

**INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON ARCHIVES  
SECTION ON ARCHIVES AND HUMAN RIGHTS  
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON  
30 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 16:00 CET/Madrid time**

***By Zoom video conference***

*Present:* Vitor Fonseca (in the chair); Lizbeth Barrientos; Blanca Bazaco Palacios; Kate Blalack; Jens Boel; Perrine Canavaggio; Gustavo Castaner-Marquardt; Antonio González Quintana; Deborah Jenkins; Romain Ledauphin, Christine Martinez; Mariana Nazar; Andreas Nef; Trudy Peterson; David Sutton.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Adam Hidestål

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved without amendment

**3. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising from these minutes**

The minutes had been approved by email prior to the meeting. There were no matters arising

**4. Financial matters:**

• **Governance Budget 2021 and financial arrangements for the Section**

In Adam's absence, Antonio reported on the current year's governance budget. This was now almost completely spent, and only 118,46 Euros were left. The bulk of the allocation this year had been spent on the launch of the English version of the book on Archives and Human Rights in Madrid

Vitor asked whether the remaining 118 Euros could be put towards the translation of the Seminar on the Tunisian Truth Commission which was being given in Arabic on the day. There followed a long discussion on how best to proceed with this seminar:

- (a) It was AGREED that the overriding objective was to celebrate the use of Arabic in the seminar. Kate reported that 16 people had applied to participate in the seminar so far
- (b) It was also AGREED that a version in French should also be offered, to broaden the audience for the seminar. Perrine offered to write to Adel to ask whether, in addition to providing a version in Arabic, which he had offered to do, he might be able to provide one in French which Perrine would top and tail.
- (c) It was AGREED that Kate would identify the ARBICA emails on the ICA website and that details of the talk would be circulated to them
- (d) It was AGREED that information about the talk would be placed onto the ICA Twitter account of ICA (Kate would ask Anthea)
- (e) It was AGREED that the event would also be placed onto the SAHR webpage by Andreas

• **PCOM project funding -- application**

Antonio reported that he had submitted two applications for 5000 Euros each from ICA/PCOM as part of the funding allocation for 2022. The application had been circulated to members of the EC. The projects for which the section had sought support were:

- (a) Assistance with the translation of part of the book on Archives and Human Rights into Spanish and
- (b) Assistance with the translation of the Commentary on the Universal Rights Declaration into French.

So SAHR had applied for 10,000 Euros for the forthcoming grant period. It was not known when PCOM would make its decision.

## 5. Representation of ICA on UN Forum for Business and Human Rights

The decision to ask for SAHR to represent the ICA on the UN forum for Business and Human Rights had been taken in January 2021. The composition of the forum was only reviewed once a year, in June, so it was proposed that SAHR should seek a special authorisation to attend this autumn

The ICA Secretariat had confirmed that they would be happy for SAHR to represent ICA on the forum. Antonio had drafted a letter in Spanish to Michele Bachelet for the President of ICA to sign. Vitor had drafted a covering email to David Fricker. It was AGREED that Deb would send both to the ICA Secretariat once the covering email had been reviewed.

## 6. Projects/programme

|   | Activity   | Update   |
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| a | Seminars on Archives and Human Rights – <b>The First Tuesday Talks</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trudy reported that from 1 January 2022, Perrine would take over the overall organisation of the Seminar Programme. Perrine was thanked for agreeing to do so.</li> <li>• Kate reported on the first draft of the procedures for the management of the programme. It was AGREED that Perrine, Kate, Andreas and Deb would refine the draft procedures, particularly in respect of what needed to happen on the day</li> <li>• Trudy reported on the Speaker Programme up to February 2022. The next three sessions planned are as follows:<br/><br/> <i>December 7. Giulia Barrera. Archival evidence and the Condor Cases in Rome's courts. Trudy to introduce. <a href="mailto:giulia.barrera@beniculturali.it">giulia.barrera@beniculturali.it</a></i><br/><br/> <i>February 1. Gilles Manceron. France and the archives of the Algerian War. Perrine to introduce. <a href="mailto:gilles.manceron@wanado.fr">gilles.manceron@wanado.fr</a></i><br/><br/> <i>April 5. Claudio Ogass Bilbao and Francisco Gonzalez Villanueva. Mapping climate change to protect archives. Vitor to introduce. <a href="mailto:francisco.gonzalez.villanueva@gmail.com">francisco.gonzalez.villanueva@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:cogass@uchile.cl">cogass@uchile.cl</a></i> </li> </ul> |
| b | <b>Climate Change and Archives at Risk Toolkit</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vitor reported that one meeting had taken place on the Toolkit since the last EC, and a further meeting was scheduled to take place in November. The project focussed on methodology.</li> <li>• It was AGREED that SAHR should find out what the other ICA sections were doing on the issue, as it appeared that the issue was</li> </ul>  |

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|   |   | being discussed quite widely within ICA. Gustavo would let Deb have the list of emails of Section Chairs, and she would write to the other sections to find out more   |
| c | <b><i>Book on Archives and Human Rights</i></b>   | <p>Good progress on the publication of the Book on Archives and Human Rights was reported, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>English version</b><br/>Jens pointed out that the SAHR webpage did not currently offer any signposts to the digital version of the book. Andreas offered to place the link on the ICA website. Jens will provide the link</li> <li>• <b>Spanish version</b><br/>Antonio reported that a Spanish publisher had been identified. Conditions of publication included a requirement that the whole of the text should be in Spanish – so some translation was required, but otherwise things were developing well</li> <li>• <b>French version</b><br/>Perrine and Jens had written to a publisher, offering the text for publication in French. Other publishers had been identified if the first offer was refused</li> </ul>   |
| d | <b><i>Directory of Human Rights Archives and of Archives holding Human Rights collections</i></b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There followed a long discussion on SAHR's approach to directories, as the two current phases of the project (the joint project with ALA and the joint project with swisspeace) appeared to be heading in different directions. The directory developed by ICA SLA was considered as a possible model, but there was no clear consensus on the level of detail to be included in the SAHR directory.</li> <li>• One of the reasons for the uncertainty was how far the use of AtoM could be accommodated within the ICA website, or, if this was not possible, which organisation would host it. There were issues about long term maintenance of the data which had not yet been addressed</li> <li>• Romain commented that as far as the Truth Commissions project was concerned, it was still at the research/data building stage. Additional layers of information might be added further down the line. It was noted that swisspeace were happy to hold the data until such time as SAHR were ready to launch their directory</li> <li>• It was AGREED that a special meeting should be held to discuss the issue in greater detail. Vitor, Trudy, Antonio, Andreas and Deb to set up the meeting and agree an agenda for it.</li> </ul> |
| e | <b><i>Developing teaching materials and online course on Archives and Human Rights</i></b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No progress had been made in identifying a lead for the working group on this project</li> <li>• Romain suggested that, if no progress could be made with teaching materials in the short term, we should not lose the knowledge which had been accumulated recently, and that we should try to draw up a bibliography from all the articles in the book and the COMMA special edition. He had a particular piece of software in mind to assist with the building of the bibliography. It was AGREED that Romain would draw up a short (one side of A4) report on this software for discussion</li> </ul>   |
| f | <b><i>Businesses and Archives and Human Rights</i></b>  | Trudy reported that work was ongoing on the report on the extractive industries  |
| g | <b><i>Translation work for the section</i></b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No overall lead for the SAHR translation programme had been identified so far, but the section had a number of volunteers at its disposal, willing to undertake translation work, particularly into French and into Spanish</li> </ul>  |

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|   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In terms of priorities, it was felt that SAHR should focus on translations into the languages of colleagues/countries not widely represented in the section. Christine suggested that the section should rely on volunteers for 'easy' languages, and keep financial resources for translations into less accessible languages</li> </ul>  |
| h | <b>Seminars with other ICA sections</b> , joint seminar with ICA SPO in Girona on 9th May 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAHR had been invited by SPO to identify 3 speakers for the seminar on the <i>Archives of Sport and Human Rights</i> to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in Girona</li> <li>Deb had been in touch with SPO, and recommended three potential speakers. SPO were still looking for more suggestions, and SAHR members were encouraged to put names forward, as there was still time to do so</li> </ul>  |
| i | <b>Preparations for ICA conference and congresses:</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Abu Dhabi Virtual conference (2021)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Jens and Blanca had prepared a short presentation which would be showed in the closing session of the virtual conference, on the contents of the book on Archives and Human Rights and the special edition of COMMA on the same subject</li> <li>(b) Vitor will be chairing a session at the virtual conference on the theme of <i>The duty to remember</i> (a pre-recorded session in English). The titles of the papers are:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Title Paper 1:</b> <i>The right to be forgotten and the duty to remember: the specific case of the archives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)</i></li> <li><b>Title Paper 2:</b> <i>La Lista de reparación jurídica de víctimas del franquismo en datos abiertos</i></li> <li><b>Title Paper 3:</b> <i>The Right to be Forgotten - the future Archivist's dilemma – to remember when we have no choice but to forget.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Rome (September 2022)</b><br/>           Trudy had not heard any more from the Rome conference organisers about the proposal submitted by SAHR, about a session on the International Criminal Court, which had recently celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary<br/>           David reported that he and Didier Grange had asked whether their session on Safe Havens and archives at risk could be brought forward from Abu Dhabi to Rome. The answer was that this request would be considered</li> <li><b>Abu Dhabi (October 2023)</b><br/>           Nothing to report</li> <li><b>Barcelona (either 2024 or 2025)</b><br/>           Nothing to report</li> <li><b>Conference in Canberra possibly in 2022</b> Jens reported that David Fricker had intended to organise an event in Canberra to launch the English version of the book on Archives and Human Rights. This had been cancelled because of a Covid lockdown, but it was still hoped that it would be organised fairly soon</li> </ul> |
| j | <b>ICA SAHR pages on ICA website</b>   | Andreas and Deb reported that the SAHR pages on the ICA website were slowly being updated. All out of date information had now been removed. Andreas appealed for information from EC members   |

## 7. Any other business

There was no other business

**8. Date of next meetings (a) for EC and (b) for GA**

It was agreed that there should be another meeting prior to Christmas, probably on the first week of December. Deb would circulate dates

**LIST OF ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING**

| <b>Action</b>  | <b>Status at 1 Sept 2021</b>   |
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| <p><b>Seminar on the Tunisian Truth Commissions</b><br/>           (a) Perrine should contact Adel to find out whether it was possible to create a French version<br/>           (b) Kate would identify the ARBICA emails on the ICA website and that details of the talk would be circulated to them<br/>           (c) Kate would ask Anthea to place information about the talk onto the ICA Twitter account of I<br/>           (d) The event would also be placed onto the SAHR webpage by Andreas</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perrine had written to Adel 1 Sep 2021</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Representation of ICA on UN Forum for Business and Human Rights:</b> Deb to send draft letter to David Fricker and Anthea Seles, together with covering email to David Fricker</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>First Tuesday Talks:</b> Perrine, Kate, Andreas and Deb to refine procedures for the management of the seminars</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deb requested list of speakers and other details from Trudy, for programme up to February 2022, 1 Oct 2021</li> <li>• Deb has sent email to Perrine, Kate and Andreas about procedures draft</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Climate Change:</b> Gustavo to send to Deb list of ICA section chairs emails<br/>           Deb to write to Section Chairs to ask whether each section was considering activities in respect of climate change</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gustavo sent the list of emails to Deb on 30 Sep 2021</li> <li>• Deb wrote to the Section Chairs on 1 Oct 2021</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Book on Archives and Human Rights</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English version: Andreas and Jens to put up a link to the digital version on the ICA SAHR pages. Link sent to Andreas on 30 Sep 2021</li> <li>• Spanish version: Antonio to continue identifying Spanish translators for some of the articles. PCOM application for assistance already submitted, waiting for outcome</li> <li>• French version: Perrine and Jens to identify a potential publisher.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Directory of Human Rights Archives and of Archives holding Human Rights collections</b><br/>           Vitor, Trudy, Antonio, Andreas and Deb to set up the meeting and agree an agenda for it.</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Date of next EC meeting:</b> Deb to propose dates in first week of December 2021</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deb had written to EC members, offering Thursday 2 December at 16:00 CET</li> </ul>   |