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Addressing the challenges of access to records and public data in the Caribbean

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CARBICA X
10th QUADRIENNAL CONFERENCE OF CARIBBEAN ARCHIVES
We are a non-governmental organization created in 1965 and registered in April 2006 in Martinique. We act as a regional branch of the international Council on Archives (iCA).

The purpose of the association, as expressed in its constitution, is to bring together archivists of the Caribbean Basin (including its continental fringe as Belize, Guyana and Suriname). It now has over 30 members in 25 states and territories of the Caribbean, either English, French or even Spanish-speaking.

CARBiCA aims at:

- providing a forum for exchange of experiences among its members, especially taking into account the different archival traditions, through annual meetings, electronic exchanges and a site, and by a newsletter and promotional activities;
- providing a diversified training offer to archives and records managers, often isolated in their island, to enable them to update their practice in the rapidly changing context of their discipline (preservation of documents, electronic records sustainability, standardization of formats, documentary description ...);
- contributing to the development of archival institutions and advocating in a region where states, recently established, have recently created such services; raising awareness among policy makers about records and archives as a governance tool, and as a cultural heritage;
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CARBiCA is supported by the European Union (Interreg 3). The project, involving five partners in the Caribbean, aims at highlighting the importance of Caribbean archives in a global context. The main project is the MiGan project, "Caribbean archives network for a shared memory": a webportal to give access to historical resources kept in Caribbean partner institutions.

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Who are we? CARBiCA ARCHIVES ASSOCIATION

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open data and protection of personal data, open government and citizens’ initiatives to access information produced by governments and local authorities, or to recover an often hurting past.

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welcome speech

A communist activist with Georges Gratiant, a well-known Martinican politician, Josette Manin initiated her political career in 1983, as a member of the town council of Le Lamentin. She is elected at the General Council of Martinique in 2001. In her elective office, this former bank clerk is particularly in charge of social and health issues and transportation. She was elected President of the General Council in 2011, as the first woman to hold this position in Martinique, the second in the FWi, and the eleventh in the history of France.

Dominique Taffin

Access to Archives & open data: an introduction

Graduated at the École nationale des chartes, senior archives officer, Dominique Taffin combines an experience of almost thirty years in the archives and in museums (French national overseas Archives, national Museum of African and Oceanian arts, Paris). As the head of the Archives of Martinique since 2000, she manages the Martinique Cultural Heritage Portail (digitization and online publication of the historical collections of Martinique) and the implementation of the Digital records repository. Her historical research and cultural publications on the West Indies and on colonization favor a social and anthropological approach. Currently, president of CARBiCA, DoMinique Taffin, former member of the French National Commission on the Historical Heritage as well as member of the French National Commission on the Historical Heritage, is the head of the Archives of Martinique.

David Leitch

Repositioning Archives in the 21st Century: the role of ICA

After securing an MA in History and Philosophy at Glasgow University, David was awarded a PhD in French colonial administration in the late 19th century at the University of Cambridge. He then obtained an MA with distinction in Archive studies at the University of London. He began his career in Glasgow City Archives in 1986, before moving to London in 1989 and serving in the National Archives (TNA) of the United Kingdom, where he was a member of the Management Board from 2000 to 2006. As ICA secretary general since 1 August 2008, he has initiated an ambitious programme.

The new Strategic Implementation Plan 2014-2018 adopted by ICA is a deliberate attempt to reposition archives as information managers who are fully aware of the importance of their role in society and in public policy debates. It aims to promote the shift away from an exclusive concentration on historical archives, and to enable archivists to acquire the professional and communication skills they need to manage records from the earliest possible stage. If archivists tackle with confidence the challenges of managing records in the digital age, without losing sight of their wider social and political context, they will offer the public the best guarantee that digital records of enduring historical value will be preserved and made accessible in a responsible way. The stakes are high - and the opportunities are immense. The challenge is there, but the future depends on all of us.

I am delighted to welcome you to CARBiCA's programme, the second in the FWi General Council of Martinique. I hope that you will enjoy your stay and that CARBiCA will be a source of inspiration for your future work.

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Access to Archives: A case study of the Dutch Caribbean (Suriname & Curaçao)

Rita Tjien Fooh

Rita Tjien Fooh is the Director of the National Archives of Suriname since 2010. She’s also a part-time lecturer (archival methods) at the Anton de Kom University of Suriname. Currently she is vice-chair of the UNESCO Memory of the World Committee Latin American and Caribbean Region (UNESCO MoWLCAR) and of CARiBICA.

Maximilian Scriwanek

First a historian, Maximilian Scriwanek studied the “Archiefschool” (Archives school) in Holland. From 1996 on he worked as Policy Advisor at the National Archives of the Netherlands Antilles (from 2010: Curaçao). He designed the new Archives law which passed in 2008 and worked on the project to realize a new repository (realised in 2011). He helped with the task of inspecting the current management of archives in the government apparatus. He was director of the “service Center of the National Archives” for 10 years. This service center worked on a commercial basis for example on appraisal projects. Since 2014 he is director of the National Archives of Curaçao. He is currently involved in the foundation of an Archives school on Curaçao. He has founded the National Committee of the Blue Shield on Curaçao with the aim of safeguarding cultural heritage in case of natural disasters. He is president of this foundation.

Gael Musquet

Open Data for Citizens

Gael Musquet is an advisor at the Fonderie, the digital agency of the region ile-de-France. An engineer trained at the National School of Telecommunications, a specialist of digital cartography, and committed in collaborative projects, he also is the president of Open Street Map France, and a promoter of open source software and open data.

Hervé Lemoine

Open Data & Archives

Graduated in political science and history, vice-president of the Chamber of genealogists and heraldists of France, archivist at the Department of Defence, deputy director of the Historical Service of the French Ministry of Defence (2005-2008), director of the French National Archives in the Ministry of the Interior of the Dutch Caribbean (since 2010), director of French Monuments (2009), he is also the president of Open Street Map France, and a promoter of open source software and open data. He is also a professor of Operational Intelligence and Communication at the National School of Telecommunications and a specialist of the French Foreign Intelligence Service. He is currently involved in the foundation of an Archives school on the French territory of the Dutch Caribbean (Suriname & Curaçao) since 2013.

Avril Belfon & Gourauden

Ms AVRIL BELFON & GUAYDEN

Open Data Initiative in Trinidad & Tobago

Avril Belfon has been the Government Archivist at the National Archives of Trinidad and Tobago since 2010. She started her career in libraries after completing her Masters in Library and Information Studies at the University of Toronto. She then worked as a librarian at the National Archives of Trinidad and Tobago, having completed her Master’s in Library and Information Studies at the University of London since 2010. She stands on the forefront of the development of digital archives in Trinidad and Tobago and in the region of the Dutch Caribbean. She is the director of the digital agency of the region since 2012. Gael Musquet is in advisory position.

Rita Tien Foon & Max Scarwanek

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A historiography more focused on the experience of societies, archaeological approaches, the state of the interaction of several disciplines in social sciences, administrative approaches. The skill of a researcher is necessary for this kind of research. Vashti Gaitri Guyadeen presented at professional conferences and has a keen interest in Reference, outreach and Advocacy.

Vashti Gaitri Guyadeen is a creative research executive with over sixteen years corporate experience. She held managerial positions especially at the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce, and the Trinidad and Tobago International Financial Centre.

Vashti was an advisor in the Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs and currently holds the post of Technical Advisor at the Ministry of Public Administration. She is also the point of contact for the Open Government Partnership and was instrumental in the development of TT's first National Action Plan. Ms. Guyadeen is currently completing her Doctorate in Business Administration.

Jacques Dumont is a university professor at the Université des Antilles where he is deputy director of the research unit AiHP-GeoDe. He is also the vice-president of the Association of Caribbean Historians. He has written some fifty articles, books and papers on the contemporary history of the French West Indies, especially on the history of bodycare and sport, as well as on the history of the French West Indies, especially on the history of sport and power in the country. His research is focused on Caribbean historians, where some historical issues, he is also the director of the research unit Adir-Hite-Geode. He is also the director of the research unit Adir-Hite-Geode.

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