

The following update was sent in March 2006 to everyone who responded to our initial questionnaires in order to update them about the Archival Solidarity Project.

Dear Colleague,

I am writing on behalf of the Archival Solidarity Committee, part of the International Council of Archives (ICA) Section for Professional Records Management and Archives Associations (SPA) to update you about the Archival Solidarity Project.

Archival Solidarity is an ICA project that aims to co-ordinate efforts in the international archives community to carry out foreign assistance projects to develop tools and expertise for developing communities and communities in transition.

Its objectives are to:

1. Share information about international projects for development and cooperation.
2. Facilitate international projects for development and cooperation that are responsive, practical, and well-targeted.
3. Initiate international projects for development and cooperation that will:
 - Work with partners to share professional information
 - Send experts to provide training and education
 - Provide expertise and/or materials to carry out archival projects

Some time ago you responded to a questionnaire and sent us information about one or more archival development projects in which you or your group were involved. The Archival Solidarity Working Group gathered information on current and recent international archival outreach projects and it developed and refined a database with information received on more than 120 projects that took place in nearly 70 countries. It also organized a workshop session at the ICA Vienna Congress in August 2004 at which the results of the questionnaire were reported. In 2005 SPA replaced the Working Group with the Archival Solidarity Committee whose current members are:

Nancy Marrelli (Canada), Chair
Peter Arfanis (Australia/Bahrain)
Alfred Garcia I Puig (Spain)
Benni Haspell (Israel)
Trudy Peterson (USA), liaison with SPA Steering Committee
Margaret Turner (United Kingdom)
Rabii BANNOURI (Tunisia) – Corresponding member
Mrs. Vu Thi Minh Huong (Vietnam) –Corresponding member

The Committee will soon set up a web site for the project and will also establish a listserve that will be used to share information about projects with others interested in international outreach for archives. We will send you more details about these initiatives in the near future.

I invite you to send us updates to the information you sent us and to submit information about any new projects.

We think the database of project information will be of interest and use to others interested in archival development projects so I am also writing to ask if you would agree that the information you provided us can be made public by making a version of our data base available on our web site. Please be assured that we will only do so if we have your permission.

We very much wish to stay in touch with you and to keep you informed about the project, and we hope to hear from you again soon.

Nancy Marrelli
For the Archival Solidarity Committee

« **Archives solidaires** » est un projet du CIA qui vise à coordonner les efforts au sein de la communauté archivistique internationale pour mener des projets d'assistance à l'étranger dans le but de développer les outils et l'expertise nécessaires aux communautés en voie de développement et à celles en transition.

Ses objectifs sont :

1. Partager les informations concernant des projets internationaux de développement et de coopération
2. Faciliter des projets internationaux de développement et de coopération qui soient souples, pratiques et bien ciblés
3. Lancer des projets internationaux de développement et de coopération dont les buts sont :
 - Travailler avec des partenaires pour partager l'information professionnelle
 - Envoyer des experts pour former et enseigner
 - Fournir l'expertise et/ou le matériel pour réaliser des projets archivistiques.

Archiveros Solidarios

Archiveros Solidarios es un proyecto del Consejo Internacional de Archivos (CIA/ICA), que tiene el propósito de coordinar los esfuerzos de la comunidad internacional de archivos para realizar proyectos de ayuda en el extranjero que desarrollen herramientas y experiencias para las comunidades en vías de desarrollo y comunidades en transición.

Sus objetivos son:

1. Compartir información sobre proyectos internacionales para el desarrollo y la cooperación
2. Facilitar proyectos internacionales de desarrollo y cooperación, que sean sensibles, prácticos y bien intencionados.
3. Iniciar proyectos internacionales de desarrollo y cooperación, que permitan:

- Trabajar con colaboradores para compartir información profesional
- Enviar expertos que proporcionen formación y educación
- Proporcionar experiencia y/o materiales para llevar a cabo proyectos archivísticos