



Event Announcement

18 Oct 2018

"We're at war and I'm right in the middle of it, so I'm going to tell you all about it..."

The Technical Museum Vienna will hold an international conference on 23rd-24th October 2018 to mark 20 years since provenance research was commenced in Austria. The main focus will be on 1,200 letters that were sent from Western Ukraine in 1942 but could never be delivered due to the ongoing fighting. They were sent by a *Wehrmacht* soldier to the former "Reich Postal Service Museum, Vienna" from where they later found their way to the Technical Museum. In 2009 and 2016 the letters were restituted to the Ukraine. Six hundred descendants were able to be traced, meaning that a considerable proportion of the letters could be delivered after all.

The conference will consist of five panels, which will chart, among other things, the discovery of the so-called "Russian letters", the Ukraine's role in World War II, and the Holocaust's place in Ukrainian historical memory. The function of letters as historical source material will also be subjected to scrutiny and accounts will be provided of the cooperation between the Ukraine, Poland, Germany and Austria.

Speakers will include international experts, and family members to whom the letters were able to be restituted. The lectures will be held in Ukrainian and German. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

For further information and to register your attendance, please follow these links:

[Vienna Technical Museum](#)

[Provenance research at the Vienna Technical Museum](#)