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Welcome to this edition of the *SPA Newsletter*. The purpose of the *Newsletter* is to keep SPA members up-to-date with news on Section activities and projects and to strengthen international cooperation and collaboration between professional records management and archival associations.

## **Word of the SPA President**

### **Girona: The place to be for archivists this October!**

The 2nd ICA annual conference will be held in Girona from 11 to 15 October. This event will also be the 9th European Conference on Archives as well as the 13th Image and Research Seminar. The conference will be held under the title *Archives and Cultural Industries*. The Girona City Council is hosting our annual event through the Municipal Archives. We thank our colleague Joan Boadas I Raset and the Girona municipal archivists for all the work done to realize this conference.

The SPA 2014 General Assembly will take place during this event on October 13, 17:30 – 18:30. We look forward to see many of you in Girona!

At the conference the Programme Commission of ICA will launch a Programme for New Professionals which aims to offer emerging and new professionals the opportunity to engage with ICA in a reciprocal way.

This year ICA, in conjunction with the professional associations of France and the Netherlands, has started to offer members of these national associations membership in ICA at a reduced rate. If these pilots are a success, ICA will expand this offer with the help of other associations.

As of August 2012, Gregor Trinkaus-Randall has been representing the Society of American Archivists and the Academy of Certified Archivists on the ICA SPA. In August he will be succeeded by Ms. Becky Haglund Tousey. Currently she is associate Director Archives & Information Resources at Mondelez International. We thank Gregor for all his efforts for SPA, among others the organization of the meeting of the Steering Committee in Boston in March this year. This included a perfect exchange between the Committee and American colleagues during the annual conference of the New England Archivists. Also a meeting with Simmons College archives students and faculty was a success.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Conference.

Fred van Kan  
SPA President



**SEE YOU ALL IN GIRONA!**

## **Advocacy**

In 2006 ICA SPA issued guidelines covering advocacy and promotional activities of associations of archivists and record managers. SPA is now working on a digital brochure which is a follow-up and partial adaptation of these guidelines. This brochure will include information on how to get the Universal Declaration on Archives (UDA) adopted by a government. Each SPA member will receive a copy of this new document.

## **New Professionals Programme, call for applications**

This is an invitation to apply for bursaries for the ICA Girona Conference October 2014. As part of the launch of its New Professionals policy, the ICA is funding a number of bursaries to enable students, trainees and newly qualified professionals to attend its annual conference, which this year is being held in Girona, 11th October - 15th October 2014. This year, the New Professionals bursaries will be linked to promoting the Good Governance Toolkit and the ICA-Req training and assisting with the relevant workshops during the conference.

Please note that these bursaries described in this link are different from the assistance offered by ICA to members from under-resourced countries and apply to New Professionals from around the world including Europe. More information: <http://www.ica.org/16251/news-and-events/pcom-new-professionals-programme-invitation-to-apply-for-bursaries-for-the-girona-conference-october-2014.html>

## **News from members**

### **Association des archivistes du Québec (AAQ) and Association des archivistes français (AAF)**

An agreement was signed between the AAQ and the AAF. This agreement will facilitate communication and collaboration in order to reach common objectives in training and representation. Both associations have the same interest in the development of the archival profession and the role of archives in public and private organizations; they agreed their collaboration would serve better Francophone archives. The new agreement will allow the two associations to develop ways to communicate and share expertise, and it will facilitate discussion to determine public positions, and will allow collaboration on specific projects. It will be possible to exchange information through the publications released by the two associations, have a free exchange of membership, between both associations, as well as of benefits related to activities, publications and annual conference/forum organized by the two associations.

### **Association of Chilean Archivists**

The MERCOSUR archival conference (CAM) was held from March 12 to 14, 2014 in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia. It was attended by 350 participants from 10 countries in Latin America as well as from Spain. Professional archivists from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Spain, Mexico and Uruguay allowed very interesting debates. New CAM bylaws were voted, and an Advisory Council composed of the general coordinators of congresses was established. The archival associations met on March 13 and Eugenio Bustos, President of the Association of Chilean Archivists, made a

presentation on the role of the MERCOSUR archival associations within the ICA and the ALA (Latin American association of archives), and the necessity to install official and regular ties at the international level.

#### **Association pour le développement des activités documentaires au Bénin (ADADB)**

This Association marked the International Day of Archives on June 9 by increasing awareness for the role played by archivists and for the importance of archives. This celebration taking place for the 5th time in Benin focused on school and university archives. The Association decided to use radio and television to reach decision makers and the public at large in order to make them aware of the importance of good archival management in a developing country. The Association also informed the public on its activities, gave an update on archives in the country, presented the challenges met by archivists, wishing to promote their profession, and highlighted the issues to be solved in the country for the advancement of the profession, including the challenging implementation of a 2008 document on national archival policies.

#### **Norwegian Society of Records Managers and Archivists (Norsk Arkivråd)**

ISO 30300 in Norwegian? Last year, the Society granted financial support to the translation of ISO 30300 Information and Documentation – Management Systems for Records – Fundamentals and Vocabulary. This would be the first standard within the field of records management in Norwegian. Such a translation is incredibly difficult, not only because the vocabulary itself is hard to translate, but also because the chosen vocabulary in this standard would set the standard (literally) for all future use of record management terms in Norwegian. There is, after all, a reason why a “record” is called a “record” even in languages like Icelandic or French where they traditionally are very consistent on finding their own terms. On Friday, June 20, it was announced that Inga Bolstad is the new National Archivist of Norway and our first female as such. Bolstad is currently the general manager of the department of IT in the Norwegian Tax Authority, and she has been responsible for the modernization of their digital services.

#### **Royal Association of Dutch Archivists (KVAN)**

The KVAN has introduced the combined individual membership of the national association and the ICA. The annual conference of the association in June was a success. It was held under the theme Big data x big archives= great opportunities. The keynote was held by Luciano Floridi, Professor of Philosophy and Ethics of Information at the University of Oxford, who spoke about the epistemology and ethics of big data.

#### **Swiss Association of Archivists (AAS - VSA)**

In Switzerland, the year 2013 has been marked by the complete revision of the Law on the Protection of Cultural Property (LPBC) whose scope has been extended: to the prevention and management of damage caused by armed conflict are now added those related to disasters and natural or anthropogenic emergencies. The revision of the LPBC allows to set the new provisions of international law in Swiss legislation. By ratifying the 2004 Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954

for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, Switzerland recognized a new basis of binding international law; this second protocol introduces the creation of an additional category of protection of cultural property, "enhanced protection" and the possibility of establishing a "safe haven", a secure storage facility for movable cultural property (including archives) seriously threatened in the territory of the State which owns or possesses them, and that must be secured abroad for a fixed period - Switzerland is the first country to offer such a service. Another challenge successfully met by members of the Board of AAS was fighting the elimination of federal funding for the preparation of documents and reproduction planned as part of the consolidation tasks of the 2014 PBC. Success was obtained through individual and collective action in the political, professional and associative levels, including AAS. Given the lack of means small administrations and other agencies have to establish inventories and finding-aids of their archives, it was important that these grants allow to do it as part of the exercises performed by the militia doing civil service.

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