

International Council on Archives

Section of International Organizations (SIO)

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Dear Colleagues,

You are kindly invited to attend the 30th session of the SIO, which, as previously announced, will take place during the ICA Congress in Vienna. This SIO meeting is scheduled for **23rd August 2004**, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information about the meeting room will be available when you arrive at the Congress reception and on the Congress web site before the end of June 2004; this web site already now provides information about the professional programme as well as other issues relating to the Congress: <http://www.wien2004.ica.org/>

The SIO is co-organizing with ICA's Working Group on Archives and Human Rights two sessions at the ICA Congress, a Round Table on the theme "Archives of international organizations and human rights" and a session on the theme "Archives and Human Rights Violations". Both sessions are scheduled on Wednesday afternoon, 25th August 2004 in Hall E2, from 14:30 - 15:45 and 16:15 – 17:30, respectively.

I hope you will be able to attend these sessions. They are both highly relevant for international organizations; the Round Table panel is in fact almost exclusively composed of SIO members.

The hosts and organizers strongly encourage you to register to the ICA Congress before the end of May 2004. For the SIO meeting in particular, please inform, as soon as possible, the Secretary, Ms. Anne-Marie Smith, whether you will attend: nato.archives@hq.nato.int.

The ICA Executive Committee has agreed on a draft Constitution to be submitted to the ICA General Assembly in Vienna. This new text is now being distributed to ICA members. The revised Constitution will, if approved by the General Assembly, lead to a situation where most sections, probably including the SIO, will be represented by their chairs in the ICA Executive Committee. This is a positive result of suggestions made by the SIO and other sections.

Please find below information about the elections to the SIO Board 2004-2008 and the agenda of the SIO meeting:

1. SIO Executive Board 2004-2008

Before the deadline for candidatures on 19th March 2004 (cf. SIO Newsletter n° 5, February 2004), the SIO Secretary had received one proposal for each of the four

posts in the Board. Three of these four colleagues have subsequently accepted their nomination and will therefore form part of the Executive Board 2004-2008:

Bridget Sisk, UN, will become Chair of the SIO
Anne-Marie Smith will become Vice-Chair
Mary Ann Grosset will continue as Treasurer

The post of SIO Secretary is therefore vacant. If you have the interest, energy and time to stand for this position, then please write to Anne-Marie Smith (see address above) or myself (j.boel@unesco.org). You are also welcome to suggest the name of another colleague. Anne-Marie Smith and myself are of course at your disposal in case you need information about the tasks of the Secretary. The deadline for candidatures is the **15th June 2004**.

The new Executive Board will take up its functions by the end of the 30th Session of the SIO. The preparation and the conduction of this meeting will therefore, in conformity with usual practice, be the responsibility of the outgoing Board.

2. Provisional agenda of the 30th session of the SIO, Vienna, 23 August 2004

0. Introduction
- 0.1 Opening of the meeting
- 0.2 Adoption of the agenda
- 0.3 Practical matters
1. Report by the Chair on main activities since last meeting
2. Implementation of the “Programme of work, 2000-2004” (cf. http://www.unesco.org/webworld/ica_sio/docs/27session/work_programme.rtf)
3. Budget, finances and membership. Report by the Treasurer
4. Reports of working groups and networks. Discussion on follow up
5. Access to records of international organizations (Trudy Peterson)
6. Programme of work, 2004-2008: Strategies and priorities for the SIO
7. New SIO Board
8. Place and dates of the next meeting of the SIO
9. Other business

You are welcome to send the Secretary or myself any suggestions you may have for the agenda. But please keep in mind that we only have one full day for our meeting.

Any new information about the meeting, including working documents and possible updates of the agenda will be posted at the SIO website:

http://www.unesco.org/webworld/ica_sio/

Best regards

Jens Boel
Chair, ICA/SIO