

## **MEETING OF ARCHITECTURAL RECORDS, ARCHIVES OF PARLIAMENTS AND POLITICAL PARTIES. The work of the archivists, architects and the users of the archives.**

Córdoba, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016.

### **1. - The International Council of Archives and its activity throughout the professional Sections.**

The International Council of Archives (ICA) has the International Sections as management bodies for the elaboration of guidance lines and orientation for archivists and archives' employees from all over the world. These Sections organise a variety of activities in several countries worldwide so as to inform and be in touch with the archives and the archivists, as well as gathering information regarding problems, needs and proposals.

The Sections of Archives and Archivists of Parliaments and Political Parties (SPP) and the Section of Architectural Records (SAR) consider that collaboration is also necessary in both matters, among other reasons, because Parliaments are usually located in relevant outstanding and representative buildings in all countries, either in historical, adapted and remodelled buildings or in buildings of new construction, whose projects and interventions must be well documented and appropriately preserved.

In the same way, the Archives of Political Parties must have adequate buildings or, if this is not possible, at least facilities to guard the documentation generated by these organisations which the latter are obliged to keep.

Apart from this, the necessary transparency which nowadays is demanded of political organisations in Spain will never exist if these political parties do not keep and manage their documents properly and have their own archives.

### **2. - SPP and SAR Meetings. Activities for the citizenship.**

SPP and SAR will hold a joint meeting in addition to their scheduled mandatory meetings with their own members. With this purpose, the city of Córdoba (Spain) has been chosen due to its long tradition of both, its archives, known by the documental sources from the Middle Ages until our days, and its legal tradition which also dates from Ancient Times.

The meeting of the professional sections of the International Council of Archives is always an opportunity to meet up with the archivists and the people in charge of the archives in the cities and organisations where the reunion of the sections takes place and it is a challenge for the interchange of experiences and the promotion of the work of the International Council of Archives in favour of the community of archives and archivists.

For these reasons, both sections consider that several activities could be carried out in conjunction with the archives in Córdoba, from both, the city and the province, and its

archivists and managers of documentation, being the Provincial Historical Archive of Córdoba its main defender and coordinator of the activities.

The Town Hall of Córdoba is the closest administration to the citizens; it is a 'parliament' and a place of debate and representation of the political parties so it would be the institution which could coordinate the participation of the political parties in relation to the transparency and the use of the documents and its archives.

### **3. - Proposed activities**

13<sup>th</sup> April: **Professional meetings.**

From 8:30 to 10:30: ICA/SPP and ICA/SAR separate meetings to hold their mandatory reunions. Provincial Historical Archive of Córdoba Headquarters.

From 11 to 13: Both sections joint meeting, ICA/SPP and ICA/SAR. Provincial Historical Archive of Córdoba Headquarters.

From 16:30 to 18:00: Meeting of the ICA/SPP and ICA/SAR sections with archivists and responsables of the archives in Córdoba city, at the Provincial Historical Archive of Córdoba Headquarters.

19:00 Visit to 'Los Reales Alcázares'.

14<sup>th</sup> April: **International Seminar 'Documents, archives and parliamentary and political parties' activities'.**

Place: House of congress. The events hall at the Town Hall.

9:00. Inscription and delivery of credentials.

9:30. Opening: Institutional representatives

10:00 Opening conference:

From 11:00 to 13:00: half an hour presentations

- The president of the Section ICA/SPP
- The president of the Section ICA/SAR
- An archivist of the parliament: Castilla-León
- An architect of a parliament: Hospital de las Cinco Llagas. Sevilla

From 16:00 to 19:00: half an hour presentations

- The documentation of the political organizations in state archives. Director of the Provincial Historical Archive of Córdoba.
- Municipal Archive of Córdoba. The documentation of the political and citizen debate. Director of the Archive.
- Archive of UGT. Headquarters in Córdoba
- Records management. Podemos. Andalucía.

Roundtable. Political parties, transparency and management of documents.

Representatives of political parties. Deputy Mayor.

15<sup>th</sup> April: **Teambuilding day.**

Only ICA/SPP and ICA/SAR members and archivists from Cordoba city.

Visit to:

Provincial Historical Archive of Córdoba

Archive of Córdoba's Cathedral

Medina Azahara

#### **4. - Organising Institutions.**

International Council of Archives

Government of Andalucía – Provincial Historical Archive of Córdoba.

Town Hall of Córdoba

Provincial Government of Córdoba.

The Director of the Provincial Historical Archives of Málaga

President of ICA/SAR

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