Dear Colleagues,

With the approach of International Archives Day on the 9th of June, I would like to encourage you to start now with preparations to make the day a memorable one. IAD is an opportunity for all of us in the Archives sector to raise the profile of archivists and archives and the benefits we bring to society. It’s a chance to share our achievements within our community but more importantly to remind the wider public of the precious collections in our care and the many ways in which we make those collections available, connecting everyone with the collective memory of our past generations.

This year we are highlighting the theme of our annual conference – “Archives: Governance, Memory and Heritage”. This is a powerful theme drawing a link between the preservation of records both as an underpinning of strong and trustworthy public administration, but also as documentary heritage, empowering everyone to draw upon the past to create a better future.

Don’t let this day pass without adding your own contribution! Organise a symposium, an open day, a special display or a blog. Be creative, be resourceful and be proud!

To make sure our collective efforts achieve a maximum international impact, download and personalize the Communication Kit prepared for you by our talented Secretariat at https://www.ica.org/en/riad-2018-communication-kit.

Also be sure to register your event on the International Map and raise their visibility https://www.ica.org/en/international-archives-day-programme-2018

Also be sure to promote the ICA Virtual Exhibition, available on the 9th June, to celebrate its 70th Anniversary at https://www.ica.org/en/ica-70-years-of-international-influence

International Archives Day is our moment to shine. Let's make it a success!

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