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I wish to extend a warm invitation to all archivists and information professionals to the 16th ICA Congress in Kuala Lumpur from 21- 27 July 2008. I am proud that the National Archives of Malaysia has been chosen to be the host of this prestigious event which also coincides with the 40th Anniversary of SARBICA and 60th Anniversary of ICA. We are indeed very honoured to host this historic and meaningful event.



Kuala Lumpur 2008

Archives have always been neglected in many countries, however, this field has far reaching impact in almost every aspect of life. The theme for this congress “Archives, Governance and Development: Mapping Future Society” is timely and suitable for all economies. We must work together and strive to make our presence felt in our society.

This congress will attempt to bring together many distinguished speakers from all over the world and Malaysia. It will be an effective and relevant platform for discussion on issues, trends and development in the field of archives and records management. It will also help to enhance global networking and sharing of resources and knowledge for the common good. May our discussions at this congress lead to the global betterment of human kind.

Do not miss this opportunity. I also encourage you to plan your trip early and enjoy the multicultural and multilingual offerings in beautiful and colorful Malaysia. Interesting “Visit Malaysia Year” tour packages within Malaysia are also available for your selection. Please visit [www.ica.org](http://www.ica.org) and [www.arkib.gov.my](http://www.arkib.gov.my) for further details.

**SIDEK JAMIL**ICA senior Vice President, Director General  
National Archives of Malaysia

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## L'ICA Builds Closer Links with the International Statistics Institute

ICA Builds Closer Links with the International Statistics Institute

In his dual capacity as Secretary-General of ICA and President of the International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS), Joan Van Albada gave a presentation at the annual conference organized by the International Statistics Institute in Lisbon, Portugal, at the end of August. The conference was attended by over 1,200 professional statisticians from throughout the world. Joan van Albada's presentation highlighted the importance of statistics in archives, both as a management tool and in the assessment of damage to archives caused by military operations or natural disasters. The paper provoked a lively discussion among the audience of about 100 delegates, especially those from countries with recent experience of armed conflicts.

The conclusion to be drawn is that archivists and statisticians would have a lot to gain from working more closely together. Archivists are well placed to give statisticians expert advice on the conditions of access to sensitive personal data and their long-term preservation. In return statisticians could help archivists to use statistics to better effect in both managing archive services and in promoting the cause of archives in modern society.

### Welcome to these new category A and B members

Memoria Abierta, Argentina  
Records Management Association of Australasia (RMAA), Australia  
Associação dos Arquivistas do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil  
Association of Canadian Archivists, Canada  
Association Congolaise pour la Promotion Culturelle et Artistique (ACPCA), D.R. Congo  
First Global Book Foundation, Ghana  
The Japan Society for Archival Science, Japan  
Stichting Erfgoed Nederland, Netherlands  
Records Management and Archives office, Philippines  
Archiveros Españoles en la Función Pública (Aefp), Spain  
Turkish Librarians Association, Turkey

## People

New national Archivists have been appointed in:

**Australia**  
LEIGH HAYS  
State Records Office  
of Western Australia

**Malaysia**  
SIDEK JAMIL

**Nepal**  
BHIM PRASAD

**Nigeria**  
H. ADEDOYIN LAFINHAN  
Director

**Romania**  
DORIN DOBRINCU

**Serbie**  
MILADIN MILOSEVIC  
Archives of Serbia and  
Montenegro, Miladin  
Milosevic

## In Memoriam

**M. Richard Apfelauer**  
(1955-2007)  
Archivist of the University  
of Salzburg, Austria  
Member of ICA/SUV

**Mme. Elizabeth Williams**  
(1954-2007),  
Government Archivist,  
Jamaica Archives & Records  
Department, Archivist of the  
University of West Indies  
Member of CARBICA

## The International Council on Archives (ICA)

is dedicated to the advancement of archives through international collaboration. Archives, by providing evidence of human activities and transactions, underlie the rights of individuals and states, and are fundamental to democracy and good governance. In pursuing the advancement of archives, ICA works for the protection and enhancement of the memory of the world.

### 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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## ICA Engages with the Memory of the World Programme

Between 11 and 15 June 2007 a series of events took place in Pretoria, South Africa, that boosted UNESCO's Memory of the World Programme. Among these was a meeting of the International Advisory Committee (IAC), which meets every two years to make final recommendations to the UNESCO Director-General about the inscription of nominated documents, satisfying published criteria of world significance, on the International Register.

Since the inception of Memory of the World Programme in 1992, ICA has had doubts about highlighting the importance of individual items or small groups of documents in a National, Regional or International Register. The notion of memory does not make sense if these documents are considered in isolation from the total fonds of which they are an integral part. The ICA Executive Board reaffirmed these reservations when it met in Washington DC in April 2005. However, it also recognised that the 'Memory of the World' brand can be a useful tool to promote important documents and more generally to raise the profile of archives in some countries. The position of ICA has been evolving recently with the objective of engaging more positively with the Memory of the World Programme. ICA now seeks an explicit acknowledgement by UNESCO that the total fonds held by national archives and other archive institutions constitute an important part of the Memory of the World. This need not entail the inscription of these fonds in any Memory of the World Register, but could be satisfied if UNESCO makes a clear statement about their value in its revised guidance on the preservation of the documentary heritage. UNESCO officials at Pretoria responded positively to this evolution of ICA's position and assured ICA's representatives that their concerns would be addressed soon.

Distinguished archivists from Canada (Professor Luciana Duranti), Senegal (Papa Momar Diop), and Poland (Wladyslaw Stepniak), have recently been appointed to the IAC by UNESCO. Their presence will ensure that archival integrity is fully taken into account when nominations are assessed.

The Director-General accepted the recommendations of the IAC that 38 items should be added to International Register, bringing the total number of inscriptions to 158. The full listing can be found on UNESCO's web site as follows:-

[http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=24786&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=24786&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

Earlier in the week colleagues responsible for the documentary heritage in eight African countries passed unanimously resolutions which pave the

way for the prompt establishment of a Regional Memory of the World Committee in Africa.

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## Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archivists

(Chicago, 28 august-1 september 2007)

This year's meeting took place at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown Chicago and was attended by approximately 1,800 records and archives professionals. ICA was represented by Hans Naess (Chair of the Section on Business and Labour Archives) and David Leitch (Deputy Secretary-General). The theme of the meeting was 'make no little plans – think big', a quote from the famous Chicago architect Daniel Burnham. Before the main programme got underway, round table discussions on about twenty-five subjects were held, thereby increasing the opportunities for informal networking. The round table on international archival affairs (co-chaired by Tom Connors and Valerie Komor) was well attended and proved to be quite lively, with participants expressing a keen interest in knowing more about the Congress in Kuala Lumpur in 2008 and in the development of the new ICA website.

The organizers of the meeting are to be congratulated for putting on such a stimulating programme. Eight different options on a wide variety of subjects were available during each of the eight sessions – so delegates were really spoilt for choice. Many of the presentations dealing with applications of the latest technological developments in archives were models of clarity, so that it was not necessary to have detailed technical knowledge in order to grasp the main points. The online version of the journal *American Archivist* was also demonstrated during the meeting. The programme was further enriched by a powerful address from the SAA President Elizabeth Adkins on the theme of diversity and an uplifting closing speech by Allen Weinstein, the Archivist of the United States, in which he sounded an optimistic note about reversing the recent budget cuts to which NARA has been subject. He was warmly applauded for NARA's resolve in upholding the professional management of archives in the face of contrary pressures from parts of the present Administration. Further information about the SAA 2007 Annual Meeting is available from the SAA website:

<http://www.archivists.org>

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# ICA on its way to more transparency and participation

# A New Strategic Vision for ICA

Changing an organisational culture takes a lot of time, in particular for a complex and multi-cultural organisation like ICA. As far back as 1996 many members agreed that it was necessary to open up ICA and to make decision making, programme and budget priority setting and planning more understandable. Since then many changes have been discussed, and several of them have been implemented, first in the General Assembly of 2000 and then in the General Assembly of 2004. The introduction of a system of Annual General Meetings enabled ICA to speed up the previously lengthy process of consensus oriented decision making. The Curaçao 2006 AGM introduced a major change by unanimously accepting the Curaçao Consensus 2006.

The ICA leadership has taken up the challenge of the Curaçao Consensus 2006 and will report on its implementation to the AGM at Québec. This AGM will discuss and decide on a few more changes, mainly relating to the assignment of responsibilities and to arrangements for improved reporting.

In the meantime the President has circulated a call for candidates for the 2008 elections. The timetable will allow potential candidates to discuss their ideas, dreams and wishes and to constitute the strongest possible leadership bodies for 2008-2010 in the framework of the AGM and, of course, CITRA 2007. The leadership bodies that will change in composition as a result of these elections will be the Management Commission and the Audit Commission. Elections to other ICA leadership posts in 2008 will take place at meetings of branch or section members, in accordance with a different timetable.

In any event the amendments to the constitution and the upcoming elections will, if successful, pave the way for new leaders to take up partly new positions. Together with the new Secretary General, a fresh leadership team will steer the International Council on Archives through many challenges to an inspiring future.

By the time this issue is published, we hope that many of you will have sent us your comments about the draft Strategic Vision for ICA, which was made available on the website on 26 September. The purpose of the Strategic Vision is to achieve clarity about the fundamental mission of ICA, the values that we uphold, and the high-level objectives that we should set ourselves as ICA attempts to meet the challenges of globalization and accelerating technological change. ICA also needs to set itself measures of its overall success as an organization that can be easily understood by its members and partner organizations. The Strategic Vision should capture all our aspirations for the future development of ICA; it should inspire and motivate existing members and encourage other archive professionals to join.

It is intended that the final version of the Strategic Vision, which will take full account of comments received, will be presented for the approval of the Executive Board and the Annual General Meeting in Québec in November. Once the Strategic Vision is in place, work on related matters can move forward at a brisk pace. A Strategic Vision will have no impact whatsoever unless it is underpinned by a business plan consisting of specific activities that will deliver practical results. Preparatory work has already been done on a business planning framework. A full business plan, including contributions from the branches, sections and working groups, should be in place by the time of the Kuala Lumpur Congress in July 2008.

The Strategic Vision will also form the basis of ICA's relations with its main stakeholder groups. Some initial thinking on communications with each of these groups has been carried out, and an external communications strategy will be presented to the Executive Board in Malmo in April 2008.

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## Composition of the Management Commission (article 42)

President (2008-2010)  
President Elect (to be elected 2009/2010)  
Vice-President CITRA (2008-2012)  
Vice-President Congress (2008-2012)  
Vice-President Finance (2007-2010)  
Vice-President Marketing and Promotion (2008-2010)  
Vice-President Programme (2008-2010)  
Vice-President Associations  
Vice-President Regional Branches  
Vice-President Sections  
President of a Regional Branch  
Secretary General  
Deputy Secretaries General

## Timetable for the 2008 Elections

**23 August 2007** Circulation of Nomination Forms  
**1 December 2007** Return of Nomination Forms  
**1 January 2008** Circulation of Ballot Forms  
**1 March 2008** Close of Ballot  
**1 April 2008** Declaration of Result

# Nouvelles des Branches régionales

## Vth International Seminar of Archives of the Iberian Tradition

The Vth International Seminar of Archives of the Iberian Tradition "Archives at the Service of Society", organized by the Asociación Latinoamericana de Archivos (ALA) was held in San José, Costa Rica, from 2 to 5 July 2007.

Around 200 colleagues from Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Colombia, Cuba, Chile, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Brasil, Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal and Spain met to share experiences and discuss archives in relation to society, institutions, access to and use of information, genealogy, literature, journalism, genetics, dramatic arts, archival resources, standards (UNE-ISO 15439 and ISAAR- CPF), preservation of digital and audio-visual materials. The detailed programme and presentations are available on the web site [http://www.archivonacional.go.cr/v\\_seminario.htm](http://www.archivonacional.go.cr/v_seminario.htm)

During the seminar the National Archive of Costa Rica hosted the ALA General Assembly, during which Jaime Antunes da Silva, President of the Association presented a final report on his administration (2003-2007). Also on the agenda were several agreements about the links of the Association with ICA, which were approved in order to present a specific proposal at the next CITRA meeting in Québec. In addition, ALA accepted the proposal to name María Berarda Salabarría Abraham from Cuba as an honorary member. Finally, ALA elected the new bureau for the period from 2007 to 2011:

President  
**Jorge Ruíz Dueñas**  
Mexico

1st Vice-President  
**Mónica María Eugenia Barrientos Harbin**  
Chile

2nd Vicepresident  
**José Ramón Cruz Mundet**  
Spain

Secretary General  
**Martha Marina Ferriol Marchena**  
Cuba

1st Member  
**Silvestre de Almeida Lacerda**  
Portugal

2nd Member  
**Marcela Inch Calvimonte**  
Bolivia

Treasurer  
**Claudia Delgado Martínez**  
Mexico

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## Morocco acquires an archives law

At the Council of Ministers on 21 June 2007, Mohammed VI, King of Morocco approved the first bill for archives legislation. "Taking into account the crucial importance of the national archives, and having regard to the need to preserve and conserve the existing fonds, the Council had proceeded to approve the bill which aims to fill the legal gap seen to exist in this area, and make provision for the creation, under the name of 'Archives du Maroc' of a public institution responsible for the conservation of the national archives, both public and private" The bill was approved by the Chamber of Advisers on 24th July 2007. *Le Matin*

## The Archives of Senegal during the International Archives Day

To mark the first International Archives Day, the Directorate of the Archives of Senegal organized an 'open doors' session at the National Archives Day on 8 June 2007 and an exhibition of archives from 8 to 11 June in the hall of the Faculty of Sciences, Technologies, Education and Training (FASTEF) of the University Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar. Leaflets about the archives and guides for readers were widely distributed.

### 1 The 'Open Doors' Day

As the National Archives are based in the Administrative Block which houses nearly all of the ministries of the Government of Senegal, and since 9 June fell on a Saturday (a non-working day), it was not possible for us to hold the 'Open Doors' Day on the due date. We therefore held it on the day before, Friday 8 June 2007. We recorded the visits of 1052 people, mainly made up of school pupils in the fourth and final years preparing for an examination, officials of the Administrative Block and citizens in other categories. It should be noted that our reading rooms receive on average about 70 people every day. From this point of view, and in the opinion of the press which gave it extensive coverage, one can consider that the day was a resounding success.

### 2 The Exhibition of Archives

We chose to put on the exhibition in the university environment that provides the greatest number of our users. It was organized in partnership with the Department of History of FASTEF and the Senegalese Association of Professors of History and Geography. It focused on the theme: 'The formation of the west African native elite and the emergence of democracy in French West Africa'. The exhibition, which was launched on the afternoon of 8 June, was such a success that we kept it open until 6pm on Monday 10 June. The two events managed to occupy, throughout the days of announcements, opening and reporting (7-9, 11-12 June 2007) a large amount of space in the Dakar media, on the theme of 'What to do with archives?'

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National Archives of Senegal

# News from Sections

## Business in archives and archives in business

SBL (the section for business archives) held its annual bureau meeting in Genoa on 13-14 September. The section has increased its focus on cooperation, the spread of information and initiatives that lead to improvements in the preservation and use of business archives, both inside and outside companies.

The recently produced leaflet about SBL is accessible on its website. It has now been translated into French and Italian, and Spanish and Russian translations will follow this autumn. One major project is the presentation of the situation of business archives in different countries. In order to make more overviews available, SBL has requested all national archivists and other key players worldwide to have overviews written for their respective countries or to suggest persons from corporations, agencies or organisations who could do this. It is hoped for that these overviews will develop into an archival source of information of great importance to the corporate world itself, as well as to archivists and historians. The overviews are being homogenously structured in order to make them easily accessible to all kinds of users.

As a result of talks the SBL chair and vice-chair had with a group of Australian archivists in Sydney in February 2007, a Task Force has now been set up in order to professionalize and increase the activities of preserving business archives in Australia.

The SBL vice-chair, Didier Bondue, has presented the records and archives service in the French glass and fibre producing corporation Saint-Gobain as a business within a business in Abu Dhabi (CITRA), New Orleans, Sydney and Paris. It will be presented in Trieste this October and in Ghouangzhong, China, in December. During this meeting solutions for the organisation of business archives in China will be presented.

Generally accepted guidelines for business archives would be of great help in improving archive services within corporations. At the SAA meeting in Chicago (26 August-2 September 2007), a questionnaire was finalized for distribution to corporations in the industrialized countries. During 2008 SBL hopes that enough returns will be received so that a start can be made on the developing these guidelines. SBL plans to propose sessions at the International

Congress in Kuala Lumpur (July 2008), at the SAA meeting in San Francisco (August 2008) and at an open meeting linked to SBL's annual meeting in Stavanger, Norway (May 2008).

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SBL, Gênes 2007

# News from Sections

## ICA/SUV Conference

### Archives, Records and the User: The Changing Nature of University and Scientific Archives in the 21st Century

The Section of University and Research Institution Archives held its annual Conference in Dundee, Scotland on August 13 – 17, 2007 on the subject of “Archives, Records and the User: The Changing Nature of University and Scientific Archives in the 21st Century”.

General reflections on the changing nature of work in university and scientific archives in the 21st century were followed by presentations and lively discussions on the working conditions in university archives in different countries, and new ways to identify and respond to the needs of different user groups. Several sessions were devoted to the new skills needed by university archivists regarding not only new technologies, but also new fields of collection and preservation like websites, wikis, blogs and other new media, and to the impact of new technologies on record keeping. The necessity of keeping authentic and reliable records to preserve the individual and collective memory of society was pointed out. This also means broadening the scope of archival collections to comprise all groups of society, and being aware also of the political challenges that might face the archives.

More than 80 participants from 15 countries attended the conference, hosted by the University of Dundee, and enjoyed the perfect organization of Pat Whatley and her colleagues, and their splendid hospitality.

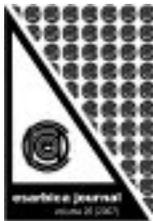
During the conference, there was also a working meeting of the former Science Sub-Committee, now renamed “Committee on Preservation and Access of Scientific and Research Data (CSR/D)”, the Steering Committee (now “Section Bureau”), and the Annual General Meeting of the Section. The AGM approved the revision of the By-Laws of the Section (which had to be adapted to the new ICA Constitution) and the revised Nomination and Election Guidelines. Both revisions had been prepared during a working meeting of the Steering Committee in March 2007 in Vienna.

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**Guide des sources de la traite  
négrière, de l'esclavage et de  
leurs abolitions**, Claire Sibille,  
Archives de France, Juin 2007

The objective set by the Directorate  
of the Archives of France, in car-  
rying out a large-scale survey in  
the network of national and terri-  
torial archives, was to offer the pos-  
sibility of studying the history of

the slave trade, slavery and their abolition. This guide  
is the result of that survey.

The period covered by this work stretches from the  
17th century, which saw the appearance and deve-  
lopment of activities linked to the slave trade, up to  
the abolition of slavery in 1848. This guide stands  
as a work of reference through the richness of the col-  
lections that are described.

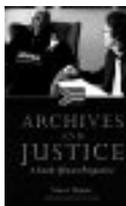
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Karen F. Gracy  
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