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The Mershon Network for International Historians (MNIH) is a unique online association for scholars engaged in the study of twentieth century European international relations. The network's mission is to foster intellectual discussion, research, and teaching in the field of European diplomatic history.

Located at www.mnih.org, the network's primary purpose is to promote collaborative research by scholars in international history. MNIH does this by announcing upcoming conferences around the world, listing recent publications in the field, publishing calls for papers, and publicizing fellowship and grant opportunities.

MNIH also performs two other unique services. First, it provides researchers with one of the largest archival databases found on the internet. Links to hundreds of archives around the world are posted, along with current information about many of them.

Second, scholars who join MNIH can request the names of other members working on a particular field or topic, or at a certain city or university. This promotes collaboration among scholars who otherwise might have no other way of meeting one another. Membership is free, and privacy is assured.

One of the measures of the usefulness of the MNIH website is the number of people who use it. The network got more than 40,000 hits in 2005-06, an average of 3355 per month. These visitors came from 38 countries, including the United States, Germany, Holland, Australia, Canada and Britain, but also from as far away as the Ivory Coast, Moldova, Kazakhstan, China and Saudi Arabia.



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