



**Annual Meeting of the Section of Professional Associations (SPA)**  
**Sunday, 27 September 2015, 15:30 pm to 17:00 pm**  
**Ármúli School, auditorium, Reykjavik, Iceland**

**PRESENT:**

Becky Haglund Tousey, Society of American Archivists & Academy of Certified Archivists  
Bernhard Post, Verband Deutscher Archivarinnen und Archivare  
Cassie Findlay, Australian Society of Archivists  
Charlotte Maday, Association des Archivistes Français  
Claude Roberto, Association des Archivistes du Québec  
Cristina Bianchi, Association des Archivistes Suisses  
Fred van Kan, Koninklijke Vereniging van Archivarissen in Nederland  
Joan Boadas I Raset, Girona Municipal Archives  
Joan Soler Jiménez, Catalan Association of Archivists and Records Managers  
Kenth Sjöblom, Society of Finnish Archivists  
Marianne H. Tengs, Norwegian Society of Records Managers and Archivists  
Michal Henkin, Israeli Archives and Information Association  
Vilde Ronge, Norwegian Society of Records Managers and Archivists

**1. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**2. Adoption of the minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting**

The minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting in Girona were approved. Fred van Kan thanked the Joint-Secretaries, Cristina Bianchi and Claude Roberto, for their work on the minutes.

**3. Steering Committee Membership**

The Hong Kong representative on the SPA Bureau resigned and his association decided not to nominate a new representative; the Korea and Mexico representatives did not participate in three consecutive meetings, therefore their associations were asked to nominate new representatives what they did not do. Consequently it is recommended to remove these three associations from the SPA Bureau. Approved.

#### **4. News on SPA projects**

The document *Basic Principles for Archivists and Records Managers* was submitted by the Human Rights Working Group to FAN and to the Records Management Expert Group. The document will be reviewed later by PCOM and the Executive Board. The SPA will continue to monitor this document.

#### **5. The ICA African Strategy and Workplan**

A general meeting on the Africa Strategy, open to the ICA membership, took place in Reykjavik on September 26, 2015. The Strategy will be updated with content submitted by Francophone African countries.

#### **6. Seoul SPA Movie Festival and Competition: a preview**

The SPA is organizing a movie festival competition to take place during the 2016 ICA Congress in Seoul. Bernhard Post presented a preview. The SPA Bureau is looking for good movies promoting archives and records management, and would like to receive submissions from the SPA members. Bernhard Post, Vilde Ronge and Joan Soler Jiménez will prepare rules for submitting and selecting movies and these rules will be outlined in upcoming SPA Newsletters.

#### **7. Other Business**

No other business.

#### **8. SPA Annual Meeting 2016**

It will take place during the 2016 ICA Congress in Seoul, South Korea, during the week of September 5, 2016. The theme is "Archives, Harmony and Friendship".

#### **9. Reports from member associations present at the AGM**

Delegates were invited to give brief reports with a focus on activities that will be of interest to other associations.

*Verband Deutscher Archivarinnen und Archivare, Germany:* The association will look for a new president but it is not possible anymore to elect a person maintaining a full time job outside the association. The association might have to offer a paid full time 4 year position.

*Society of American Archivists & Academy of Certified Archivists, USA:* The ACA had a successful annual meeting. Membership is high in spite of economic problems. The most interesting activities include a continuing program to credential digital archivists, which is very popular and generates income, as well as the development of VP curriculum for young and older archivists.

*Catalan Association of Archivists and Records Managers, Catalonia:* The May 2015 Congress on digital preservation had 300 participants. The association is working very closely with politicians about regulations on access and confidentiality.

*Society of Finnish Archivists, Finland:* The association has organized a study tour to London and Windsor on October 11-18<sup>th</sup> (attendance of 40 members); the association also planned a fall seminar on Change.

*Israeli Archives and Information Association, Israel:* The association, in partnership with the National Library and Archives and with government funding, conducted a survey of 600 public and private archives, including questions on physical environment, number of staff, and level of staff education. In addition, the association organized courses on Web 2 to train archivists on Wikipedia. The goal is to have more archivists using social media and to raise awareness of archives.

*Australian Society of Archivists, Australia:* The association solved its management issues and is celebrating its 40th anniversary. The association is enhancing membership benefits and will offer next year a series of 6 or 7 e-modules. It would like to develop better communications with other associations.

*Association des Archivistes Français, France:* The 2016 Tri-annual Forum will take place in Troyes from March 30 to April 1, 2016. The theme is “Méta/morphoses. Les archives, bouillons de culture numérique”. The association will host the SPA Bureau during the Forum.

*Association des Archivistes du Québec, Quebec:* The association will hold on June 13-15 its 45th Congress in Quebec City. The theme is “Consommer l’information; de la gestion à la médiation documentaire”. The association worked on a new strategical plan for archives in Canada and signed an agreement with the Association of Canadian Archivists, representing Anglophone archivists, to establish channels of communication and collaboration to achieve common objectives.

*Norwegian Society of Records Managers and Archivists, Norway:* The autumn conference was held on Obsolete Archives. The association is working on changing legislation on public archives in Norway, which is 20 year old. The National Archives are joining the project; the Department of Culture agreed to it, but politicians also have to agree. A Cloud issue has risen and legislation must be revised; there is a push for a major change and the final draft will go to Parliament.

*Koninklijke Vereniging van Archivarissen in Nederland, Netherlands:* The association is the oldest and was founded in 1891 as a royal organization. It will renew its royalty in June 2016. A conference in Dutch and English, with translation, will take place in Haarlem. It will include a presentation on Ethics. Fred van Kan is also involved in the PERSIST ICA project, initiated by UNESCO, aiming at preserving digital heritage. A software heritage platform, supported by Microsoft, will allow the operation of old systems.

*Association des Archivistes Suisses, Switzerland:* The association has focused on social media presented by young archivists at its annual meeting this year. The following new website and blog should be tested: <http://vsa-aas.ch/fr/>

**10. Adjournment at 17:00 pm**