



ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013

0 Name of Section

Section of Professional Associations.

1. Administration

1.1 Membership changes

The Section has 74 current financial members. 2 new members have joined the Section since Brisbane:

- The Association for Digital Documents, Korea
- Friends of Archives (FAB), Bangladesh.

1.2 Steering Committee meetings

The SPA Steering Committee has met twice during the reporting period: first in Brisbane during the ICA Congress on 24 August 2012 and then in Arnhem for its annual planning meeting held from 22 to 23 April 2013, hosted by the President of the Section as director of the Gelders Archief and the Koninklijke Vereniging van Archivarissen in Nederland KVAN.

1.3 Steering Committee changes

The following representatives from SPA member associations form the current steering committee:

President: Fred van Kan (Koninklijke Vereniging van Archivarissen in Nederland)

Vice President: Bernhard Post (Verband Deutscher Archivarinnen und Archivare)

Joint Secretaries: Cristina Bianchi (Association des Archivistes Suisses and Claude Roberto (Association des Archivistes du Québec)

Members:

Joan Soler Jiménez (until June 2013 : Joan Antoni Jiménez ; Associació d'Arxivers-Gestors de Documents de Catalunya)

Vilde Ronge (Norsk Arkivråd)

Gregor Trinkaus-Randall (Society of American Archivists & Academy of Certified Archivists)

Dario Martinez (Sociedad Para el Desarrollo Científico de la Archivística)

Sangmin Lee (Korean Association of Records Managers and Archivists)

Piotr Zawilski (Stowarzyszenie Archiwistów Polskich)
Maria Celina Soares de Mello e Silva (Associação dos Arquivistas Brasileiros)
Galia Duvidzon (Israeli Archives and Information Association)
Jean-Philippe Legois (until May 2013 : Ousmane M'Baye ; Association des Archivistes Français)
Simon Fook Keung Chu (Hong Kong Archives Society)

2. Programme

2.1 Seminars and conferences

Round Table Conference "Archives and Records Management in The Netherlands", Amsterdam April 2013

During this conference members of the steering committee and representatives of the Dutch archives sector discussed the current situation of the archives sector in The Netherlands.

► Meets ICA Strategic Objectives 1 and 4.

International Conference of the Hungarian Association of Archivists, Esztergom June 2013

The president of ICA SPA represented ICA and SPA during the annual conference of the Hungarian colleagues; he promoted the individual membership.

► Meets ICA Strategic Objectives 1 and 4.

2014 European Conference

The Steering Committee provides support for the 2014 European Conference to be held in Girona. This includes membership on the Scientific Committee, contributing papers and chairing sessions.

► Meets ICA Strategic Objectives 1 and 4.

2.2 Publications and Communications

SPA Newsletter

During 2012/2013 SPA produced two regular Newsletters (in Winter and in Summer 2013) edited by Claude Roberto. The Newsletter is published in three languages – English, French and Spanish and is distributed by email to those members who have an email contact and by mail to those who do not. The Newsletter is an important means of communication with members and content includes updates on new SPA guidelines, details about forthcoming events, and a section dedicated to publicising information on the activities of member associations.

► Meets ICA Strategic Objective 4.

SPA Section on the ICA website

SPA regularly updates information on the Section pages on the ICA website providing members with ready access to guidelines and information about SPA projects as well

as governance documents. SPA aims to publish all the section's documents in English, French, and Spanish on the website. Because that is not the current situation, a translation project was begun in 2013 that will be continued in the next period.

- ▶ Meets ICA Strategic Objective 4 and 5

2.3 Projects/completed /underway

Strategic Objectives and Business Plan

In Brisbane, the 2012-2016 SPA Strategic Objectives and Business Plan was approved. The steering committee has made a start with the activities mentioned in this plan. Priority will be given to a Promotion and Advocacy campaign.

- ▶ Meets ICA Strategic Objectives 1 and 4.

Principles on the Role of Archivists

A joint project between SPA and the Working Group on Human Rights was continued this year to produce a document on the Principles on the Role of Archivists.

- ▶ Meets ICA Strategic Objectives 1 and 4.

2.4 Other Activities

During the conference in April 2013, the ICA SPA steering committee passed a resolution supporting the petition initiated by the Association des Archivistes Français to postpone the adoption of the European Data Protection Regulation.

- ▶ Meets ICA Strategic Objectives 1 and 4.

2.5 Did you use your allocation from the section budget this year?

The section budget was mainly used for translations.

2.6 Did you apply for PCOM funding this year?

No PCOM funding was applied for this year.

3. Planned initiatives which did not take place

All planned activities were continued to be worked on.

4. Overall assessment of activities during 2012/2012

In Brisbane, the membership of the steering committee underwent a major change. Consequently 2012/2013 has been a year of orientation for the new members. The first results of projects planned in the Business Plan will be achieved in 2012/2013.

5. Future plans

No possible future activities were identified; SPA is focused on the activities mentioned in the Strategic and Business Plan.