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“ARCHIVES FESTIVAL” FOR VIENNA 2004

Major changes are in progress for the XVth International Congress on Archives in Vienna, Austria, 23-28 August 2004.

Austrian Director General of Archives and ICA Senior Vice President Lorenz Mikoletzky, envisions the 2004 Congress to be an “Archives Festival” —like Vienna’s world-famous music festivals — celebrating archival excellence and innovation from around the world.

The Congress is the primary event in the archives calendar worldwide for international networking; from 2004, it should also be the place to hear about as many as possible of the interests and concerns of an increasingly diverse world community of archivists. The congress centre in Vienna features a wide range of meeting spaces — halls, theatres and seminar rooms — which will accommodate a much larger number of professional sessions at the 15th Congress than in previous years. The Congress will provide a forum for interactive professional discourse, through round tables, interactive sessions, and workshops, as well as formal papers, with audience participation actively encouraged.

Last December, a call went out to ICA branches, sections and committees, and allied organizations inviting them to propose sessions to celebrate their achievements, discuss their concerns and market their products at Vienna. The resulting palette of presentations, panel discussions, seminars and practical workshops will offer something for every type of archivist and archives director.

Some of the major sub-themes include advocacy and promotion of archives, legal frameworks for archives and recordkeeping, archives and developing countries, archival standards and best practices, and education and training for archives professionals.

The full professional programme will be available online this October at:

www.ica.org/wien2004.

Mark your calendar now

THE 15TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON ARCHIVES, ON THE THEME : MEMORY AND KNOWLEDGE, 23-28 Aug. 2004, Vienna (Austria).

Greetings from President

« It is a great pleasure to address the world’s archives community through this newsletter, at a decisive moment, one year from the next International Congress in Archives in Vienna. It is in this year of 2003 – which is so significant for the expansion of the European Union, and also for the consolidation of

EURBICA, the European Regional Branch of ICA – that a pre-congress has been organised in Elblag (Poland) as a prelude to the Vienna Congress. It is also this year that CITRA completes the cycle initiated after the Seville Congress on the relationship of archives and society, by bringing together leaders of the archives profession in South Africa to discuss archives and human rights. In these three years, the indisputable role of archives in the information society has been reaffirmed, and the challenges facing the archival profession have been discussed in numerous conferences and seminars organised by the regional branches of ICA. Inevitably, electronic records and archi-

ves continue to be the most analysed theme at the moment, from various viewpoints. Several ICA sections and committees have also advanced diverse projects to respond to concerns expressed by archivists, with the result that Vienna should be a show-case of a profession in continual evolution. Without a doubt, technology has changed the role of archives in society, which now does not only demand to be informed, but also that this information support knowledge. In the framework of the United Nations, the first World Summit on the Information Society will be held in 2003, to be continued in 2005. There could be no question of ICA not being involved in this important meeting, based on a number of principles and actions which archival institutions share, as they are keys to access to information, and still more to knowledge, as a right of citizens. »

Elisa de Santos Canalejo
ICA President Director General
of Archives of Spain



IN BRIEF

New ICA Publications

Now available by contacting ICA Paris or on the ICA website:

www.ica.org

ARCHIVAL AUTOMATION: A BIBLIOGRAPHY, Dec. 2002, Committee on Information Technology (ICA/CIT): List of publications and resources for those interested in archival automation techniques and approaches.

MARKET SURVEY OF COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE OFF-THE-SHELF ARCHIVAL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE, Jan. 2003, Committee on Information Technology (ICA/CIT): This survey of software packages for archives, primarily in English, is a starting point for institutions looking to automate their collection management process and provides some "lessons-learned" guidance on purchasing software.

THE DARWIN SHIPPING CONTAINER TRIAL: Report and Results, Nov. 2002, Pacific Regional Branch of ICA (PARBICA): Outline of results of scientific trial of use of non-air-conditioned shipping containers for low-cost storage of records in a tropical environment, demonstrating that this is not a suitable option for long-term archives storage.

USING SHIPPING CONTAINERS FOR RECORD STORAGE: Specification and Description, November 2002, Pacific Regional Branch of ICA (PARBICA): Practical and technical guide on how to use shipping containers as low-cost alternatives to more expensive buildings for temporary records storage, where other options are not available.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BOOKS, JOURNAL ARTICLES, CONFERENCE PAPERS AND OTHER PRINTED SOURCES RELATING TO ARCHIVAL BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT, Jun. 2003, Committee on Archival Building in Temperate Climates (ICA/CBTE): This popular ICA bibliography has been updated to include works up to 2003.

In Memoriam

LUCIE FAVIER (1932–2003)
FRANCE
Member, Conservation and Restoration Committee (1988–1992); Member Committee on Preservation of Archival Material (1992–1996).

KENT HAWORTH (1946–2003)
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Flash

ICA's newest publication Flash communicates news on ICA activities and highlights current issues in archives. It is the complement to the in-depth professional reflection, reports and debate in **Comma**.

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Flash is looking for contributions! If you have a newsflash for the archives world, send it to ICA. The closing date for the next issue is 1 October 2003.

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Welcome from ICA's Senior Vice President and Congress Host

« The international archives community continues to evolve. Technology enables the archival profession to take great strides forward, and we hear much more from each other, as information flows quickly through email, across the Internet and on websites. Those who use this technology are better informed than even a few years ago.

Above and beyond all these opportunities, Flash, is intended to put archivists throughout the world "in touch" with the object — it should not be forgotten that they deal with written documents every day, in which ever physical format. As the Senior Vice President of ICA, I very much welcome this form of communication, which enables us to check news reports long after their appearance.

Moreover, Flash also makes it possible for those who still do not have adequate access to new technologies, or for whom this access is possible only with difficulty, to communicate with each other and, beyond that, to the world.

The fast-living of our times demands swift flows of news, but archivists should not allow themselves to be too driven by the hectic pace of their work. Rather they should also find the time and energy to read the latest issue of Flash in peace and in doing so perhaps to consider which contributions they could make. Every success should be wished to the newest publication of the International Council on Archives, and those responsible for it already deserve our thanks ».

Lorenz Mikoletzky
ICA Senior Vice-President
2004 Congress Host
Director General of Austrian State Archives

New Standard and Guide to be launched in Vienna 2004

New major ICA guidelines and standards are under development and will be launched at the 15th International Congress on Archives in Vienna, 23–28 August 2004. Presentations, discussions, and practical workshops on how to use these resources will be available during the Congress. Highlights include:

ISAAR (CPF) Second Edition of the International Standard Archival Authority Record (Corporate Bodies, Persons and Families).

Since late 2000, the ICA Committee on Descriptive Standards (ICA/CDS) has been busy working on a major revision of this standard. The committee's plenary meetings in Brussels in October 2001 and Madrid in June 2002 initiated the review process. Comments received from the international archival community contributed to a substantial overhaul of the standard. Another round of input has been sought from the international archival community on the new draft ISAAR (CPF). The committee released an exposure draft in early 2003 calling for comments by mid-July. For further information on major changes and other ICA/CDS work, see the reports on the ICA/CDS website at: www.hmc.gov.uk/icacds/

Electronic Records Workbook for Archivists.

In a sequel to the highly successful guide on electronic records published in 1996, the ICA Committee on Current Records in Electronic Environments (ICA/CER) is producing a practical workbook on electronic records. The target audience for the publication is those with an interest in the long-term preservation of electronic records. The workbook is designed to provide practical guidance on the implementation of the principles set out in the International Standard on Records Management (ISO 15489). Chapters cover key concepts and definitions, how to influence decision-makers and records-creators, new and existing systems, long-term preservation and access to electronic records. Annexes will provide references for further resources and real-life case studies to illustrate the workbook guidelines. It is expected that the final stages of editing and production of the workbook will be supported by a UNESCO grant, aimed at enabling ICA to continue its work in the area of authentic electronic records.



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Archives Crisis and Response in Iraq: Shock and Anguish



CLEER GARANCHI / REUTERS

April 2003 was marked by the burning of the building that housed the Iraqi National Library and National Archives Centre, the bombardment and looting of Iraqi government ministries and other offices where administrative records were held, and the ransacking of numerous cultural institutions in Iraqi cities.

ICA's officers and members have followed reports of these events and their aftermath with ever deepening concern. In close cooperation with UNESCO, the International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS), the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and concerned ICA member institutions, ICA has endeavoured to respond to the situation in Iraq.

However, the international political climate and the collapse of the infrastructure in Iraq have delayed efforts at fact-finding by experts. A further concern is that the reportedly urgent need for reconstruction of contemporary library collections and current records systems continue to risk being neglected in plans focused on "cultural heritage", as they can only obliquely be seen as falling under this rubric. The responsibilities of ICA lie both with the past (historical archives) and with the present and future (current records and record-

keeping systems development). Elements in ICA's response to this evolving story are:

- 1. ICA expressed its deep concern at the burning of archives and libraries**, removal of government records and ransacking of cultural institutions in Iraq in a statement on 22 April 2003, stating that "The international archival community is prepared to support Iraqi colleagues in assessing the conservation needs of records and repositories, in strengthening and retraining archives professionals, and in reconstructing the archival and records management infrastructure. ICA members are also willing to play a role in assessment of damage and in salvage operations directed by Iraqi archival institutions."

- 2. ICA Paris has received numerous statements and messages offering support from ICA members**, including ARBICA, the Society of American Archivists, Association of Canadian Archivists, Society of Archivists (United Kingdom), Latin American Branch of ICA (ALA), United Kingdom National Archives and many others. The Arab Regional Branch of ICA (ARBICA) has agreed to take a leading role in ICA's actions to support protection of Iraqi archives and redevelopment of Iraq's records management infrastructure. Various ICA member institutions have committed to supporting this initiative.

- 3. As part of the International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS)**, ICA undersigned statements warning of the risk to cultural heritage before the conflict had started, and urging for protection against looting after the first reports were received.

- 4. ICA represented archives concerns at the first emergency expert meeting at UNESCO on 17 April 2003.** The meeting leaned heavily towards ancient cultural heritage (museum artefacts and sites), in part because almost all experts present were archaeologists. However, ICA managed to ensure that archives were at least referred to explicitly in the recommendations from this meeting. For further information: www.unesco.org

- 5. ICA representatives pressed for discussion on Iraqi records and archives at UNESCO's Information for All Programme (IFAP) Council meeting** on 22-24 April 2003, and made the ICA statement available to delegates. IFAP has since passed a resolution on Iraqi libraries and archives, earmarked funds to back this with projects, and tried to ensure that a library/archives expert was included in the UNESCO mission to Iraq.

- 6. The ICBS met on 5 May 2003 in Paris**, and ICA and IFLA representatives took this opportunity to agree to work towards joint action for archives and libraries. We have proposed to the UNESCO DG that a separate mission be undertaken to investigate the needs of archives and libraries.

- 7. An in-country expert assessment** is the only means by which to plan concrete action for the reconstruction of Iraq's cultural institutions and current information infrastructure, and it is hoped that this can take place without further delay.

The absence of an archives and libraries expert in the first UNESCO fact-finding mission to Iraq from 15-20 May 2003 was a major setback for ICA and IFLA. Recommendations from this mission were to have formed the basis for action in the archives and libraries fields. A libraries expert from France was selected to investigate damage and needs for libraries and archives, but was not permitted to participate by the interim authorities.

The ICA and IFLA Secretary Generals have expressed their extreme disappointment to the UNESCO Director General about the last-minute removal of the sole archives and libraries expert from the mission team. This decision, and UNESCO's acceptance of it, set a dangerous precedent for international professional cooperation, which must continue to remain politically neutral if archivists are to reach their shared goals.

Summary reports on the situation in Iraqi libraries and archives have been made available through the ICBS pages of IFLA's website at: www.ifla.org/blueshield.htm



UKRAINE STATE ARCHIVES

ARCHIVES FIRE IN UKRAINE

While most international eyes were turned towards Iraq, other disasters took their course including a fire that destroyed a warehouse of the Kamianets-Podilsky Archives in Ukraine on 10 April 2003. Five major fonds covering the history of Podolia Gubernia from the end of the seventeenth to the twentieth century were damaged in the fire, the cause of which is under investigation.

In addition to those documents that were completely destroyed, many unique historical documents were water-damaged. Over 2 tons of archival material have been evacuated from the destroyed warehouse. About 10,000 items, which were transferred into the refrigerator and frozen at -30C, are progressively being dried in three special rooms.

The chairman of the State Archives Committee, Dr. Hennadii Boriak, immediately went to survey the damage and formulate a plan for the rescue and recovery of documents. Local archivists together with cadets, policemen, firemen and other municipal personnel, students and ordinary people have been working around the clock to save whatever is possible.

Press-Service of the State Committee, Kyiv, Ukraine

Strengthening the Blue Shield

The crisis in Iraq is another reminder of the importance of international coordination in emergency response, and therefore of the significant role of the Blue Shield.

The Blue Shield is the symbol specified in the 1954 Hague Convention for marking cultural sites to give them protection from attack in the event of armed conflict. It is also the name of an international committee set up in 1996 to work to protect the world's movable and immovable cultural heritage threatened by wars and natural disasters, of which ICA is a founding member.

Since its inception, the International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS) has collected and shared information on threats, raised public awareness, promoted good standards of risk management, worked to make decision makers and professionals aware of needs for disaster prevention, preparedness, response and recovery and encouraged the establishment of national Blue Shield committees.

However, it continues to lack the structured form and ongoing resources needed for rapid intervention during emergencies and to coordinate actions afterward. A strategic meeting of leaders of ICBS member organizations and National Committees of the Blue Shield is planned for November 2003 to find practical solutions in order to make the ICBS able to act for the protection of the world's cultural heritage.

Negotiations are also underway for the establishment of a major international emergency response fund, which would support actions for protection, salvage and reconstruction of cultural heritage damaged in natural and manmade disasters.

For more information on the ICBS and Iraq see: www.ifla.org/blueshield.htm

CITRA 2003: Archives and Human Rights in Cape Town

After Iceland in 2001 and France in 2002, South Africa will host the 37th International Conference of the Round Table on Archives (CITRA) in Cape Town 21-25 October 2003.

CITRA brings together directors of national archives and presidents of national associations, ICA sections and committees, by invitation, each year in the interval between congresses. The theme of the 2003 conference is "Archives and Human Rights". It's the third and last of the current cycle on "Archives and Society", launched in Reykjavik in 2001 with acquisition and appraisal of the records of contemporary society and continued in Marseille in 2002 with the perception of records and archives by society.

The first two sessions will be organised around the types of sources which document human rights violations, governmental and inter-governmental sources and international non-governmental sources. The specific problems which they present for preservation and access will be examined, as will the different uses which can be made of them: legal, political and memorial. The safekeeping of these records is vital for the individuals who they enable both to obtain justice and compensation and to carry out their own process of reconciliation and grief. It is also fundamental for society, as the basis for the process of reconciliation of citizens and the transition to democracy. The participants will consider the role which archival institutions can or should play in this domain.

Public authorities are not always conscious of the fact that records are at the heart of these processes. One objective of the conference will be to make various records creators more aware of the importance and vulnerability of these sources. In this sense, the 2003 theme is part of a strategy aiming to correct the public perception of records and archives, which CITRA 2002 proved was often vague and flawed.

The third session will be more particularly dedicated to the preservation of the memory of African traditional societies.



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Welcome from CITRA President

« In an age when Internet technology is the preferred means of communication, it is refreshing to contribute to the first issue of a more traditional newsletter. Regardless of form, communication is important within the world archival community, especially at a time when documentary heritage, so treasured by all of us, is in danger of destruction or loss. Archivists enjoy a special place in society – we are the keepers of memory; we are the stewards of the official record of our governments and our societies; we are responsible for preserving the records of human activity for our generation and generations to follow. This is a trust fundamental both to culture and to the protection of rights in society. The responsibility and the professional issues in a constantly shifting technological environment challenge all of us. We will only be successful if we work together, and freely share our ideas and best practices.

The annual meetings of the International Conference of the Round Table on Archives (known by its French acronym as CITRA) provide a forum for directors of national archives and the leaders of our professional associations to meet, discuss and learn from each other. The emphasis in our meetings in Reykjavik (2001) and in Marseille (2002) has been on discussion, not lectures. We hope this newsletter will continue this very lively process and encourage communication across the great archival traditions of the world. I would encourage your active participation in this dialogue ».

Ian Wilson
ICA Vice President, CITRA President
National Archivist of Canada



Members of the ICA Executive Committee and other participants at the meeting in Saint Petersburg last June.

Executive Committee Moves Ahead on Constitution Revision

A revised draft of the ICA Constitution, drawing on input from a large number of ICA members, was approved for release by the ICA Executive Committee at its meeting in St Petersburg from 10 to 15 June 2003. A summary of comments and the new draft text will be sent to all members and published on the ICA website. The vote on the Constitutional revision will be taken at the General Assembly in Vienna in August 2004.

The Executive also considered a number of other important issues, including ICA's strategic direction and programme beyond 2004, applications and management systems for the International Archival Development Fund (FIDA) and the reconstruction of Iraqi archives, and previewed the 2004 Congress website and CITRA 2003 programme.

Especially welcome were applications from new members and updates on the formation of two new ICA bodies including a Section for Sports and Olympics Archives and a Section for Notary Archives.

North American Associations Discuss Forming ICA Regional Round Table

At a strategic planning meeting in Ottawa in February 2003, representatives from Canadian and United States professional associations and archives institutions discussed establishing a North American Regional Round Table of ICA to serve as their ICA regional branch.

The meeting was convened by the ICA Secretary General to discuss two major issues: **how to increase North American involvement in ICA, and how to increase North American participation at the 15th International Congress on Archives in Vienna, 23-28 August 2004.**

Braving wintry temperatures, participants reflected on how their organisations are represented in ICA, how information about ICA is communicated within North America, and North American perceptions of ICA and attitudes towards international involvement. They agreed that from the North American perspective, core strategic aims for ICA should be: to support archival enterprise globally; to provide a forum for international discussion on essential elements of archival policy and practice; and to be a network for communication between professionals around the world.

Until now, North America has had no automatic representation in the ICA Executive Committee, as the regional branch structure facilitates this elsewhere. The planned new round table for North America would result in qualified representation of the North American archival profession on ICA's Executive Committee and active, ongoing input of North America into ICA's decision making and planning.

Discussion about the prospective round table continued in Toronto in June 2003.

SPA Speaks Out Against Archives Funding Cuts

Following its meeting in Chicago from 21 to 25 April, the steering committee of ICA/SPA issued the following statement regarding budget cuts at Italy's State Archives.

« The Section of Professional Associations of the International Council on Archives (ICA/SPA), representing 70 associations and over 70,000 archival and records management professionals worldwide, is profoundly concerned about the drastic funding cuts that the government has imposed on the Italian State Archives and the Soprintendenze (regional archives advisory services).

Funding cuts at a level of 50% make it impossible for the State Archives and the Soprintendenze to continue their functions and place their valuable collections in danger. Without sufficient funding for the Archives:

- Government will lose its operational memory and will be less effective;
- Italian citizens will lose their fundamental right of access to personal and administrative information;
- Researchers worldwide will lose access to Italy's archival heritage; and
- Italy's pre-eminent place in world culture and thought will be endangered.

Funding cuts of this kind set an unacceptable precedent and future funding considerations should take account of the vital role played by a nation's archives.

To avert disaster, ICA/SPA appeals to the Italian government to restore full funding to the State Archives and Soprintendenze immediately ».

Margaret Turner,
President ICA/SPA
Kathryn Dan,
Secretary ICA/SPA

ICA AGENDA

"Preservation of Archives in Tropical Climates" Conference in Curaçao



The Caribbean island of Curaçao will host the second international conference on "Preservation of Archives in Tropical Climates" (PATC II) from 17-21 November 2003.

The conference is being organized by the National Archives of the Netherlands (NANL) and the National Archives of the Netherlands Antilles (NANA), in cooperation with ICA's regional branches for the Caribbean (CARBICA) and Latin America (ALA).

The first PATC, held in Jakarta in 2001, was an initiative of NANL and the National Archives of the Republic of Indonesia in cooperation with ICA. As a result of the success of the first PATC, the conference will now be a biennial event.

The aim of the second conference is to implement the resolutions of the first conference and envision new goals for the near future. The goal is to contribute to an increase of professionalism in preservation techniques and standards, especially in the tropics.

Presentations, discussions and practical workshops will address special archives boxes for tropical climates, integrated pest management, disaster preparedness and recovery, preventive conservation, design of cultural institutions, passive climate control, practical experience in African countries, mass deacidification, preservation training, preservation management including buildings, handling and storage, salvage of photographs, fungus awareness kit and integrated pest management. Scheduled presenters include experts from the Netherlands, Australia, United Kingdom, Jamaica and the United States.

The conference is open to those involved in archives management or the conservation of archives and library materials, and those concerned with the difficult circumstances under which the cultural heritage in tropical countries are kept. The conference will be the ideal forum for professionals in this field to network and share their ideas and experience with colleagues from all over the world.

PATC II website:

<http://patc2003.nationalarchives.an>

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ARCHIVES AND CHANGING SOCIETIES: ACTIVE STRATEGIES FOR MEETING PUBLIC, INSTITUTIONAL AND ARCHIVAL NEEDS, Annual Seminar of ICA Section of University and Research Institution Archives (ICA/SUV), 7-10 Sep. 2003, Warsaw-Krakow (Poland). Contact: Renata AROVELIUS, Renata.Arove-lius@adm.slu.se

CONFERENCE OF THE ICA SECTION FOR ARCHIVES OF PARLIAMENTS AND POLITICAL PARTIES (ICA/SPP), 11-13 Sep. 2003, Madrid (Spain). Contact: Angeles VALLE DE JUAN, mangeles.valle@senado.es

ELECTRONIC ARCHIVING OF DOCUMENTS, Conference and Training Workshop of the Arab Regional Branch of ICA (ARBICA), 15-20 Sep. 2003, Tunis (Tunisia). Contact: Rabii BANNOURI, rab_ban@yahoo.fr

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT, 6th General Conference of East Asian Regional Branch of ICA (EASTICA), 21-26 Sep. 2003 Hangzhou (China). Contact: Simon CHU, simonchu@grsd.gov.hk

COMMUNICATION, COOPERATION AND CROSSINGS: DEVELOPING ARCHIVAL EDUCATION IN ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION IN THE 21ST CENTURY, Conference of the ICA Section for Education and Training (ICA/SAE), 13-15 Oct. 2003, Beijing (China). Contact: WANG Jian, wj@acruc.net

ARCHIVES AND HUMAN RIGHTS, 37th International Conference of the Round Table on Archives (CITRA), 20-25 Oct. 2003, Cape Town (South Africa). Invitation only. Contact: Perrine CANAVAGGIO, Canavaggio@ica.org

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ICA SECTION OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHIVAL ASSOCIATIONS (ICA/SPA), 24 October 2003, Cape Town (South Africa). Invitation only. Contact: Margaret TURNER, turmarmargaret@hotmail.com

2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PRESERVATION OF ARCHIVES IN TROPICAL CLIMATES, organized jointly by National Archives of the Netherlands, Caribbean Regional Branch of ICA (CARBICA), and Netherlands National Archives, 17-21 Nov. 2003, Curaçao (Netherlands Antilles). Website: <http://patc2003.nationalarchives.an>, contact: info.patc2003@nationalarchives.an