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Dear Colleagues

In the past the Steering Committee has received many complaints by members regarding a lack of communication between the bureau and the members. This issue had been followed up by the Steering Committee at the last meeting in Kuala Lumpur. There the Steering Committee decided, that there should be used two tools for communication: a SPP web-site containing detailed information and an electronic Newsletter, which could provide members with an overview of the activities concerning the Section and the archival environment. Such a task could not be done by the Steering Committee alone, therefore the Steering Committee needs your assistance as well. In this context I would like to thank the members of the Steering Committee for their kind co-operation and in particular two colleagues Ms. France Belisle for doing the translation into French and Mr. Claus Bruegmann for editing. I have now the pleasure to send you the first edition of the SPP Newsletter.

Marietta Minotos
President SPP.

Internal Affairs

At the Plenary Session, held in Kuala Lumpur on 25th July 2008, a new Steering Committee has been elected for the term 2008/2012: This Committee consist of twelve colleagues, namely: Marietta Minotos (President), Günther Scheffbeck (Vice-President), Reinhard Schreiner (Vice-President), Reinder van der Heide (Secretary), Harry Scholz (Treasurer), and France Bélisle, Claus Brügmann, Emilia Campochiaro, Khayrou Cissé, Vida Kisuniene, Wlodzimierz Kucner, Sara Tedebrand Frant (members).

To contact these members please go the section "[Bureau](#)" at the SPP web-site

Please also note that the Minutes of the SPP Steering Committee Meeting in Kuala Lumpur are available [online](#) on the web-site as well.

Review

At the XIVth Congress of the ICA Congress held in Kuala Lumpur last year the SPP made an important contribution within the scientific framework of this congress through the participation in a workshop entitled "Archiving web-sites – a new challenge to archives". Contributions were made by our colleagues Günther Scheffbeck and Rudolf Schmitz.

In her new capacity Marietta Minotos attended a meeting of the ICA/Executive Board, which was held in Vienna from 7th-9th October last year.



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Preview:

October or early November 2009

In October or early November there will be a conference in Vienna, hosted by the Austrian Parliament. The topic will be "Archives and Democracy". The chosen topic would not only apply to our section, which of course are particularly interested in it, since their organisations, parliaments, and political parties are in particular coping with it, but also to participants outside the SPP. The intention of this conference will be to give a general introduction into the subject against the professional background of Parliamentary and Political Party Archives. This will be followed by practical experience, i.e. launching projects to raise awareness of democratic institutions, to provide accessibility to holdings and to foster co-operation with institutions outside the archival environment.

Further events 2009

The Steering Committee will have its first meeting this year on 15 May. The meeting will be held in Vienna.

A seminar which might be organised in Lisbon by the Soares Foundation. This seminar will discuss issues regarding archives of politicians and political parties. The dates and the venue will be confirmed nearer the time.

References and Links

SPP-Publications

Rudolf Schmitz/ Günther Schefbeck [Hrsg], "The www as a challenge and as chance for parliamentary and Party Archives": Beiträge der Tagung SPP/ICA annual meeting, 2.-4.11.2006, einschließlich guidelines for the archiving of websites, Beiträge aus dem Archiv der Sozialen Demokratie der Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Bonn, 2008, Heft 5, 159 Pages, ISBN 978-3-89892-9.

Links of interest

Please note that the publication is also available online at <http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/adsd/05657.pdf>