



Meeting of the Steering Committee of SPP/ICA on 7 April 2000 in Sankt Augustin

The meeting took place in the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Sankt Augustin, it was attended by

- Dr. Buchstab, Chair of the Section,
- Dr. Pálmány, Vice-President,
- Dr. Cartocci, Secretary,
- Mr. Schouller, Adviser,
- Mr. Norberg and
- Dr. Schreiner.

Absent and excused on account of illness and other commitments were Mrs. Valle de Juan, Vice-President, Mrs. Laureys, Mr. Martín Nájera and Mr. Tanelotto.

General report by Mr. Buchstab about the the work of the Section in the past

Dr. Buchstab gave a summary of the successful work of the Section in the past. Five conferences have been organized since 1993 in Rome, Prague, Budapest, Warsaw and Stockholm, six publications have been produced. The extension of the Section to countries outside Europe should be one of the most important aims in the future.

Report by Mr. Pálmány about the XXXIV International Conference of the Round Table on Archives (CITRA) in Budapest, 6-9 October 1999

Dr. Pálmány reported about his participation at CITRA about “Archives in the Society in the new Millennium”. Electronic data processing in the archives was one of the major topics at this conference.

Programme of the Section at the XIVth International Congress on Archives in Sevilla, 21-26 September 2000

As the Section has only one closed and one open session it will not be possible to discuss subjects in detail as in the former meetings. Different propositions were made:

- lack of sensibility of politicians and parliamentarians for the value of archives
- comparison between historical archives and documentations
- problems with the preservation of documents disappearing from the internet
- appraisal of records of archival value
- education of archivists in different countries
- presentation of the Section in the internet

Elections of the Steering Committee in Sevilla

Before the meeting Mrs. Valle de Juan had asked that no decisions should be taken about this subject. Dr. Buchstab who has to relinquish the chairmanship after eight years proposed the candidature in Sevilla of Dr. Cartocci as new Chair and of Dr. Schreiner as Secretary in order to continue the work achieved by now.

Project for processing and preserving important archive material of the European Parliament

Already in 1995 Dr. Buchstab as Chair of SPP/ICA proposed in a letter to the President of the European Parliament the support by the EP of a project for processing and preserving personal papers and deposits from members of the EP. Dr. Buchstab and Mr. Schouller as initiators of this proposal reported on the difficulties that have prevented a consent by now. The efforts of SPP/ICA in this matter will be continued.

Visit to the Archive of Christian Democratic Politics (ACDP) of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation

The participants gained a good impression of the work of the ACDP by visiting the stacks, the press documentation, the audio-visual archives and the library.

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