

FONDATION NAPOLEÓN

ACTIVITY REPORT

2011

Publication of the Correspondence de Napoleon Bonaparte

Libraries

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Publications and activities of Fondation Napoléon Staff

PUBLICATION OF THE CORRESPONDENCE DE NAPOLEON

Head of Department: Irène Delage
Project Manager: François Houdecek
Project assistant: Marie Baudouin

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

Volume 8 published, in November 2011

Participation of the **Diplomatic Archives of Imperial Russia (AVPRI)**

225 participating archival centres from 21 different countries

41 052 lettres will be published

VOLUME 8 PUBLISHED, NOVEMBER 2011

- *1808 – Expansions méridionales et résistances*, edited by G. Madec
- 3,019 letters, an increase of 25% on the edition published during the Second Empire
- 1,700 pages, 2 studies, 7 maps, 1 detailed timeline, 2 indexes

VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION

- Volunteers currently working on the project: 18
- Total number of volunteers since the project began: 259
- Total work hours: 6,048 hours or 128 hours per week

LETTER GATHERING

- French archive centres and institutions which transmitted letters: 101
- Foreign archive centres and institutions which transmitted letters: 124
- Auction catalogues consulted containing Napoleon letters: 968
- Collectors who transmitted letters: 87

PROCESSING

- Files in database: 41,052
- Letter not in Second Empire edition: 58.4 % (23,942)
- Letters absent from consulted monographs: 30.4 % (12,488)

LIBRARIES

Department head: Irène Delage

Librarian: Chantal Prévot

Bibliothèque "Martial Lapeyre"

COLLECTIONS

- New documents:
 - **413 new documents** (330 in 2010)
 - Provenance: 101 press review, 238 gifts, 74 purchases.
 - **500 article references integrated into the library catalogue**, which has *de facto* become a bibliographical database for the history of the two empires.
 - Ongoing integration of article titles: *Les Carnets de la Sabretache 1893-1969* [continuation and finish].
- Deposit of the collection of the notes and archives created by Bernard Got related to Napoleonic monuments in France and abroad (100 ring folders).

Total of documents in the collections at the end of 2011: 9,993 titles

Reader numbers

- Readers per day: 3 (3 in 2010)
- Registered readers: 76 (80 in 2010)

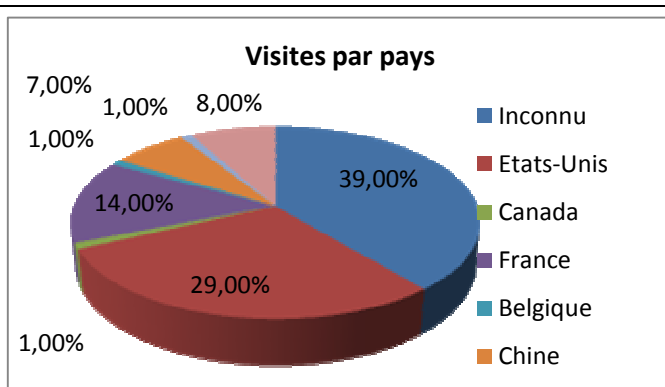
GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES

- Documentation queries answered (by telephone, internet, courrier, internal) : 220 (227 in 2010, 220 in 2009, 201 in 2008, 175 in 2007, 149 in 2006)

DIGITAL LIBRARIES

Fondation Napoléon digital collection: 69 titles (61 works, 8 theses).

- 38,931 hits
- 1,286 unique visitors per month on average
- 583 downloads per month on average
- 35 pages consulted per visit on average
- November 2011, record-breaking month with 3,324 hits, and 726 downloads.



Napoleonic digital library: 6,000 referenced works, of which 30% are articles

Total number of digitised works and references: 6,000 items

KEY FIGURES

2,936 million hits both site sides combined, in 2011

120,000 unique visitors per month on average

8,384 email addresses receive the French and English newsletters

CONTENT CREATED

French and English content

- 44 newsletters, in French and English
- Related research questions: **500**

French-only content

- **3** close-ups (timelines, bibliographies, articles, documents, images): *Birth of the Roi de Rome; Campaign in Mexico, 1862-1867 ; Campaign in Portugal, 1810-1811*
- **41** texts and articles
- **11** biographies of First and Second Empire figures
- **12** in-depth files on art works of the two empires; **20** image files
- **90** reviews and information files for recently-published books; **5** interviews
- **80** press reviews, **200** diary events
- **10** «Napoleonic delights» (recipes, music, fashion, literature)
- **20** new **Napo Kid diary events** and **2** Napo Docs («King of Rome» et «Expedition to Egypt» (2))
- Restructuring and spotlighting of existing sections: Grant winners : where are they now? Grants and Prizes, Fondation Napoléon News, Press Communiqués, Operation St Helena

English only content

- 1 special English-language letter for Operation St Helena
- **3** -ups (timelines, bibliographies, articles, documents, images): *Birth of the Roi de Rome; The Mexican campaign 1862-1867; The Portuguese Campaign 1810-1811*
- **5** texts and articles, 17 translations
- **14** biographies of First and Second Empire figures
- **53** reviews and information files for recently-published books; **2** interviews
- **61** press reviews, **84** diary events
- **12** in-depth files on art works of the two empires; **19** image files; **1** file, Museums, sites and monuments
- **6** «Napoleonic delights» (recipes, music, fashion, literature)
- **2** Napo Kid file
- Restructuring and spotlighting of existing sections: Grants and Prizes, Fondation Napoléon News, Press Communiqués
- Follow up on Operation St Helena

FONDATION NAPOLÉON FACEBOOK PAGE

- Spotlighting and updating of the page from September 2011
- **814 friends up to end of 2011**
- **98 posts**, in French and English in the period September-December

NAPOLEONICA. LA REVUE

[Academic director: Patrice Gueniffey, EHES]

Editor in chief: Thierry Lentz

Editors: Irène Delage and Peter Hicks

KEY FACTS

42,118 article hits in 2011

75 articles and 1,925 pages published since the review's creation

2011 UPDATES

- 3 new issues:
- N°10 (1-2011, May, «Varia»): 5 articles, 1 review, 111 pages
- N°11 (2-2011, September, «Personalities of the Two Empires»): 5 articles, 2 reviews, 219 pages
- N°12 (3-2011, December, «Guerre et Administration»): 6 articles, 1st part of an article, 2 reviews, 129 p.

2008-2011 OVERVIEW: 4 YEARS IN EXISTENCE

- **12** issues, 3 issues per year
- **75 articles**, 25 reviews, **1,925 pages**
- 73 % of articles in French; 81 % on the history of the First Empire
- The subjects most frequently addressed:
 - Armies and war (12)
 - History of Music (8, including 7 in a special edition of the review n°7 - April 2010)
 - Administration (6)
 - Ideas (5)

5 MOST POPULAR ARTICLES IN 2011

- Th. Gilles, X. Ramette, *La création et l'aménagement des catacombes. Premier musée souterrain de France au début de l'Empire, entre 1809 et 1815*, n° 10, 2011/1 : 1,953 hits.
- E. Prunaux, *Les comptoirs d'escompte de la Banque de France*, 1st part, n° 5, 2009/2 : 1,419 hits
- Ch. Prévot, *La politique coloniale de la France 1789-1815, Bibliographie*, n° 1, 2008/1 : 1,226 hits
- M.-E. Vaxelaire, *La maison Eugène-Napoléon ou la maison du Collier*, n° 3, 2008/3 : 1,011 hits
- L. Schnapper, *Chanter la romance*, n° 7, 2010/1 : 1,008 hits

AUTHORS

- 56 authors (50 % hold a teaching post or university research position).

- 8 authors have received a Fondation Napoléon History Prize
- 8 received a Fondation Napoléon research grant

COLLECTION

Department head : Pierre Branda
 Curation and promotion: Karine Huguenaud
 Administration: Muguet Jumeau

KEY FACTS

- **54 works of art** from the Fondation Napoléon collection exhibited in **9** exhibitions
- Preparatory work for the exhibition ***Napoleon. Revolution to Empire***, NGV **Melbourne 2012**: co-commissariat / scenography / catalogue (texts and images) / film recording: Malmaison, Compiègne, Fontainebleau, Versailles, Napoleonic monuments in Paris, masterpieces from the collection.

EXHIBITIONS

Napoléon et l'Europe. Le rêve et la blessure

Centre national d'art et d'expositions de la République fédérale d'Allemagne, BONN (17/12/ 2010 - 25/03/2011) => **8** items loaned

La Cave de Joséphine, le vin sous l'Empire

Museo napoleonico, ROME, 24/11/2010- 28/02/2011 => **2** items loaned

Ecrins impériaux, splendeurs diplomatiques du Second Empire

Musée national de la Légion d'honneur, PARIS, 18/01 - 29/05/2011 => **4** items transformed into deposits (convention awaiting signature)

Enfance impériale : Le Roi de Rome, fils de Napoléon

Château de Fontainebleau, 19/02 - 23/05/2011 => **1** item loaned

L'Antiquité tissée, décors et arts décoratifs 1780-1815

Manufacture Pernelle, PARIS, 5/05 - 22/10/ 2011 => **10** items loaned

A.L. Breguet. L'horlogerie à la conquête du monde

Musée national suisse, château de Prangins, PRANGINS, 10/06 - 19/09/2011
 Musée national suisse, ZURICH, 6/10/2011 - 8/01/2012 => **1** item loaned

Fastes et grandeur des Cours en Europe

Grimaldi Forum, MONACO, 11/07- 11/09/2011 => **23** items loaned

Les Journée Particulières LVMH

Chaumet, PARIS, 15 et 16 octobre 2011 => **1** item loaned

Napoléon III et l'Italie. Naissance d'une nation (1848-1870)

Musée de l'Armée, PARIS, 18 octobre 2011 - 15 janvier 2012 => **4** items loaned

Deposit of the painting Bonaparte et Berthier à la bataille de Marengo, inv. 1164

Musée de l'Armée, PARIS, avril 2011 - mars 2012 => deposit convention

OTHER

- Creation of 110 new files on Musnet and their corresponding archival material.
- 2 photographic campaigns at Chenue (39 items)
- Presentation of 170 items at Chenue (meeting of experts 9 November, 2011)
- Training and supervision of 3 interns

RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES

Department heads: **Thierry Lentz**
Peter Hicks

PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN 2011

UK, Italy, Spain, USA, Cuba

EXEMPLES D'ACTIVITÉS

- NGV, Melbourne, Australia, preparatory work for the exhibition of the Treasures of the Fondation Napoléon in June 2012;
- Overseeing of the international St Appeal appeal in the non-francophone world;
- Town of Alessandria, project for a multi-national museum;
- Oxford University, United Kingdom, and the Instituto de Historia, C.S.I.C., Madrid, Spain, preparation and publication of the proceedings of the Madrid conference in both Spanish and English;
- Napoleonic museums on Elba (Italy), preparation for the Napoleon commemoration in 2014;
- Contacts with re-enactment groups, Napoleon Festival, Sarzana, 2011;
- Contact with the British /international Waterloo 200 committee;
- Permanent relations with the directeur general of Waterloo 1815;
- Participation in several conferences and university groups ;
- A mission to give an expert opinion on the Napoleonic elements held at the National Library « José Martí » in Havana at the request of the French ambassador to Cuba (Thierry Lentz and Chantal Prévot)

ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICATIONS OF FONDATION NAPOLEON STAFF

PIERRE BRANDA

Book

- *Napoléon et ses hommes – La Maison de l'Empereur*, Paris, Fayard, 2011

Article

- « Déjà la crise », in *Point de vue Histoire*, n° 10, December 2011.

IRÈNE DELAGE

Participation

- « Chronologie détaillée – 1808 », in *Correspondance générale de Napoléon Bonaparte*, tome 8, Editions Fayard, 2011, pp. 1,605 – 1,615

Historical consultancy

- « Napoléon », project for an Ipad application, société Quelle Histoire
- « Napoléon et Paris », La Petite Boîte Editions, édition jeunesse

PETER HICKS

Book (editor)

- *El imperio napoleónico y la nueva cultura política europea*, Michael Broers, Agustin Guimera, Peter Hicks (eds.), Madrid: Centro de Estudios Politicos y Constitucionales, 2011, 352 p.

Chapter in book

- "Napoleon on Elba – an exile of consent", in Philip Mansel and Torsten Riotte (dirs.) *Monarchy and Exile*, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011, pp. 214-229

Articles

- "Late 18th-century and very early 19th-century British writings on Napoleon: myth and history", *Napoleonica. La Revue* 3/2010 (N°9), pp. 105-117.
- "Napoleon na lekcjach angielskiego" (Napoleon's English lessons, tr. Maria Zawadzka) in *Mówią Wieki – Magazyn historyczny*, n° 02/11 (613), février 2011, p. 32-36.
- "Napoleón « el zorro y el león » : la influencia de Rousseau y Maquiavelo" dans *El imperio napoleónico y la nueva cultura política europea*, Michael Broers, Agustin Guimera, Peter Hicks (dirs.), Madrid: Centro de Estudios Politicos y Constitucionales, 2011, pp. 37–50.

Talks

- "Murat e la modernizzazione del regno di Napoli", Forum, Ateleta, Italie, 1-3 July, 2011.
- "Caricature di Napoleone", Conversazione organised by the Provincia di Lucca, August 2011
- "Late 18-century and very early 19th-century British writings on Napoleon: myth and history", Southeran's Bookshop, Piccadilly, 250th anniversary of the foundation of the bookshop, 16 March, 2011
- « Round table: the Napoleonic Empire », Madrid, 25 February, 2011

Télévision

- Interview by *Proper TV*, Toronto, Canada, for a television programme on Napoleon, , December 2011

- Utilisation of the digital model of Napoleon's coronation in a Canadian television programme, 'History Television, Museum Secret', episode 2, The Louvre, 'Napoleon's Lies', broadcast on 14 January, 2011

Nomination

Appointed to the editorial committee for the book series "St Andrews Studies in French History and Culture", St Andrews University, Scotland

Napoleonic musical activities

- « Soirée napoléonienne » (piano/voice) performed for the *Festival Napoléon*, organised by the town of Sarzana (Italy), September 2011

- « Soirée napoléonienne » (piano/voice) performed for the delegation of the Souvenir napoléonien in Chateauroux (France) November 2011

(Repertoire : *La victoire est à nous*, A. Grétry ; *La victoire de Montenotte*, J.-M. Beauvarlet-Charpentier ; *Rose d'amour*, P. J. Garat ; *Partant pour la Syrie*, la Reine Hortense ; *Bayard Mourant*, E. N. Méhul ; *Gran marcia di Buonaparte in Italia*, D. Stiebelt ; *Felice Pastorella, Chi mi mostra*, G. Paisiello ; *Incendie de Moscou*, D. Stiebelt ; *Veillons au salut de l'Empire*, N. Dalayrac ; *Le chant du départ*, E. N. Méhul.)

FRANCOIS HOUDECEK

Articles

- « Les papyrus de Bonaparte, souvenirs de Pompéi et Herculaneum », in *Revue du Souvenir napoléonien*, n° 489, October-December 2011, p. 36

- Creation and commentary on a map of the Russian Campaign, « 172 jours aller-retour » in the special issue of *l'Histoire*, March 2012, p. 50-51.

Book review

- « Bruno Colson, *Napoléon. De la guerre*, Perrin, 2011 », in *Napoleonica. La Revue*, n° 12, December 2011, p. 128-129

KARINE HUGUENAUD

Articles

- The section « Ventes aux enchères », *Napoléon I^{er} Le magazine du Consulat et de l'Empire* n°59, n° 60, n°61, 2011

- « Le berceau du Roi de Rome », *Bulletin de la société des amis et mécènes du château de Fontainebleau*, n°4, March 2011, p. 7

Talks

- « Entre rêve et mélancolie, la peinture symboliste à la fin du XIXe siècle », Alliance française de Clermont -Ferrand, 10 February, 2011

- « Trésors de la Fondation Napoléon », Brittany delegation of the Souvenir Napoléonien, Rennes, 5 March 2011

THIERRY LENTZ

Edition de textes

- *Mémoires de Napoléon. II. La campagne d'Égypte*, Tallandier, 2011, 413 pages, republication of the general introduction to volume I and a specific introduction (« Campagne d'Égypte : introduction », p. 35-49).

- *Mémoires de Napoléon. III. L'île d'Elbe et les Cent-Jours*, Tallandier, 2011, 281 pages, republication of the general introduction to volume I and a specific introduction (« L'île d'Elbe, les Cent-Jours et la campagne de 1815 : introduction », p. 35-50).

Collaboration

- Entries for « Arcole », « Berezina », « Jena », « Jaffa », *Dictionnaire des lieux et pays mythiques*, Olivier Battistini, Jean-Dominique Paoli, Pierre Ronzeaud and Jean-Jacques Vincensini (eds), Robert Laffont, collection Bouquins, 2011.

Preface

Michel Dancoisne-Martineau, *Chroniques de Sainte-Hélène, Atlantique sud*, Perrin, 2011.

Articles

- « Le Consulat, son plus grand fait d'armes », *Le Point*, special issue Grandes Biographies, n° 8, February-March 2011, p. 27-31.
- « Bonaparte et la Révolution. Le jeune écrivain des Lumières », *Napoléon 1er*, n° 59, March-April 2011, p. 8-15.
- « 22 juin 1815 : l'avènement de Napoléon II ? », *Revue du Souvenir napoléonien*, special issue n° 4, December 2011, p. 20-27.
- « Napoléon II a-t-il été proclamé empereur par les chambres ? », *Enfance impériale. Le roi de Rome, fils de Napoléon*, catalogue of the exhibition held at Fontainebleau, edited by Christophe Beyeler and Vincent Cochet, Paris, éditions Faton, 2011, p. 71-73.
- « L'horreur russe : le commencement de la fin », *Le Point*, special issue Grandes Biographies, n° 8, February-March 2011, p. 40-42.
- « Le dimanche de Waterloo », *L'Histoire*, in the series « Les collections », n° 48, Comment meurent les Empires, été 2010, p. 74-78, republished in La Libre Belgique, 11 August 2011.
- « Les Bonaparte. Un clan européen », *Point de vue. Histoire*, n° 10, December 2011, p. 33-35.
- « Tres reflexiones sobre el imperio francés en 1808 », in *El imperio napoleónico y la nueva cultura política europea*, edited by Michael Broers, Augustin Guimera and Peter Hicks, Madrid, Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales, 2001, p. 317-335.
- « L'Allemagne, l'erreur stratégique », *Le Point*, special issue Grandes Biographies, n° 8, February-March 2011, p. 85-87.
- « Le tombeau du général Grant. Les Invalides au cœur de Manhattan », *Napoléon 1er*, n° 62, November 2011-January 2012, p. 42-43.

EMMANUELLE PAPOT- CHANTERANNE

Article

- *Napoléon III le magazine du Second Empire*, n°14 : « Bains de mer et stations balnéaires »

Magazine sections

- News for *Napoléon^{1er} le magazine du Consulat et de l'Empire*
- News for *Napoléon III le magazine du Second Empire*
- Writing of the young people's pages for the *Revue du Souvenir napoléonien* and participation in the section Feuilletts d'Histoire

CHANTAL PRÉVOT

Articles

- « Tradition culinaire sous l'Empire. Escargots et foie gras », in *Revue du Souvenir napoléonien*, n° 486, January-February-March 2011
- « Moi Napoléon, seul au monde. L'œil du connaisseur », in *Ouest France*, édition Bordeaux. Sunday 7 August 2011. Summer series: Les stars de l'histoire
- « La vie dans les régions de haute montagne », in *La revue Napoléon*, n° 3, December 2011, p. 70-75
- « Napoléon en exil à Sainte-Hélène. 1^{ère} partie » in *Napoleonica la Revue*, n°11, 2011/2

Biographical Index

- *Mémoires de Napoléon. La campagne d'Égypte*. Ed. Thierry Lentz. Paris : Tallandier, 2011
- *Mémoires de Napoléon. L'île d'Elbe et les Cent-Jours*. Ed. Thierry Lentz. Paris : Tallandier, 2011

Expertise

- The Lobo collection at the Biblioteca nacional Jose Marti in Havana (Cuba), 24-28 March

Participation in television programmes and talks

- Interview on the creation of the Paris Jardin d'Acclimatation for an FR3-Ile de France documentary (broadcast planned for March 2012)
- Talk, Epinal (Vosges), 18 June on the theme *Les paysans de Napoléon*
- Talk, Poule-lès-Echarmeaux (Rhône), 25 September on the theme *La vie des campagnes au Premier Empire*

Participation in external projects

- Image research for a documentary series in ten episodes on Napoleon made by Doc Story.