



Section of Professional Associations

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Annual General Assembly of Delegates of the Section of Professional Associations (SPA), September 5th, 2016 in Seoul, Korea, COEX Center at 4:00 PM

PRESENT:

Alice Grippon, Association des Archivistes Français
Becky Haglund Tousey, Society of American Archivists & Academy of Certified Archivists
Bernhard Post, Verband Deutscher Archivarinnen und Archivare
Bert de Vries, Royal Association of Dutch Archivists (KVAN)
Chloé Noser, Association des Archivistes Français
Cristina Bianchi, Association des Archivistes Suisses
Du Mei, Society of Chinese Archivists
Fred van Kan, Royal Association of Dutch Archivists (KVAN)
Inga Bolstad, National Archives of Norway
Jinhyun Hwang, Korean Association of Records Managers and Archivists
Joan Boadas y Raset, Associació d'Arxivers-Gestors de Documents de Catalunya
Joan Soler Jiménez, Associació d'Arxivers-Gestors de Documents de Catalunya
Kenth Sjöblom, Society of Finnish Archivists
Marta Mnuera, Catalanian Association of Archivists
Michal Henkin, Israeli Archives and Information Association
Piotr Zawilski, Association of Polish Archivists
Sangmin Lee, Korean Association of Records Managers and Archivists
Trudy Peterson, Society of American Archivists
Vilde Ronge, Norwegian Society of Records Managers and Archivists

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Adoption of the Reykjavik Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting

Minutes from Reykjavik meeting were approved.

3. News on SPA projects

Fred reported on SPA projects including the Film Festival. Fred will post his 4-year report (2012-2016) shortly.

4. Election of 2016-2020 SPA Bureau

The new 2016-2020 SPA Bureau roster was approved.

[Catalonia] Joan Soler Jimenez, Associació d'Arxivers-Gestors de documents de Catalunya

[Chile] Eugenio Bustos, Association of Archivists of Chile

[China] Du Mei, Society of Chinese Archives (SCA)

[France] Céline Guyon, Association des Archivistes Français (AAF)

[Germany] Bettina Joergens, Verband Deutscher Archivarinnen und Archivare (VDA)

[Israel] Michal Henkin, Association of Israeli Archivists

[Norway] Vilde Ronge, Norwegian Society of Records Managers and Archivists

[Senegal] Alassane Ndiath, Association sénégalaise des bibliothécaires, Archivistes et Documentalistes (ASBAD)

[Switzerland] Cristina Bianchi, Association des Archivistes Suisses - Verein Schweizerischer Archivarinnen und Archivare

[The Netherlands] Bert de Vries, Koninklijke Vereniging van Archivarissen in Nederland (KVAN)

[USA] Becky Haglund Tousey, Academy of Certified Archivists/Society of American Archivists

5. Election of 2012-2016 SPA President, Vice President and Secretaries

Election of officers:

Chair, Vilde Ronge

Vice-Chair, Becky Haglund Tousey

Secretary, Cristina Bianchi

6. SPA Film Festival: presentation of the nine nominated films

All nine finalist films were shown to the group. The winner of each group was named :

1. Best Film Portraying the Relevance and Importance of Archives: Glamorgan Archives, United Kingdom.
2. Best Film Portraying the Relevance and Importance of Records Management: City Archives of Antibes Juan-les-Pins, France.
3. Best Film using Humor to Communicate about Archives and/or Records Management : Swiss Federal Archives, Switzerland.

Members were encouraged to vote for the "People's Award" until September 8th; the movies are also shown at the ICA booth during the conference. The winner of the People's Award, along with the winners of the three other SPA Film Awards, will be presented in the final ICA Programme Commission Closing Plenary in Seoul, on Friday September 9th, 2016.

(See results on ICA website: <http://www.ica.org/en/spa-film-festival-awards-ceremony-seoul-congress>)

7. Other Business

None

8. Next SPA Annual Meeting, Mexico City, (21-22 October 2017; dates to be confirmed). Dates changed to 27-29 November 2017.

9. Update on association activities

There was a “round-robin” report from each attendee, giving a brief update on activities of their country association.

- Switzerland: The last annual meeting of the Swiss association was produced by young professionals who brought new and challenging issues.
- Catalonia: They are trying to change the mindset of politicians about RM. They produced a couple of products over the last years. There was a campaign around the UDA and encouraging its endorsement by institutions. So far 117 institutions have adopted it - mostly municipalities. They are trying to promote good RM practices to help anti-corruption activities.
- Poland: The Polish association was asked by the Ukraine archival association to help them improve their activity. A delegation from Poland will go to Kiev.
- Germany: A main theme is advocacy to try and build up staffing levels so they can handle both paper and digital records. And they are encouraging archives colleagues to be more proactive.
- Korea: Their association is very young but already has about 800 members. Active in promoting social justice and the importance of archives. But at times it is in conflict with government agencies and even the National Archives. The City of Seoul is setting up a City Archives, separate from (because of concerns about) the National Archives.
- China: A new secretary general and director of administrative affairs were elected. Mutual visits with Taiwan are organized.
- Finland: The annual Study tour continued in the spring. Forty Finnish archivists went to London for professional visits. New Finnish archival legislation is being produced, also at private level. The National Archives is being reorganized.
- France: They organize a meeting every three years, first Angers, and then Troyes (March 2016) encountering great success. New archives legislation includes digital archives due to the work of the French association. They did a survey of archivists about their jobs, results are to be posted this week on the association website. The Gazette, digitized, will be put on line for free.

- Netherlands: They celebrated their 125th anniversary this year. There is an association of archivists and an association of archival institutions. Attempts have been made in the past to merge the two. Not successful yet. But it may actually happen in the next couple of years. There is some collaboration now, so seeing some progress. They think about the creation and performance of repositories for digital archives.
- Israel: The collaboration with the Swiss association and Cristina Bianchi to translate the “Manual of RM for Small Municipalities” into Hebrew took 2 years and has been very successful. [Could it be translated into English??]
Big project of digitalization on internet is going on between National Library and Archives.
- Norway: Project funding to implement the UDA

Next SPA General Assembly delegates meeting will be in Mexico City on the Sunday preceding the ICA conference in November, 2017.

Adjourned at 18.00