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Résumé of the 2nd issue:

The second issue of *Archival Review* opens with the 2023 report by the archival professional supervisor. This edition addresses several professionally timely and even novel topics. A paper discusses the findings of an international conference on the current and potential uses of artificial intelligence in archival practices (Péter Gerhard). The topic of archival pedagogy, which aims to make archival activities more accessible to younger generations, is addressed in a workshop summary presenting the experiences of seven archives (Eszter Lengyel). As part of the ongoing series on Hungarica research, this issue features an article highlighting online opportunities (Dániel Miklós) and the first installment of a systematic exploration of various aspects of the field, focusing on Rijeka (Ágnes Ordasi). In the field of conservation, Katalin Orosz summarizes the insights from an international course as they relate to photographic negatives. As part of our archival history series, this issue includes an interview with archivist Kálmán Radics (conducted by Tamás Szálkai) and introduces a new publication series, *Visual Review (Vizuális Szemle)*, which will focus on the practices and professional challenges of collecting visual sources.

Katalin Orosz: Photographic Negatives and Their Conservation – Experiences from an International Course

This study summarizes the experiences of the international photographic negative conservation course held in November 2023. The first section of the paper offers a concise overview of the earliest direct positive photographic processes. In presenting each procedure, the author details the method itself, the characteristics of the resulting images, the properties of the chemicals used, common types of damage, conservation possibilities, and optimal storage conditions. The second section, following the criteria outlined above, focuses on the description of later-evolved glass negative techniques. Alongside the detailed descriptions, the study is complemented by an extensive collection of visual materials to deepen the understanding of the acquired knowledge.

Ágnes Ordasi: Indeficenter – The Past, Present, and Future (?) of Hungarica research in the Rijeka State Archives

The study seeks to examine the past, present, and future of Hungarica research in the Rijeka State Archives. The author first presents the pioneering era of Hungarica research there, starting from the 1960s. It not only presents the results achieved by researchers who worked on-site but also provides a detailed account of their impressions and experiences gained there. The reader can then become acquainted with the history and results of the collaborative efforts in archival organization and the creation of research aids that emerged in the early 2000s. In the study's last section, the author provides valuable information on both the opportunities and methods for conducting research in the archives, as well as on materials that may hold particular interest from a Hungarian perspective.

Dániel Miklós: An Online Collection's Hungarian References – Hungarian Relevance in the Unitarian Service Committee's Online Accessible Materials

The possibilities offered by technology have been serving those who wish to conduct research for decades by now. One segment of this is represented by the rapidly growing number of online databases, some of which are available as paid services, while many projects have also emerged in recent years that are freely accessible to those interested. The study seeks to present one such free online document collection: the archival materials of the Unitarian Service Committee. In the first part of the study, the author provides an overview of the collection's materials, with particular emphasis on its Hungarian relevance. The second part of the study offers practical information on how to access and use the collection.