment of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia will be organised in November 2011.

III.2.1 Communism between Utopia and Everyday Life

Person responsible: Mgr. Vítězslav Sommer (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Type of project: research

Period of implementation: 2010–2014

Project objective: Using historical, political science and sociological methods, the aim of this project is to analyse and define individual ideological attributes of communism in terms of transformations in the thinking at the time before and after February 1948. The research will not only focus on the development of ideas among intellectuals and artists, but will also reflect on the influences of events at the time in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and in the context of the East-West conflict.

The year 2011: A study will be published in the journal *Paměť a dějiny* in 2011.

III.2.2 Biographies of Representatives of the Communist Regime

Person responsible: Doc. PhDr. Jiří Pernes, Dr. (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Type of project: research

Period of implementation: 2011–2015

Project objective: The formulation of biographies of important officials in the communist regime in Czechoslovakia, which includes placing this information in its historical context.

The year 2011: Within the scope of preparing a biography of Klement Gottwald, a study will be formulated for an Institute periodical.

Class Justice (1948–1989)

Person responsible: Mgr. Jiří Urban (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Type of project: research

Period of implementation: 2008–2014

Project objective: The objective is to analyse the status, role and actual activity of the judiciary during the era of the communist regime in Czechoslovakia in the years 1948–1989. The aim of the project in 2011 is to analyse the actual preparations of political trials from the 1950s to the 1980s, including trials that were not implemented, which the communist organs of power intended to pursue against members of the opposition movement in the 1970s and 1980s, including the response to repression in the context of international law and politics.

The year 2011: Output will comprise studies published in the journal *Paměť a dějiny*, e.g. a study about the “Truck” (Kamion) operation in 1981.

III.4 The Prison System in the Czech Lands 1938–1989

Person responsible: PhDr. Jaroslav Rokoský, Ph.D. (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Type of project: research

Period of implementation: 2010–2014

Project objective: To map the status and role of the prison system on the territory of the Czech lands or Czechoslovakia within the repressive apparatuses of totalitarian regimes. To record the transformations of the Czech prison system: local roots and traditions, imported innovations (from German Nazism and Russian bolshevism). The project will focus in particular on the post-war period (1945–1960). Consequently, attention will be devoted to the prison system during the time of retribution, the foundation period of the communist regime and its subsequent transformations. It is necessary to put faces to those who were imprisoned and especially to those who were their jailers. To acquaint people with everyday life behind the walls of prisons and labour camp, the experience of prison reality and the methods employed.

The year 2011: The preparation of a study for an Institute periodical; developing work for a web presentation of the project and presenting particular themes in Thursday seminars.

IV. Victims, Perpetrators, Society – the Documentation of Communist Cule

IV.1 Documentation of People Executed for Political Reasons 1948–1989

Person responsible: Mgr. Petr Mallota (Documentation Department)

Type of project: documentary

Period of implementation: 2008–2012

Project objective: The aim of the project is to verify data for people who were executed for political reasons in the years 1948–1989. At the same time, it is possible, based on an analysis of files that have been preserved, to create a survey of the activities of anti-communist resistance and opposition, the system of work of the repressive communist apparatus, including the role of the judiciary or the role of individuals in particular cases.

The year 2011: The preparation of studies for the Institute's specialist periodicals. Expanding the web presentation of the project, getting involved in an oral history project (interviews with relatives of people who were executed).

The final outcome will be a compendious publication in 2012, which presents the stories of all those who were executed.

IV.2 Documentation of People Killed at the State Border 1948–1989

Person responsible: Mgr. Lubomír Morbacher (Documentation Department)

Type of project: documentary

Period of implementation: 2008–2013

Project objective: The aim of the project is to map all cases of violent death at the border in the years 1948–1989 (place, time, causes of death, perpetrators).

The year 2011: The preparation of a study for the journal *Paměť a dějiny*; the continuation of a web presentation. The overall outcome will be a compendious publication on all victims at state borders in the years 1948–1989.

IV.3 The Collectivisation of Agriculture, the Persecution of Farmers and Their Families

Person responsible: Mgr. Petr Slinták (Documentation Department)

Type of project: documentary

Period of implementation: 2008–2012

Project objective: The aim of the project is to put the collectivisation of the countryside into the context of property transformations after the end of the Second World War in the

Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and to define the role of the repressive apparatus in pushing through this development.

The year 2011: The preparation of a monograph entitled *The Image of Collectivisation and the Cooperative Countryside in Czech Feature Films (Obraz kolektivizace a družstevního venkova v českém hraném filmu)* is planned for 2011; further activities include the publication of an educational DVD, participation in lectures and seminars, and partial studies in Institute periodicals. Participation in an oral project (the testimonies of people who lived through and were affected by collectivisation).

IV.4 The History of the Czech Underground

Person responsible: Bc. František Stárek (Documentation Department)

Type of project: documentary

Period of implementation: 2008–2011

Project objective: To map the history and structure of the Czech underground in the 1970s and 1980s as a cultural-historical, political, sociological, and even psychological phenomenon.

The year 2011: Output will comprise a web presentation, presentations at seminars and discussions, as well as the preparation of printed and electronic studies (the work *Key Moments in the Czech Underground (Klíčové momenty českého underground)*), the preparation of the related project *In the Name of the Nameless (Jména bezejmenných)*). The main output will be the publication of the *Brown Book of the Underground (Hnědá kniha underground)*. Participation in oral history.

IV.5 The Prague Spring and the Occupation of Czechoslovakia (1968–1969)

Person responsible: PhDr. Milan Bárta (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Type of project: research

Period of implementation: 2009–2011

Project objective: Research will focus on mapping and analysing the events of August 1969, including a comparison with the events of 1968.

The year 2011: Output in 2011 will comprise a monograph entitled *August 1969 in Czechoslovakia (Srpen 1969 v Československu)*, focusing on a comprehensive analysis of events and, last but not least, profiles of the victims.

IV.6 Opposition, Resistance and Political Power in the Regions (Brno 1948–1989)

Person responsible: PhDr. Rudolf Vévoda (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Type of project: research

Period of implementation: 2010–2015

Project objective: Based on analysis and comparison, the objective is to chart the evolution and to define the transformation of the relationship between communist power and representatives of the opposition using the example of Brno in the years 1948–1989, including reflections on important society-side events in the region. In this respect, Brno is a sufficiently representative example in view of the fact that it became an important centre of opposition and resistance against communist power.

The year 2011: The preparation of partial studies (interviews) in Institute periodicals; involvement in an oral history project, participation in the Thursday seminars programme.

IV.7 The Film and History of Totalitarian Regimes

Person responsible: Mgr. Petr Kopal (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Type of project: research

Period of implementation: 2010–2015

Project objective: Research on films as a valuable source and instrument of Nazi and communist ideological manipulation (propaganda). The objective is to analyse how film production worked in a totalitarian system as well as the tasks and possibilities of this work, and how it was received.

The year 2011: A partial study will be prepared for an Institute periodical and work will commence on an anthology called *Film and History III (Film a dějiny III)*. At the same time, analyses of individual film works will continue within the framework of Thursday seminars. Involvement in the preparation of an educational DVD.

V. The Memory and History of Totalitarian Regimes (Oral History)

V.1 The Memory and History of Totalitarian Regimes

Person responsible: Bc. Adam Hradilek (Oral History Group)

Type of project: documentary

Period of implementation: 2008–2012

Project objective: In connection with the fulfilment of Act No. 181/2007 Coll., the main mission of the oral history project is to collect, process, and archive the accounts of direct witnesses to important moments in Czechoslovak history. The recording of eyewitnesses' testimonies is proceeding in accordance with the Institute's current plans (a research project, publications, an exhibition, conferences, anniversaries) and chance situations (an eyewitness's visit to the Czech Republic, a lecture by an eyewitness, an eyewitness's state of health).

The year 2011: The further collection, processing and archiving of accounts by living survivors of the gulag, collectivisation (project IV.3), the persecution of the Church (project I.3), as well as from political prisoners and participants in anti-communist resistance (project II.1, project II.2). The project has recently focused on the relatives of people who were executed (project IV.1), the dissident movement outside of Prague (project IV.4, project IV.6) and citizens of the Czechoslovak Republic who served in the Wehrmacht. In cooperation with Czech Centres and consular offices, foreign collaborators with the dissident movement will be found and their testimony will be recorded. Similarly, cooperation will continue with the Memorial organisation and other institutions from post-Soviet countries while recording the accounts of witnesses who, for example, expressed solidarity with occupied Czechoslovakia. Involvement in the Shoah Foundation's "Malach" project is also expected (the use of recordings by the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes in the Malach project in a manner similar to Slovakia's Nation's Memory Institute). The text of a book entitled *Soviet Labour Camps as Remembered by Czechs and Slovaks (Sovětské pracovní tábory ve vzpomínkách Čechů a Slováků)* will be prepared. (It is due to be published in 2012..

Overview of research projects

	Name	Person responsible	Implementation
I.1	Personalities from the Nazi apparatus of Repression in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia	P. Kreisinger	2011–2015
I.2	The Nobility of the Czech Lands in Confrontation with the Totalitarian Regimes of the 20th Century (1938–1989)	D. Jelínková	2009–2013
I.3	The Resistance and Persecution of Christians During the Time of Nazism and Communism (1939–1989)	S. Vodičková R. Vévoda	2009–2013
I.4	Children and Youths in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia	R. Šustrová	2009–2013
II.1	Anti-Communist Resistance	L. Svoboda	2008–2012
II.2	Czechs and Slovaks in Indochina During the First Indochina War (1946–1954)	L. Kudrna	2010–2014
III.1	The Evolution of the State Security Services	J. Kalous M. Bárta M. Slávik P. Žáček J. Sivoš L. Morbacher	2008–2013
III.2	Evolution of the Organisational Structure of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia	V. Sommer J. Pernes	2008–2016
III.3	Class Justice (1948–1989)	J. Urban	2008–2014
III.4	The Prison System in the Czech lands 1938–1989	J. Rokoský	2010–2014
IV.5	The Prague Spring and the Occupation of the Czechoslovak Socialist	M. Bárta	2009–2011

	Republic 1968–1969		
IV.6	Opposition, Resistance and Political Power in the Regions (Brno 1948–1989)	R. Vévoda	2010–2015
IV.7	The Film and History of Totalitarian Regimes	P. Kopal	2010–2015

Overview of documentary projects

	Name	Person responsible	Implementation
IV.1	Documentation of People Executed for Political Reasons 1948–1989	P. Mallota	2008–2012
IV.2	Documentation of People Killed at the State Border 1948–1989	L. Morbacher	2008–2013
IV.3	The Collectivisation of Agriculture, the Persecution of Farmers and Their Families	P. Slinták	2008–2012
IV.4	The History of the Czech Underground	F. Stárek	2008–2011
V.1	The Memory and History of Totalitarian Regimes	A. Hradilek	2008–2012

2. EDUCATION PROJECTS

I. Educational projects focused on the professional school community

I.1 School edition of the DVD entitled “Collectivisation in Czechoslovakia”

Person responsible: Mgr. Jaroslav Pinkas (Documentation Department)

Type of project: educational

Period of implementation: 2011

Project objective: Publication of a delayed DVD.

The year 2011: The completion of extensive disputation for a DVD that presents collectivisation on both a national-political level and by way of a micro-historical study combining propagandistic media material, archive resources and interviews with people who lived through the events in question. Besides audiovisual clips from various sources (films, documentaries, TV news reports) the DVD will also contain a large quantity of archive materials and selected academic studies as well as the original accounts of eyewitnesses. The project ties in with long-term research within the scope of the project entitled “The Collectivisation of Agriculture, the Persecution of Farmers and their Families”.

I.2 Modern history summer school for teachers

Person responsible: Mgr. Kamil Činátl, Ph.D. (Education Group)

Type of project: educational

Period of implementation: 2008–2012

The year 2011: In cooperation with other specialist institutions, a series of seminars for teachers of social science subjects will be held at the end of August 2011. The concept behind the school will take account of the experience gained while organising the event in the two preceding years. The summer school uses the results of the Institute’s research and documentation projects, including the experience of the specific experts in charge of implementation.

I.3 Courses for teachers, pupils and university students: methodology and selected issues concerning modern history

Person responsible: Mgr. Kamil Činátl, Ph.D. (Education Group)

Type of project: educational

Period of implementation: 2008–2012

Project objective: The aim of the project is to offer new ways of thematising the teaching of contemporary history in pedagogical practice for teachers. At the same time, it presents new and non-traditional views of contemporary history at all school levels.

A specific part of the project will comprise methodological seminars on the teaching of modern history for Belarusian teachers, organised in cooperation with the Association for International Affairs.

The year 2011: Holding lectures and courses with the active participation of external collaborators in accordance with schools' current needs.

I.4 The preparation of methodological aids for schools

Person responsible: Mgr. Kamil Činátl, Ph.D. (Education Group)

Type of project: educational

Period of implementation: 2008–2012

Project objective: The preparation of educational materials in audiovisual and text form, enabling the education community to reflect in a multilayered way on how totalitarian regimes operated in Czechoslovakia. The project will focus especially on aids that can be used for the standard teaching of history in schools.

The year 2011: The extension of existing educational materials is planned for 2011, e.g. an anthology of images of everyday life under communism). The creation of new, educational web presentations is also in the pipeline.

I.5 E-learning “How Does One Teach About communism?”

Person responsible: Mgr. Kamil Činátl, Ph.D. (Education Group)

Type of project: educational

Period of implementation: 2011–2012

Project objective: The organisation of e-learning courses on the methodology for teaching contemporary history, which will be focused on teachers who cannot attend education seminars. It will accommodate contemporary trends in further education for pedagogical workers.

The year 2011: The creation of a course and its pilot implementation in cooperation with the Information Technology and Digitisation Section.

II. School education projects

II.1 The small and great stories of modern history

Person responsible: Mgr. Kamil Činátl, Ph.D. (Education Group)

Type of project: educational

Period of implementation: 2008–2012

Project objective: The aim of the project is to promote interest among students in issues concerning modern history in the form of oral history reflecting on the individual memories of their own relatives, particularly their parents and grandparents. Moreover, individual family histories using the active involvement of students offer an opportunity to look at “major” historical events in a specific context, which will bring it home to people and make it more understandable. Those who are interested can complete basic training in which they will be acquainted with the structure of the project as well as with issues concerning oral history and its methods. The main task will be to provide methodological guidance for teachers.

The year 2011: The continuous publication of students’ work in the form of a web presentation. The participation of external collaborators.

III. The Memory of the Nation digital archive of witnesses’ memories

III.1 The Memory of the Nation digital archive of witnesses’ memories

Person responsible: Michal Šmíd (Department of Exhibitions and Education)

Type of project: educational

Period of implementation: 2008–2012

Project objective: To compile the accounts of direct witnesses to the events of the 20th century from various European countries in cooperation with Czech Public Radio and the Post Bellum civic association.

The year 2011: Cooperation with the Russian Memorial association and the Jagiellonian University in Krakow on further expanding the database of eyewitnesses. Preparing the launch of the “Scouting Century” (“Skautské století”) project in cooperation with the Czech Junák association. In the course of this activity, scout groups will seek out surviving witnesses in their midst and the “Invisible Victims of Communism” (“Neviditelné oběti komunismu”) project will be implemented in cooperation with students from selected grammar schools.

III.2 Community of European Memory workshops

Person responsible: Mgr. Barbara Kopecká (Department of Exhibitions and Education)

Type of project: educational

Period of implementation: 2011

Project objective: The creation of a platform for discussion among oral history researchers and to also present the “Memory of the Nation” project.

The year 2011: In view of the receipt of a grant from the Visegrád Fund, workshops will be held in 2011 in Lvov, Zagreb, Bratislava and Prague.

IV. Aids for researchers (manuals)

IV.1 The interpretation of materials from the forces of repression

Person responsible: PhDr. Pavel Žáček, Ph.D., PhDr. Jan Kalous, Ph.D. (Section for Research on Totalitarian Regimes)

Type of project: educational

Period of implementation: 2011–2014

Project objective: In close cooperation with the Security Services Archive and other specialist workplaces, the project will focus on creating methodological aids for researchers illuminating the specific nature of archive records originating from the activity of the security services.

The year 2011: We anticipate the creation of a working group of historians, archivists and other experts participating in work on individual manuals from various points of view and while using various methodological approaches.

Work on manuals that acquaint the research community with some specific characteristics of the documentation of communist security services, including so-called agency-operational dossiers and investigation files. There will also be output in the form of studies in Institute periodicals.

Overview of educational projects

	Name	Person responsible	Implementation
I.1	School edition of the DVD entitled “Collectivisation in Czechoslovakia”	J. Pinkas	2011
I.2	Modern history summer school for teachers	K. Činátl	2008–2012
I.3	Courses for teachers, pupils and university students: methodology and selected issues concerning modern history	K. Činátl	2008–2012
I.4	The preparation of methodological aids for schools	K. Činátl	2008–2012
I.5	E-learning “How Does One Teach About Communism?”	K. Činátl	2011–2012
II.1	The small and great stories of modern history	K. Činátl	2008–2012
III.1	The Memory of the Nation digital archive of witnesses’ memories	M. Šmíd	2008–2012
III.2	Community of European Memory workshops	B. Kopecká	2011
IV.1	The interpretation of materials from the forces of repression	P. Žáček J. Kalous	2011–2014

3. EXHIBITION ACTIVITIES

3.1. Elections in the Czech lands

Person responsible: PhDr. Milan Bárta (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Coordinator: Bc. Michal Hroza (Publishing Section)

Co-organiser: National Museum

Location: Prague, National Museum – Vítkov Memorial

Date: May 2011

A large-scale exhibition project prepared in conjunction with the National Museum, which will be devoted to the history of elections in the Czech lands.

The Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes will be the co-organiser of this exhibition on the basis of a prepared cooperation agreement.

3.2. The 60th Anniversary of the Establishment of Radio Free Europe

Coordinator: Bc. Michal Hroza (Publishing Section)

Co-organiser: Faculty of Arts at Charles University, Český rozhlas 6 (“Czech Public Radio, Channel 6”), the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

Location: Prague, Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

Date: May 2011

Part of the extensive “Spring with Radio Free Europe” (“Jaro se Svobodkou”) project, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the establishment of Radio Free Europe. The project is being prepared in conjunction with RFE, Czech Public Radio, Charles University, and the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic.

By agreement with Czech Public Radio, the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes will ensure editorial and graphic work for the preparation of the exhibition.

3.3. Mene Tekel

Coordinator: Bc. Michal Hroza (Publishing Section)

Co-organisers: Charles University, the Czech Confederation of Political Prisoners (Konfederace politických vězňů ČR, o.s.), Arts without Barriers (Umění bez bariér)

Location: Prague, Carolinum, Charles University

Date: February 2011

The main theme of the fifth annual international festival against totalitarianism will be artists fighting against totalitarian regimes.

Part of the exhibition project will also comprise exhibitions prepared by the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes. The Institute will also participate in promoting this event together with partners.

3.4. Prague through the Lens of the Secret Police

Coordinator: Bc. Michal Hroza (Publishing Section)

Co-organiser: Czech Centres, Stasi Museum

Location: Berlin, Stasi Museum

Date: February 2011

In cooperation with Czech Centres and after stopping in Brussels, Strasbourg, New York, Washington, Boston, Prague and Frankfurt am Main, the exhibition entitled “Prague through the Lens of the Secret Police” will also open in Berlin. Negotiations are underway for it to be stages in Munich, Vienna, Budapest, Bucharest, Bratislava and Moscow.

OVERVIEW OF PLANNED EXHIBITIONS IN 2011

	Name	Person responsible	Implementation (location)
3.1	Elections in the Czech lands	M. Bárta, M. Hroza	2011 (National Museum, Prague)
3.2	The 60th Anniversary of the Establishment of Radio Free Europe	M. Hroza	May 2011 (Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Prague)
3.3	Mene Tekel	M. Hroza	February 2011 (Carolinum, Charles University, Prague)
3.4	Prague through the Lens of the Secret Police	M. Hroza	February 2011 (Stasi Museum, Berlin)

4. CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

4.1. The Communist Party of Czechoslovakia 1921–2011 (international conference)

Person responsible: PhDr. Jan Kalous, Ph.D., Mgr. Vítězslav Sommer (Section for Research on Totalitarian Regimes)

Coordinator: Mgr. Barbara Kopecká (Department of Exhibitions and Education)

Co-organiser: Institute of Contemporary History of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic

Location: Prague, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic

Date: November 2011

An international interdisciplinary conference prepared in cooperation with the Institute of Contemporary History of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and other partners. The Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes will be one of the event's two main organisers.

4.2. The Wartime Year of 1941 and the Czechoslovak Resistance (international seminar)

Person responsible: PhDr. Ladislav Kudrna, Ph.D. (Department for Studying the Period of Nazi Occupation)

Coordinator: Mgr. Barbara Kopecká (Department of Exhibitions and Education)

Location: Prague, Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes

Date: October 2011

An international seminar, which is being organised independently by the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes and which will be devoted to the situation of the domestic and foreign resistance to the German occupation. It will commemorate the establishment of Czechoslovak flying squadrons in the RAF.

4.3. Tagung zu RFE (international conference)

Person responsible: PhDr. Milan Bárta (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Coordinator: Bc. Michal Hroza (Publishing Section)

Co-organiser: Czech Centre, Munich, Collegium Carolinum

Location: Munich

Date: 28-29 April 2011

An international conference on the 60th anniversary of the establishment of Radio Free Europe, outlining the activity of this institution from its inception up to the present day.

The Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes is a partner for a grant application, which will enable this international conference to take place if successful. Researchers from the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes will also be active participants in this conference.

4.4. The 60th Anniversary of the Establishment of Radio Free Europe (international conference)

Person responsible: PhDr. Milan Bárta (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Coordinator: Bc. Michal Hroza (Publishing Section)

Location: Prague, the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

Period of implementation: 5 May 2011

Part of the extensive “Spring with Radio Free Europe” (“Jaro se Svobodkou”) project, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the establishment of Radio Free Europe. The project is being prepared in conjunction with RFE, Czech Public Radio, the Faculty of Arts of Charles University, and the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic.

By agreement with Czech Public Radio, the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes will ensure editorial and graphic work for the preparation of a conference anthology and researchers from the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes will be active participants in this conference.

4.5. University Students on Totalitarianism (student conference)

Person responsible: PhDr. Jaroslav Rokoský, Ph.D. (Group for Research on Anti-Communist Resistance and Opposition)

Coordinator: Mgr. Barbara Kopecká (Department of Exhibitions and Education)

Location: Prague, Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes

Period of implementation: October 2011

The aim of the second annual one-day student conference prepared independently by the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes is to motivate students to take an interest in research on totalitarian regimes. Winners of a competition for best thesis on the subject of totalitarian regimes, as chosen by an expert committee, will make presentations at this conference. These works will comprise part of an anthology, which will become the outcome

of this project in the same way as it did in 2010.

II. Regular seminars

II.1 Film and History, Totalitarianism and Propaganda

Person responsible: Mgr. Petr Kopal (Department for the Study of Communist Totalitarian Power)

Location: Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes

Period of implementation: January – December 2011 (once a month)

This comprises a series of film seminars presenting the works of Czech documentary-makers which pertain to the time of the Nazi occupation when there was a lack of freedom and the era of communist totalitarian power.

II.2 The Life Stories of Czechs and Slovaks in the 20th Century

Person responsible: PhDr. Jan Kalous, Ph.D. (Section for Research on Totalitarian Regimes)

Location: Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes

Period of implementation: January – December 2011 (approx. once a month)

Discussions with people who lived through the two worst totalitarian regimes of the last century.

II.3 Archive Records from the Security Services

Person responsible: Mgr. Světlana Ptáčnicková (Section for Research on Totalitarian Regimes)

Location: Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes

Period of implementation: 2011

A seminar devoted to the treatment and handling of archive records that have been preserved from the communist security services, the use of file paperwork, issues concerning the registration of files and the interpretation of documents. Output from seminars will be presented on the Institute's website.

II.4 Anti-Communist Resistance

Person responsible: Mgr. Libor Svoboda, Ph.D. (Group for Research on Anti-Communist Resistance and Opposition)

Location: Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes

Period of implementation: 2011

Regular monthly seminars on issues concerning anti-communist resistance (the “Third Resistance”).

OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND LECTURES

	Name	Type of output	Person responsible/Coordinator	Date (location)
1.	The Communist Party of Czechoslovakia 1921–2011	international conference	J. Kalous, B. Kopecká	November 2011 (Prague, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic)
2.	The Wartime Year of 1941 and the Czechoslovak Resistance	international seminar	L. Kudrna, B. Kopecká	October 2011 (Prague, ÚSTR)
3.	Tagung zu RFE	international conference	M. Bárta, M. Hroza	28-29 April 2011 (Munich)
4.	The 60 Anniversary of the Establishment of Radio Free Europe	international conference	M. Bárta, M. Hroza	5 May 2011 (Prague, Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic)
5.	University Students on Totalitarianism	student conference	J. Rokoský, B. Kopecká	November 2011(Prague, Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes)

II. Overview of regular seminars

Name	Type of output	Person responsible	Date (location)
II.1 Film and History, Totalitarianism and Propaganda	a series of film seminars	P. Kopal	once a month (Prague, Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes)
II.2 The Life Stories of Czechs and Slovaks in the 20th Century	discussion with eyewitnesses	J. Kalous	once a month (Prague, Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes)
II.3 Archive Records from the Security Services	seminar	S. Ptáčnicková	2011 (Prague, Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes)
II.4 Anti-Communist Resistance	series of academic lectures	L. Svoboda	once a month (Prague, Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes)

5. PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES

5.1 Quantity and type of publications by the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes which have been proposed for completion in 2011

Publication	Type of publication	Periodicity	Quantity
Periodical	Paměť a dějiny (Memory and History)	four times	4
	Securitas Imperii	twice	2
Non-periodical	Series/Editions		2
	Monograph		2
	Exhibition catalogues		1
	Anthologies		2
	Textbooks, manuals		1

6. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

In the course of 2011, the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes will continue one of its most important tasks – international cooperation. In view of upcoming changes that are expected by our most important partners – Germany’s Office of the Federal Commissioner for the records of the Ministry for State Security of the GDR (BStU), Poland’s Institute of National Remembrance (IPN) and Slovakia’s Nation’s Memory Institute (ÚPN) – it is necessary to strive to preserve the existing level of relations and to maintain at least the current standard of cooperation. Another task will be to support the activity of partner institutions in Slovenia, Romania, Bulgaria and the Baltic states.

Insofar as it is possible, the Institute will follow up on steps already taken in connection with the creation of a Platform of European Memory and Conscience. In particular, there will be a resurgence in the dynamic activity of the working group, which includes representatives of 26 institutions and organisations from 19 European countries. Once again, one of the main tasks will be enter into new discussions on, or to promote a proposal for, internal statutes regulating the activity of the Platform as an organisation based on an intergovernmental agreement. In this respect, it is necessary to make active use of the fact that Hungary is assuming the presidency of the EU Council before Poland subsequently takes over this role.

Together with the working group for the Platform of European Memory and Conscience, the Institute is going to follow up on cooperation with the working group called *Reconciliation of European Histories*, which is composed of members of the European Parliament from 16 European Union countries. Among other things, this group supports the establishment of a European platform. In March 2011, representatives of the Institute will participate in a public hearing at the European Parliament, which has been prepared by the group, on the crimes of communism and teaching in schools. The public hearing will be connected with a meeting of the working group for the Platform of European Memory and Conscience.

In the course of next year, mutually beneficial cooperation with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. will be extended so that it can also be the basis for the preparation of specialist texts, which can be published in the Institute’s academic periodicals. A cooperation agreement will be prepared for signing with the Davis Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University, particularly in connection with access to documents of Soviet or Czechoslovak origin on the course of the Cold War.

The Institute is also preparing to follow up on and finalise cooperation with Israel's Yad Vashem institute, specifically with its International Institute for Holocaust Research. This cooperation will allow for the sharing and exchanging of experiences while preparing common research, archival and digitisation projects. This will lead to an intensification of research, particularly in regard to the time of the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia when there was a lack of freedom (1938–1945).

Representatives of the Institute will also attend a meeting of members of the European Network of Official Authorities in Charge of the Secret Police Files, which is being held in Romania. The Institute will unequivocally support the expansion of this network to include representatives from the Baltic republics.

Besides the need to further develop its web presentation in English, the Institute is thinking about publishing an electronic newsletter, which would provide up-to-date information on the activity of the Institute and the Security Services Archive. It has also been identified as a medium for continuously informing partner institutions. In the coming year, a Czech and English anthology from last year's "Crimes of Communism" conference will also be published, which will contain reports presented on coming to terms with the totalitarian past in individual countries. The publication of the *Behind the Iron Curtain* review is dependent on the actual financial situation.

If the year 2011 brings no further budget restrictions, it will be possible in the medium-term to plan the organisation of a more prominent international event that is related in terms of ideas with the "Crimes of Communism" conference from February 2010.

Part B – Financial Management, Operations and Digitisation

I. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS SECTION

II. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITISATION SECTION

I. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS SECTION

The Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes is an autonomous organisational branch that manages financial resources from the state on the basis of the annually approved Act on the state budget of the Czech Republic. This Act is approved by the Parliament of the Czech Republic, which determines the level of financial resources for the economic management of individual organisational branches of the state for the relevant financial year at the same time as its legislative act.

In view of the fact that there has been a substantial reduction in the budget for 2011, the main task of the Finance and Operations Section consists of approximating budget indicators set at the time of the establishment of the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, partly by maximising financial sources by minimising operational funds on the expenditure side of the budget, and partly by obtaining funds from other sources besides the state budget.

For comparison:

Budget of the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes	2008	2009	2010	2011
Routine expenditures	97,428.00	89,256.00	87,308.00	83,067.00
comprising: other routine expenditures	43,442.00	24,349.00	25,201.00	26,872.00
Capital expenditures	13,554.00	7,700.00	3,574.00	2,500.00
Total expenditures	110,982.00	96,956.00	90,882.00	85,567.00

Participating in operational programmes or other forms of subsidies from the EU is one way of dealing with the aforementioned facts. A precondition for this involves the formulation of a high-quality project and seeking out an appropriate grant programme.

In its activity, the Finance and Operations Section will consistently proceed in accordance with valid legislative regulations and it will thoroughly abide by the principles of the 3 Es, i.e. Economy-Efficiency-Effectiveness. Instruments will be used for this, e.g. in the form of a goal-oriented quantification in the expenditure sides of individual cost units with a view to ensuring cash flows in the Institute, including the specification of competent roles.

Another instrument is to improve the quality of the public contract procurement process by electronic means and thoroughly observing the principles of transparency, equal treatment and a ban on discrimination, whereby it is particularly necessary (whilst taking account of the principle of the 3 Es) to focus on the planning and preparation stage for each public contract. Similarly, the optimisation of contractual obligation will be equally important.

By the end of June 2011, the Finance and Operations Section will complete the implementation of the new GINIS economic information system and the implementation of an electronic filing system, which will ensure the completely electronic circulation of accounting documents, including their electronic approval.

A sophisticated internal control system, which employs approval, operational, evaluative and review procedures, is essential for ensuring the economic, efficient and effective utilisation of financial resources.

For the successful fulfilment of all demanding tasks, the Finance and Operations Section will also focus on improving the quality of internal regulations and adapting them to applicable legislation.

Together with the Security Services Archive, the Finance and Operations Section will participate in finding an appropriate building for the relocation of Security Services Archive workplaces, particularly the workplaces in Kobylisy and Braník.

Particular tasks of the Finance and Operations Section are based on decrees by the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic.

Based on Ministry of Finance Decree No. 449/2009 Coll., on the method, terms and extent of data presented for evaluating the fulfilment of the state budget, the budgets of state funds, the budgets of autonomous regional administrative units, the budgets of voluntary associations of municipalities and the budgets of Regional Councils of cohesion regions, as amended, the Finance and Operations Section will formulate the financial statements given in Table No. 1 and present them to state authorities.

Table No. 1

Activity	Frequency	Content	Notes
organisational branch of the state	monthly	statement on entitlements from unexpended expenditures	last working day before the 20th day of the following month
organisational branch of the	quarterly	financial statement for the evaluation of budget fulfilment	before the 14th calendar day of the month following the

state			end of the quarter
organisational branch of the state	quarterly	chronological summary of budget measures	before the 14th calendar day of the month following the end of the quarter
organisational branch of the state	annually	financial statement for the evaluation of budget fulfilment (breakdown of the approved budget)	last working day before 25 March
chapter manager	quarterly	summary of statements for the (budget) chapter	before the 20th calendar day of the month following the end of the quarter
chapter manager	annually	summary of statements for the (budget) chapter	last working day before 31 March
chapter manager	quarterly	limits and balances on accounts in the Czech National Bank as an appendix to a commentary on the financial statement	before the 14th calendar day of the month following the end of the quarter
chapter manager	quarterly	fulfilment of mandatory state budget indicators	before the 14th calendar day of the month following the end of the quarter

On the basis of Ministry of Finance Decree No. 383/2009 Coll., on accounting records in the technical form of selected accounting units and their transfer to the state's central system of accounting information and on the requirements for technical and composite forms of accounting records, as amended, the Finance and Operations Section must formulate the accounting statements specified in Table No. 2 and submit them to state authorities.

Table No. 2

Activity	Frequency	Content	Notes
organisational branch of the state and (budget) chapter	quarterly and annually	Balance Sheet	by the 20th day of the following month
organisational branch of the state and (budget) chapter	quarterly and annually	Profit and Loss Statement	by the 20th day of the following month

organisational branch of the state and (budget) chapter	annually	summary of cash flows and of changes in equity	by 20 February of the following year
organisational branch of the state and (budget) chapter	quarterly	appendix	by the 20th day of the following month
(budget) chapter	annually	ancillary consolidated summary for the Financial Statement	by 31 March of the following year
(budget) chapter	annually	statement of assets and liabilities for a partial consolidated state unit	by 30 April of the following year
(budget) chapter	annually	statement of costs and revenues for a partial consolidated state unit	by 30 April of the following year
(budget) chapter	annually	statement of cash flows for a partial state unit	by 30 April of the following year
(budget) chapter	annually	appendix to the Financial Statement for a partial consolidated state unit	by 30 April of the following year
(budget) chapter	annually	ancillary consolidated summary for a partial consolidated state unit	by 30 April of the following year

Other tasks of the Finance and Operations Section in 2011, which ensue from Ministry of Finance Decree No. 419/2001 Coll., on the extent, structure and deadlines for data submitted for the formulation of a draft state final account and on the scope and deadlines for compiling draft final accounts for the state budget chapter, as amended, are given in Table No. 3:

Table No. 3

Activity	Deadline	Content	Method of execution
EDS/SMVS (Evidentiary Subsidy System/Administration of Assets Owned by the State)	March	annual turnover of data in the EDS/SMVS system – 2010/2011	to be entered in the EDS/SMVS system
assessment report, including appended tables	20 February	assessment report on financial management, concept and draft of an	submitted to the Ministry of Finance

		accompanying report of the final account, appended tables	
draft state final account	15 March	draft state final account	submitted to the Ministry of Finance, the Supreme Audit Office (NKÚ), and the Czech Statistical Office (ČSÚ)
draft state final account	to be specified	defence of the draft state final account	to be defended before the constitutional-legal committee of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic (PS PČR).

In 2011, the Finance and Operations Section will arrange the tasks specified in Table No. 4, which include the following:

Table No. 4

Activity	Deadline	Content	Method of execution
draft budget for 2012 and medium-term outlook for 2013 and 2014	31. July	request for an increase in budget resources to the maximum possible extent while observing valid legislation. In the source materials for the preparation of the draft state budget and the medium-term outlook of the state budget, the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic will be asked by the Institute for an increase in the Institute's budget so that it can fulfil the activities stipulated by Act No. 181/2007 of the Collection of Laws..	submitted to the Ministry of Finance
“budget chapter breakdown” (for 2012)	31 October	work on preparing the budget, draft budget, expenditure on the property reproduction programme	submitted to the Ministry of Finance
“budget chapter breakdown” (for 2012)	to be specified	Defence of the “budget chapter breakdown”	to be defended before the constitutional-legal committee of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic (PS PČR)

II. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITISATION SECTION

Besides the digitisation of archive materials, the Information Technology and Digitisation Section is responsible for running the ICT infrastructure of the systems that are common to both the Institute and the Security Services Archive. It participates in keeping technologies in an operable condition and it arranges for purchases pertaining to IT within the scope of constant renewable development. In 2011, the scope of its activity will be directly dependent on the volume of allocated funds, good work organisation as well as possible increased productivity.

Based on a re-evaluation of the technology for the conversion of archive documents to electronic form and an increase in the quality of protection for digitised archive records, the Section considerably curtailed the use of document scanners, and the total volume of digitised documents was reduced by almost fifty percent.

In cooperation with the Section for Research on Totalitarian Regimes, the Publishing Section, the Institute Office and the Security Services Archive, the Section participates in producing output in the form of web presentations intended for the general public. The Section participates in training employees and it sends individual workers on specialist short-term placements.

The main task in terms of the administration and development of information technology consists on constructing a uniform concept for the information systems of the Institute and the Security Services Archive whilst ensuring their flawless, effective and safe operation. It implements the development and administration of the information system in accordance with the needs of the Institute. Furthermore, the Information Technology and Digitisation Section also provides technical support for projects implemented by other divisions of the Institute (conferences, publications, exhibitions, etc.), and it produces its own output.

Within the process of internally consolidating ICT, whilst ensuring the needs of users of the information system but also expanding online services provided to the public, appropriate attention will be devoted to increasing security standards for the ICT infrastructure, i.e. updating protective measures, inspections, detecting changes, reducing risks and dealing with incidents. Even within the scope of limited investment, it is necessary while exchanging outdated components to deal with voice port issues as well as issues concerning the internet server, data stores, support and regular modifications of selected

hardware, data back-up and the long-term archiving of data, the virtualisation of part of the infrastructure, coordinating approaches and ensuring the continuity of IT services.

The Institute's information system is an extensive and complex set of technical and software solutions, which are mutually interconnected for the purpose of storing, finding, administering and working with information that is important for activity and the fulfilment of goals specified by law. Preparing and implementing self-service solutions for Institute employees on the basis of web services and applications is an essential part of the Section's mission.

The most important tasks in terms of the Institute's information system will be the implementation of Ginis (finance and operations) software and Flux (human resources) software. These systems are scheduled to "go live" at the turn of the second and third quarter of 2011.

An essential part of the development of the internet infrastructure comprises the permanent modernisation of solutions in accordance with the intentions of applicable standards with a view to building up the website as a virtual tool intended for the general public. Current issues will involve a solution for the online transfer of selected seminars, preparing and implementing a redesign of the website, the greater integration of Javascript and Ajax technologies, updating the editing system, administering and developing the MySQL internet database, preparing the transfer of selected exhibitions to an online platform, and publishing online presentations (e.g. of officers from operational directorates of State Security, "*Freedom Train, 1951*" (*Vlak svobody, 1951*), *Čechoslovák* magazine with Libri prohibiti etc.).

The Institute's web and interactive presentations will remain an integral part of presenting the output of both institutions to the public. The objective is to maintain the existing high-level of traffic enjoyed by presentations within the framework of individual online projects.

A project involving a virtual reading room for historical documents ties in with the project entitled "Security Services' Documents for the Years 1939–1945, 1968–1969 and 1974–1989" ("Dokumenty bezpečnostních složek k letům 1939–1945, 1968–1969 a 1974–1989). This will extend the selection of documents available from the years 1939–1989 that pertain to Nazi and communist security services (including the Ukrainian KGB) in a lucid form, in one place and in a more user-friendly search-engine environment..

Last but not least, the Section will participate in the production of interactive optical media in terms of educational projects as well as in terms of meeting the need to present the

activities of the Institute.

Providing support in terms of processing data files, inspections, validating and consolidating key databases, reducing error rates and streamlining the registration system, including thematic searches, will remain one of the Information Technology and Digitisation Section's most important tasks in relation to the Security Services Archive. Rewrites will aim to prepare data for a technical solution to on-demand screening or vetting procedures (so-called "lustration") using computer technology, whilst gradually phasing out manual lustration. A technical solution based on an SQL server will be developed whilst further expanding and interlinking data sources of various provenances with different structures.

The introductory phase for the validation of transferred databases will be completed by rewriting and processing the remaining registration (archive) protocols, including logs of investigation files and staffing orders from interior ministers. The next step will be the conversion of data from the digitised card indices of the former Study Institute into electronic form (which comprises more than 2 million records) as well as the inspection and preparation of this data for uploading to the information system. The final task will be to process registration source materials for archive records and documents originating from departments of the State Police (Veřejná bezpečnost).

The digitisation of individual archive units based on the research needs and official requirements of the Security Services Archive will also continue in 2011 (i.e. processing official requests from the National Security Authority, the Ministry of the Interior, intelligence services, the Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, the Office for the Documentation and Investigation of the Crimes of Communism, etc.) In cooperation with the Security Services Archive, the second half of the Jewish Organisations collection (Archive Collection No. 425) will continue to be converted to electronic form within the scope of systematic digitisation. Scanning will be completed for the collections of the First, and Tenth Directorates of the National Security Corps, record sheets from the Third Directorate of the National Security Corps, and microfiches from central counterintelligence divisions (the Second and Third Directorate, the Prague Directorate of the StB). Conceptual digitisation will commence for dossier and file paperwork from the intelligence directorate of the General Staff, including microfiches, as well as the file paperwork of central counterintelligence divisions, archive collections Z and H (historical) and the Second Directorate of the National Security Corps (A 34, A 34/1).

The construction of an electronic archive with online access must also continue. A technical solution will also be implemented for the development and debugging of

applications within the framework of the Institute's information system with full support for importing dossiers and furnishing them with metadata as well as for the administration and documentation of the system. The aim of subsequent development is to complete the pilot phase, to effectively interlink individual processes for the purposes of the automated transfer of information and other innovations. The Section will also continue to participate in inserting descriptive data for imported digital files.

In connection with the need for the high-quality processing of photographs in digital form (e.g. from the collection of the Fourth Directorate of the National Security Corps) it will be necessary to launch the pilot phase for the construction of an electronic photo-archive databank while using software for preserving descriptive information.

Part C – Institute Office/Staffing

In 2011, the Institute Office will continue to perform the role of secretariat for the Institute Council and for the Institute Director. This primarily consists of preparing source materials for the Institute Council's individual meetings and the implementation of their resolutions. Furthermore, the Institute Office will prepare source materials for the Institute Director, whilst also executing his decisions, coordinating the activity of both of the Institute's divisions, implementing international cooperation, organisationally ensuring the activity of the Institute's Academic Council and the Institute Director's Advisory Board (Poradní kolegium). In connection with the impact of legislative changes in the area of employment relations, the Institute Office in conjunction with the management of divisions will gradually optimise the jobs structure in individual sections and departments.

Based on the adopted timetable, the Institute Office wants to check the fulfilment of the plan of activity and to ensure the preparation and distribution of the Institute's most important documents, including the Annual Report and Plan of Activity for 2012.

In the course of 2011, an amendment will be prepared for the Institute's Filing and Shredding Rules. In connection with the need to begin the operation of a file service in electronic form, starting from the middle of 2012, the Institute Office will ensure all steps are taken so that this is implemented without any problems.

The implementation of the new Flux human resources program will take place in January 2011. First and foremost, emphasis will be placed on the smooth transfer of data and information from the existing program. In connection with the personnel development plan, expert training will be arranged with lecturers working in the field of labour law, public administration and management. The language classes that are on offer will be extended to include German.

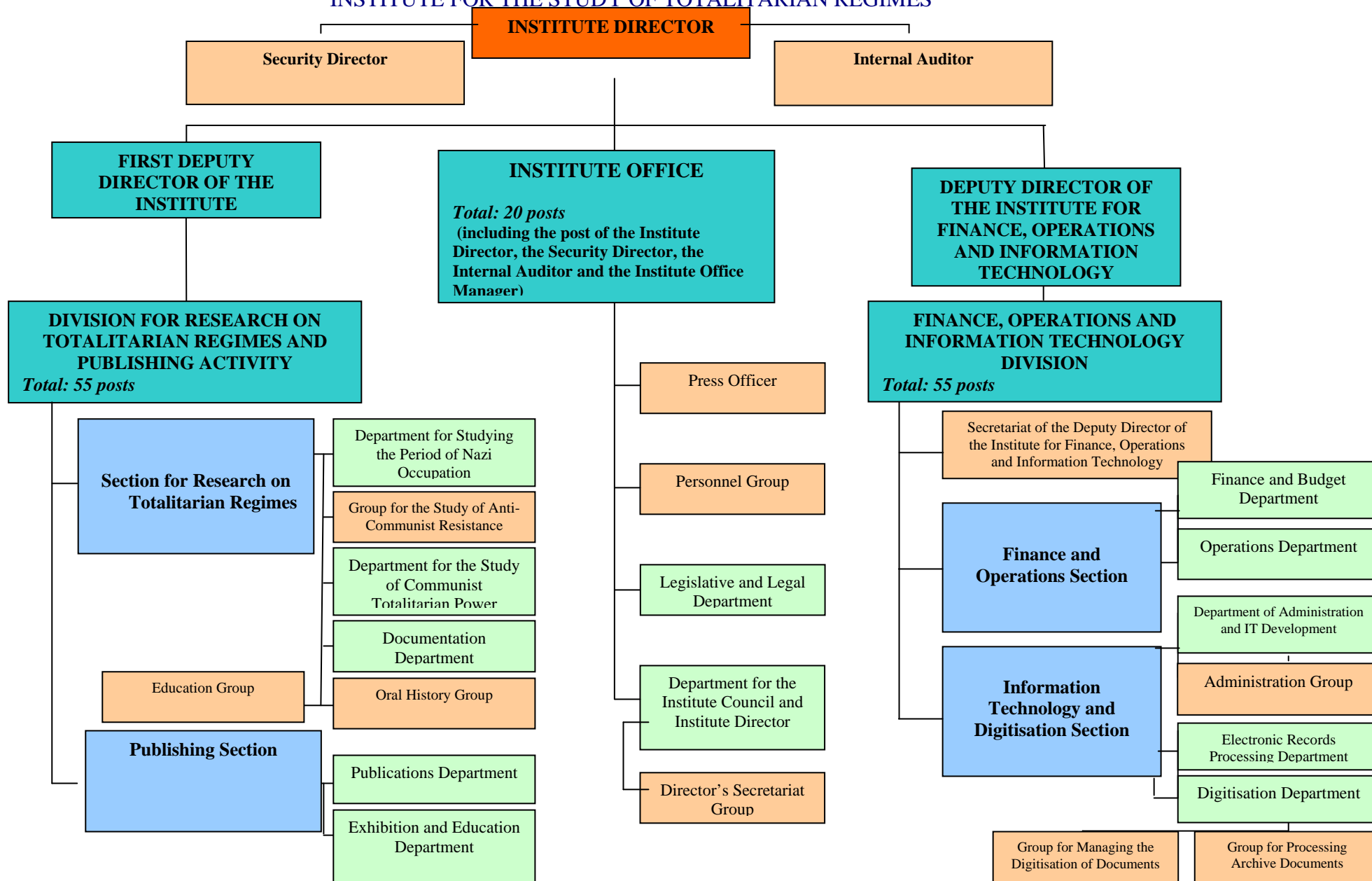
Within the scope of administering the content of the Institute's website, the system for updating information on the Institute's activity will be reorganised. At the same time, in cooperation with other sections of the Institute, emphasis will be placed on developing the English version of the website.

The Institute Office will continue to fulfil internal legislative tasks, which includes the preparation of the internal regulations for the Institute, the preparation of contracts and

checking their fulfilment, providing legal opinions on all issues connected with the Institute's activities, dealing with court business and source materials for awarding public contracts. Last but not least, it will process applications for the provision of information pursuant to Act No. 106/1999 Coll., on free access to information.

In cooperation with the Publishing Section as well as the Information Technology and Digitisation Section, an updated presentation CD will be prepared under the supervision of the Institute Office.

Part C – Overview of Systemised Posts for 2011
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There was a total of **130** systemised posts as of 31 December 2010. A reduction in the number of employees is expected in 2011 in connection with economic measures taken by the Government of the Czech Republic.