

## **ICA SPO Bureau Meeting**

**25 February 2013**

**Archives nationales du monde du travail (Roubaix, France)**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

#### **Present**

Kenth Sjöblom CHAIR

Laurence Ward SECRETARY (English)

Gersende Piernas

Doudou Sall Gaye

Emmanuelle Giry (Archives nationales de France)

Frédérique Le Du (Archives nationales du monde du travail)

Deborah Pladys (Archives nationales du monde du travail)

#### **Apologies**

Fina Solà Gasset (Vice Chair)

Sabine Christe SECRETARY (French)

#### **1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of agenda**

Kenth opened the meeting and thanked Archives nationales du monde du travail for hosting the meeting. A meeting was last held here in 2008.

Kenth welcomed Doudou as a new member of the bureau and explained that the connection with IAAF was very welcome.

Kenth welcomed observing guests, Deborah, Frédérique and Emmanuelle.

Kenth asked the group to introduce themselves. Gersende noted that she was handing over her responsibility for sports archives at Archives du Monde de Travail to Frédérique and Deborah and proposed the replacement of her position on the bureau from this meeting by Frédérique and Emmanuelle.

Kenth noted that Gersende's replacement would be discussed under AOB at the end of the meeting and thanked Gersende for all her work with the bureau.

The agenda was adopted.

## **2. Adoption of the minutes from the previous bureau meeting**

Last meeting was 2011 in London, since then decisions and elections have been organised only by email. Minutes from that meeting were adopted.

## **3. Reports from bureau members about activities since the last meeting**

Laurence talked about service changes to London Metropolitan Archives, cuts. He discussed the work of LMA during London 2012, and requested to give a presentation on this subject later in the meeting.

Gersende and Deborah discussed major new accessions to Archives nationales du monde du travail, including Federation Francaise du sport d'entreprise, Association des journalistes sportifs and Lucien Leulien, Francaise du Sport travailliste.

Gersende introduced the book 'Jeu et enjeu culturels du sport', recently published and including essays on sport archives. Authors include Francoise Bosman.

Kenth read reports from Sabine and Fina:

Sabine reported that Olympic Museum still under renovation. Library and archives are currently in a temporary building. IOC headquarters was flooded last year and a number of archives were damaged. Services are due to be reorganised this year. Several years of committee minutes have been digitised this year.

Fina has written an article on work of SPO for regional archivists' newsletter and has been working on the archives a local sports club. She has discussed SPO with the director of a sports museum in Barcelona and it is possible that they may collaborate with SPO in some way.

Kenth introduced the project to create a directory of sports archives.

Kenth prepared and organised the elections for the SPO bureau. One new candidate was nominated and elected (Doudou). For the ICA congress in Brisbane, Kenth organised a sports session with three speakers, attendance was good (30) considering that there were several sessions running at the same time. Kenth represented SPO in the information area, SPO was represented on the sections stand. Kenth visited the Australian sports council in Canberra to promote the work of SPO.

Sports history congress in Barcelona later this year is happening at the same time as the executive board meeting for ICA so Kenth will not be able to attend this year (ICA has to take precedence).

#### **4. Reports from ICA meetings**

Executive Board (EB) meetings were held in Bern and Brisbane last year. Kenth also attended meetings with all section chairs prior to these sessions. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss ideas from sections to be raised at Executive Board meetings.

Kenth has been elected vice Chair of Chairs to Deborah Jenkins. Deborah has introduced a regular bulletin. One issue raised was that ICA sections can use their budget to support four projects. These are: Developing guidelines for sections; reviewing the archives created by ICA sections; researching statistics for archives to create new guidelines; creating a guideline for building a directory of archives. Laurence said that guidelines for creating a directory would be very helpful.

Next EB meeting is in Blois in France. Role of regional branches and the development of sections will be discussed at this meeting.

#### **5. Directory of sports archives**

Kenth introduced the project to the group, the development of a worldwide directory of sports archives.

Following London meeting, SPO contacted the regional branches of ICA to seek information about the structure of sports archives in their sections. The letter explained our goals and aims and asked them to distribute information about the directory project within their region. Answers were received from three or four regions (of thirteen).

Information was sent out on the ICA mailing list in English, French and Spanish but this didn't yield any further information.

Kenth opened the floor for suggestions.

Laurence suggested starting to build the directory for the countries we represent, for Finland, Switzerland, France, Spain and the UK, this would provide an online model which would make it much easier for archives which we approach to understand the nature of the project.

Once a working model is established on the ICA website, it would be easier to sell the project to new archives. This might require us to 'cold call' national/large sports archives internationally and request that they contribute to the project.

Kenth agreed that this is something we discussed in London and it is a good idea. He asked Doudou if it would be possible to publicise the project via IAAF channels, Doudou agreed that this might be possible, also via IAAF.

LW suggested contacting Fina and Sabine after the meeting and aiming to collate information from the countries we represent before the next meeting (September?). Laurence will contact ICA to discuss the website and how we can use it to present the directory. At a minimum, this could be PDF lists to begin with, but ideally a database which can be searched and filtered later on.

After a short break, Laurence made a presentation on recording London 2012 at London Metropolitan Archives

## **6. SPO working programme 2013-16**

Main area of work will be the directory project.

Kenth feels that broadening membership is also highly desirable, particularly in South America.

Currently around 50 members, which is good for a young section in ICA, so it is possible to focus specifically on South America. Doudou noted that Rio should be a focus with the upcoming Olympic Games and World Cup.

Organising sessions or seminars during sports congresses where possible is also very desirable.

## **7. Preparations for SPO member and bureau meetings 2013 (place, time, programme etc.)**

Last member meeting was 2010 and SPO is due to hold a member meeting this year. Kenth put this to the bureau and asked whether the bureau felt a member meeting should be held this year or held until 2014.

Emmanuelle noted that it may be possible for Archives nationales de France to host a member meeting in Paris. ICA Section of Universities is already holding a meeting there in 2014.

Doudou suggested that maybe holding the meeting at the same time as CITRA may mean that more people are able to participate by joining one meeting to another.

Gersende suggested presenting about London 2012 to the member meeting; Deborah suggested showing the first development of the directory.

Doudou noted that he will speak to the IAAF about the possibility of hosting the meeting there later this year (September/October). If that answer is negative, Emmanuelle will check with Archives Nationales at Pierrefitte (not possible before 2014).

Content of the seminar will be discussed once the location and date are confirmed.

## **8. Any other business**

Gersende proposed that her place on the bureau be taken by Emmanuelle and Frédérique as between them they cover both public and private archives responsibilities for France. The proposal was accepted; Kenth welcomed Emmanuelle and Frédérique to the bureau.