

Which sense should we give to commemorations?

In 2019, we will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Belgium as well as the 50th anniversary of CegeSoma. This is the perfect occasion for our institution to reflect on the relationship between 'history' and 'commemoration' or public memories.

Commemoration at the Congress Column, 1948 or 1949, Fund R. Demeyer, Rights reserved/CegeSoma photo nr 624895.

We will launch several events and initiatives with regard to this question, among others a new CegeSoma-website and an anniversary-conference during which a special edition of the Journal of Belgian History will be presented.

For now, we invite you to continue to check our blog on 'Belgium WWII': <https://www.belgiumwwii.be/nl/blog.html> and also to discover the recently published interview with Nico Wouters, head of the Centre for Historical Research and Documentation on War and Society (Cegesoma), and Pierre-Alain Tallier, head the contemporary archives section at the National Archives; questions were asked by Pierre Havaux (in LE VIF, no. 11, 14.03.2019).