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Estonian National Museum
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Estonian archives abroad:

Estonian Central Archives in Canada (Toronto)
Library and Archives of the Tartu Institute in Toronto
Estonian Archives in the US (Lakewood, New Jersey)
Estonian Archives in Australia (Sidney)
Baltic Archives (Stockholm)

Estonian Archives in Vancouver
Estonian Archives in Germany (Köln)
Estonian Archives in Sweden (Stockholm)
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The collections of exile cultural heritage in Estonia (archives):

Estonian Cultural History Archives, Estonian Literary Museum
Estonian Folklore Archives, ELM
Estonian State Archives
Historical Archives
Estonian Filmarchives
Department of Rare Books and Manuscripts of the Tartu University Library
etc
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The collections of exile cultural heritage in Estonia (libraries):

Academic Library of Tallinn University
Archival Library of ELM
National Library
Võru County Library
etc
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The collections of exile cultural heritage in Estonia (museums):

Estonian National Museum
Estonian Art Museum
Estonian Sports Museum
Estonian Museum of Theatre and Music
Tartu Art Museum
etc
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Expert team on the Estonian archives abroad (March 2005):

Estonian Literary Museum
National Archives
Academic Library of Tallinn University
Estonian National Museum
Tartu University, Centre for Estonian Diaspora Studies
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June 27 to July 1, 2006 - International Conference on the Baltic Archives Abroad (Estonian Literary Museum, Tartu). 120 participants from 10 countries: Australia, Canada, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden, Russia, the USA and Estonia http://www.kirmus.ee/baltic_archives_abroad_2006

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NGO Baltic Heritage Network was founded in Tartu on January 11, 2008

Board:
Piret Noorhani (President, Estonian National Museum)
Gatis Karlsons (Vice-President, Directorate General of Latvian State Archives)
Linas Saldukas (Vice-President, Lithuanian Emigration Institute)
Karin Kiisk (Secretary, Tartu University)
Birgit Kibal (Estonian National Archives)

Audit Panel:
Tiiu Kravtsev (Chairwomen, Estonian State Archives)
Merike Kiipus (Estonian Literary Museum)
Anne Valmas (Tallinn University Academic Library)
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Baltic Heritage Network is a multilingual electronic gateway to rally information on the archival collections and cultural heritage of Baltic diaspora with the aim of ensuring access to relevant information

www.balther.net
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New home pages of the Estonian archives abroad:

Library and Archives of the Tartu Institute in Toronto
http://www.tartuinstitute.ca/

Estonian Archives in Vancouver
http://eav-bcca.balther.net/

Estonian Archives in the US
http://www.eausa.balther.net/?lang=en

Estonian Archives in Germany
http://ea-saksa.balther.net/

Estonian Archives in Sweden
http://rea.balther.net/?lang=en
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Archival work:

- mapping collections
- collecting information
- presenting the information at the portal (including editing and translating)
- collecting work, transportation of archives
- copying archives (in order to make backup copies and/or bring them to Estonia)
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Disseminating archival know-how:

- summer schools for volunteers working in the Estonian archives abroad and other activists of Estonian communities in 2007 and 2008
- publishing archival guidelines
- arranging visits of experts to Estonian communities for consulting (Canada, USA, Sweden, Germany)
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Informing the public and initiating academic discussion:

- presentations at academic and other activities
- publications, exhibitions
- preparations for the BaltHerNet conference in Tartu on July 7-10, 2009.
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Raising finances:

- the main sponsor is the Compatriot Program (financial support for activities in 2007 and 2008)
- consulting the projects of diaspora communities
- new project applications to the Nordic Council of Ministries and the Nordic Cultur Fond in the autumn and winter of 2008/2009
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Jõudu tööle!

Thank you!

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