



QUADRENNIAL REPORT 2012/2016 September, 2016

1. Administration

1.1 Membership changes

The Section has 76 current financial members (August 2012: 74).

1.2 Steering Committee meetings

The SPA Steering Committee has met 8 times during the reporting period:

- At the ICA Congress and annual meetings (Brisbane 2012, Bruxelles 2013, Girona 2014, Reykjavik 2015) and
- For its annual planning meeting in Arnhem (2013), Boston (2014), Warsaw (2015) and Troyes (2016).

The planning meetings were combined with participation in conferences in the host country and meetings with a delegation of archival students.

1.3 Steering Committee

The following representatives from SPA member associations formed the steering committee 2012-2016:

President: Fred van Kan (Koninklijke Vereniging van Archivarissen in Nederland)

Vice President: Bernhard Post (Verband Deutscher Archivarinnen und Archivare)

Joint Secretaries: Cristina Bianchi (Association des Archivistes Suisses) and Claude Roberto (Association des Archivistes du Québec)

Members:

Joan Soler Jiménez (until June 2013 : Joan Antoni Jiménez ; Associació d'Arxivers-Gestors de Documents de Catalunya)

Vilde Ronge (Norsk Arkivråd)

Becky Haglund Tousey (until June 2014: Gregor Trinkaus-Randall; Society of American Archivists & Academy of Certified Archivists)

Piotr Zawilski (Stowarzyszenie Archiwistów Polskich)

Michal Henkin (until November 2013 Galia Duvidzon; Israeli Archives and Information Association)

Charlotte Maday (until April 2016; until January 2015 Jean-Philippe Legois, until May 2013 : Ousmane M'Baye; Association des Archivistes Français)

Sangmin Lee (until May 2015; Korean Association of Records Managers and Archivists)

Simon Fook Keung Chu (until July 2015; Hong Kong Archives Society)

José-Arturo Yañez (until July 2015; until November 2013 Dario Martinez; Sociedad Para el Desarrollo Científico de la Archivística)

Maria Celina Soares de Mello e Silva (Associação dos Arquivistas Brasileiros) (until June 2014)

2. Programme

2.1 Conferences and other meetings

Round Table Conference "Archives and Records Management in The Netherlands", Amsterdam, The Netherlands, April 2013

During this conference members of the steering committee and representatives of the Dutch archives sector discussed the current situation of the archives sector in The Netherlands.

International Conference of the Hungarian Association of Archivists, Esztergom June 2013

The president of ICA SPA represented ICA and SPA during the annual conference of the Hungarian colleagues; he promoted the individual membership of ICA in combination with membership of a national association.

New England Archivists Annual Meeting, Portsmouth, USA, March 2014

Members of the bureau were responsible for the session: 'Archival Perspectives from Abroad: Conversations with Members of the International Council on Archives Section on Professional Associations'.

European Conference – ICA Annual Conference, Girona, Catalonia, October 2014

The bureau provided support for the 2014 European Conference held in Girona. This included membership on the Scientific Committee, contributing papers and chairing sessions.

15th Conference "Jerzy Skowronek Colloquia Dedicata": Archives in the social environment of the 21st century, Warsaw, Poland, May 2015

Members of the bureau delivered speeches at this conference and discussed the situation of the archival sector in Eastern Europe with the participants of the conference.

Forum des Archivistes, Meta/morphoses - les archives, bouillons de culture numérique Troyes, March-April 2016

During this conference members of the steering committee delivered lectures; exchanges with French colleagues were organized.

The SPA president was an ex officio member of the Executive Board 2012-2016 and of the Program Commission 2012-2016. He participated in the meetings of the ICA elected officers since 2014.

2.2 Publications and Communications

SPA Newsletter

During the reporting period SPA produced two regular Newsletters a year, edited by Claude Roberto. The Newsletter was published in three languages – English, French and Spanish and was distributed by email to those members who have an email contact and by mail to those who do not. The Newsletter is an important means of communication with members and content includes updates on new SPA guidelines, details about forthcoming events, and a section dedicated to publicising information on the activities of member associations.

SPA Section on the ICA website

SPA regularly updates information on the Section pages on the ICA website providing members with ready access to guidelines and information about SPA projects as well as governance documents. SPA aims to publish all the section's documents in English, French, and Spanish on the website. Because that was not the current situation, a translation project was begun in 2013 and completed in 2015.

2.3 Advocacy

Advocacy Works!

In 2014 the section created a (digital) brochure to give advocacy advice to the individual archivist and records manager and also to associations (2016: available in English, French, Spanish and German).

This brochure develops golden rules of advocacy, including elevator pitch and media attention, as well as how to advocate towards politicians and other stakeholders, and how to endorse and promote the UDA (Universal Declaration on Archives).

SPA Film Festival

For the ICA Congress 2016 SPA organized a film festival. SPA sent out a call in January of this year to archives and records management professionals across the globe, in search of films which communicate the importance of records and archives. Within the deadline 66 entries were received. The jury – SPA Bureau members – reviewed all entries and decided on nine nominees, divided in three categories. The winner of each category was announced during the closing session of the ICA Congress.

Since 16 August the nine nominated films were available online and everyone was invited to view these films and cast their vote for The People's award. The winner of this award was also announced during the Congress.

2.3 Other Activities

Principles on the Role of Archivists

In 2011 a joint project between SPA and the Working Group on Human Rights started to formulate Basic Principles on the Role of Archivists and Records Managers in support of human rights. In September 2016 a working document was endorsed by the ICA Program Commission.

European Data Protection Regulation

During the conference in April 2013, the ICA SPA steering committee passed a resolution supporting the petition initiated by the Association des Archivistes Français to postpone the adoption of the European Data Protection Regulation.

Fred van Kan, SPA president, 23.09.2016