SPA professionals helping professionals

SPA aims to strengthen and unite the archival profession globally and to help its member institutions develop their organizations and increase their influence in their own countries.

Over 80 professional associations from all over the world belong to SPA providing members with a platform for collaboration and networking with the international archival community.

Some reasons why your association should become a SPA member are
Share information about practices and experiences

SPA provides members with an opportunity to share information about practices and experiences in a rapidly changing and developing profession.

Benchmark your association with others

SPA, by facilitating the interchange of information between associations, will allow your association to benchmark against others and to develop and improve products and services.

Facilitate archival solidarity

SPA provides a framework to support cooperative projects aimed at assisting developing professional communities.
Collaborate on international projects
SPA establishes opportunities which allow professional associations to join together to work on projects and then promote the results for the information and use of the international professional community.

Provides opportunities to promote your association
SPA provides a chance for professional associations to promote their initiatives and activities to an international audience.

Contributes to professional enrichment
SPA gives individual members of associations the chance to participate in projects and activities that will enrich their professional development enabling them to contribute more effectively in their local professional network.
Support training within your association
SPA membership allows individual association members to become involved in working groups, providing training opportunities for participants.

Join SPA now and become part of the global archival community
Go to the ICA at website http://www.ica.org to find the following guidelines developed by SPA to assist associations:

- Guidelines for Establishing a Professional Association
- Guidelines for Arranging a Conference or Seminar
- Guidelines for Organizing Regional Meetings and Conferences
- Lobbying and Public Campaigns for Professional Associations
- Advocacy and Promotion Strategies for Professional Associations
- Guidance on How to Conduct Elections
- Developing and Mentoring Program: Guidelines for Professional Associations
- Establishing a Records Management Program: Guidelines for Professional Associations
- Guidelines for Developing a Retention Schedule for Professional Associations

New guidelines are regularly being added.
Archival Solidarity Project

The Archival Solidarity project, sponsored by SPA, aims to co-ordinate efforts in the international archives community to carry out foreign assistance projects to develop tools and expertise for developing communities and communities in transition.

For more information see http://archives3.concordia.ca/Solidarity/default.html

ICA Code of Ethics

The ICA Code of Ethics sets standards of conduct for the archival profession. An initiative of SPA, the Code was approved at the ICA Congress in Beijing in 1996. It is available in 25 languages on the ICA website at http://www.ica.org/en/node/30046
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http://www.ica.org/en/node/50#

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