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Noticeboard

All P&C Section members



International Preservation News needs to hear from you! IPN depends upon our submissions. And please encourage your colleagues worldwide to report on their activities, projects and successes.

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And what suggestions do you have for our section newsletter or website? Would you like to submit a news item? A brief report?

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IFLA 2004 Buenos Aires



Plan to attend the upcoming IFLA Conference in Buenos Aires.

**World Library and Information Congress:
70th IFLA General Conference and Council
Libraries: Tools for Education and Development
Buenos Aires, Argentina
August 22-27, 2004**

See the IFLA conference website at
<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla70/index.htm>

Preservation and Conservation Section Standing Committee Meetings

The Standing Committee will hold two business meetings during the Buenos Aires Conference. Observers are always welcome!

Sunday, August 22, 2004 - 2:30-5:20pm
Saturday, August 28, 2004 - 11:30am-2:20pm

**Preservation and Conservation (PAC)
with National Libraries, and
Preservation and Conservation
Sections**

Open Session

Tuesday, August 24, 2004, 4:00-6:00pm

***Safeguarding our documentary
heritage: do national libraries have a
disaster plan?***

- Disaster preparedness and daily management policy
CELIA ZAHER (National Library, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- Disaster planning and National Libraries: state of the art and visions for the future
MARIE-THÉRESE VARLAMOFF (PAC, Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris, France)
- La prevención de los catastrofes en Chile
XIMENA CRUZAT (National Library, Santiago de Chile, Chile) and/or CLARA BUDNIK (DIBAM, Chile)
- Disaster preparedness in Southeast Asia
TBA (National Library, Canberra, Australia)

**Preservation and Conservation with
Audiovisual and Multimedia Sections**

Open Session

Wednesday, August 25, 2004

8:30am – 1:00pm

***Sights and sounds: preserving the
new media***

- Opening remarks
AMERICO CASTILLA (Patrimony and Museums at the Secretary of Culture, Argentina)
- Why visual resources are important and necessary to preserve
SILVIA FIUZA (Globo Organizations, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- An environmental overview of North America
PAUL MESSIER (Preservation Consultant, Boston, USA)
- The Latin American situation
ANTONIETA PALMA (National Library of Chile, Santiago, Chile)

- Film preservation at the National Archives of Brazil
ADIRANA COX HOLLOS and CLOVIS MOLINARI Jr. (National Archives of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- Sights and sounds in Uruguay
SAMIRA SAMBAÍNO (Escuela Universitaria de Bibliotecología y Ciencias Afines, Montevideo, Uruguay)
- Preservation of audio collections at the Villa-Lobos Museum
MARIA CRISTINA MENDES and TURIBIO SANTOS (Villa-Lobos Museum, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

Organized by M. Roosa, P&C Section.

**See also Session 76. Newspapers of
Latin America**

- Proyecto: "Digitalización de la Prensa Latinoamericana del Siglo XIX" - Digitalización de la prensa de la Gran Colombia: 1820 a 1830
ALFONSO QUINTERO (Secretaria Ejecutiva de ABINIA, Caracas)
- El periodismo colombiano antes de 1900: colecciones, microfilmaciones y digitalizaciones
JORGE ORLANDO MELO (Biblioteca Luis Ángel Arango, Bogotá)
- Yesterday's News Today: Preserving Mexican Newspapers, 1807-1929
ADÁN BENAVIDES (Benson Latin American Collection, University of Texas, USA)

**And Session 148. IFLA-CDNL Alliance
for Bibliographic Standards (ICABS)**

- An exploration of strategies and recent developments in digital preservation: outline of an international inquiry by the *Koninklijke Bibliotheek*
HILDE VAN WIJNGAARDEN (Koninklijke Bibliotheek, The Hague, Netherlands)
- Collecting and managing web resources for long-term access: web harvesting and guidelines to support preservation (ICABS Actions 3.3 and 3.4)
PAM GATENBY (National Library of Australia, Canberra, Australia)

Preservation and Conservation Section Activities

- Headed by John McIlwaine, the preparation of the online *Register of Standards, Codes of Practice, etc. relating to Preservation and Conservation* continues. Publication is expected by the end of 2004.
- Work on the Proceedings of the *Preparing for the Worst, Planning for the Best: Protecting our Cultural Heritage from Disaster* IFLA Berlin 2003 Preconference by Nancy Gwinn and Johanna Wellheiser continues. Publication date is to be determined.



In Case You Missed It...

- The 1999 Second Protocol to the 1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict received its twentieth ratification and will enter into force on March 9, 2004.

The protocol greatly strengthens and clarifies cultural protection and introduces new measures including the designation of cultural property under Enhanced Protection, specific war crimes, as well as new administrative procedures.

<http://www.ifla.org/VI/4/admin/hague-convention.htm>

- The Prince Claus Fund has agreed to provide initial funding of EUR 100,000 annually for four years to support the establishment of Cultural Emergency Response (CER), a joint initiative of the fund and the ICBS (International Committee of the Blue Shield). The CER provided EUR 25,000 towards the refurbishment of the reading room of the Central University Library in Baghdad.



Did You Know?

- PAC recently announced the creation of three new PAC regional centers in Brazil, Chile, and Trinidad and Tobago. There are now four centers to cover Latin America. PAC is now working to create additional centers in Asia and Africa and to develop partnerships in North America.
- *IFLA Principles for the Care and Handling of Library Material* (IPI No. 1), compiled and edited by Edward P. Adcock with the assistance of Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff and Virginie Kremp (Paris: IFLA PAC and Washington DC: CLIR, 1998) is available in eleven languages including Arabic, Croatian, French, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Slovene and Spanish. Translations in the following languages are expected: Bhasa Malaysi, Chinese, Romanian, and Turkish.
<http://www.ifla.org/VI/4/ipi.html>



Workshop Report
ACURIL/ IFLA PAC Preconference
May 21- 22, 2004 – National Library
Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
The Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) and The International Federation of Libraries and Institutions (IFLA) Core Activity for Preservation and Conservation (PAC) recently held a workshop on the theme **"Mitigating the Consequences of Natural Disasters for Caribbean Libraries and Archives"**. The purpose was to discuss the risks of hurricanes and other natural disasters, and how to respond and take adequate preventive measures in order to mitigate their consequences. More than 75 people from over a dozen countries attended the workshop. This was the second of a series of workshops on disaster management that PAC is organizing

in the Caribbean area, a region that is regularly threatened and damaged by natural disasters of all kinds. The first was organized last October at the UNAM (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México) in Mexico, with the collaboration of the National Library and of ABINIA (Asociación de estados iberoamericanos para el desarrollo de las bibliotecas nacionales de los países de Iberoamérica). The National Library José Martí in Cuba will host the third workshop in 2005.

Speakers

Session A: Risk, Assessment and Planning **Risk Assessment in the Caribbean Context and Disaster Planning in General - with special reference to hurricanes**

Mr. John Aarons, Government Archivist, Jamaica Archives and Records Dept. (Jamaica)

How to Inform People of a Forthcoming Disaster: different stages in the process, information and recommendations

- Professor John Shepherd, Head, Seismic Unit, The University of the West Indies (Trinidad and Tobago)

- Mr. Steve Pollanais (SIDS- Caribbean Project (Barbados))

- Nicole M. Williams, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) (Trinidad and Tobago)

Session B: Experiences with Disasters **Panel Discussion: Library Experiences with Natural Disasters**

Volcanoes and Hurricanes (Montserrat) – Ms. Gracelyn Cassell, Main Library, The University of the West Indies (Jamaica)

Earthquakes (Tobago) – Ms. Helen Johnson, Scarborough Public Library (Trinidad and Tobago)

Disasters that Can Happen After the Disaster – Mr. Randy Silverman, Preservation Librarian, Marriott Library, University of Utah (USA)

Salvaging Workshop – Mr. Randy Silverman, Preservation Librarian, Marriott Library, University of Utah (USA) and Ms. Beverley Lashley, Librarian/Co-ordinator, Caribbean Disaster Information Network (CARDIN) (Jamaica)

Session C: Skills Development and Management for Disaster Planning
Basic Manual on Disasters: presentation and discussion – Prof. John McIlwaine, Professor Emeritus of the Bibliography of Asia and

Africa, School of Library, Archive & Information Studies, University College London (UK)

The Specific Case of Electronic Equipment and Digital Data – Ms. JoAnn Georges, Records Manager, The University of the West Indies (Trinidad and Tobago)

The Implementation of a Co-operative Plan for Disaster Planning in the Caribbean – Ms. Beverley Lashley, Librarian/Co-ordinator, Caribbean Disaster Information Network (CARDIN) (Jamaica)

Networking for a Better Response to Disaster: IFLA PAC & Blue Shield – Ms. Marie-Thérèse Varlamoff, Programme Director, IFLA PAC (France)

<http://www.ifla.org/Vl/4/conf/20-21may04.htm>



News Notes from around the World

- An expert meeting on the quality management of preservation surrogates was held at the Koninklijke Bibliotheek, 24-25 May 2004 in The Hague, Netherlands. Contact dennis.schouten@kb.nl
- ERPANET launched Topic of the Month pages in January 2004 to bring together the knowledge and expertise accumulated to date in the field of digital preservation. <http://www.erpanet.org/> ErpaDirectory, a searchable resource of projects involved in digital preservation, was also recently launched. <http://www.erpanet.org/php/erpadirectory/>
- PictureAustralia, a collaborative online service hosted by the National Library of Australia, has added its one millionth image. <http://www.pictureaustralia.org>
- UNESCO, with IASA (the International Association of Sound and Audiovisual Archives) carried out a survey amongst 118 institutions with audiovisual collections worldwide. The main conclusion is that the most endangered carriers are not necessarily the oldest. The acetate, direct cut discs are the recordings currently most

at risk. Full report by George Boston is available on the UNESCO website, Communication and Information Sector.

<http://portal.unesco.org>

- *Digital Canada: Toward a Common Information Infrastructure for Canada* was the hot topic at the 2004 Open Meeting of the Canadian Initiative on Digital Libraries in June in Winnipeg. 40 participants came from a cross-section of the library, archives, museum, and digitization business communities in Canada.

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/cidl/>



Johanna Wellheiser (P&C Information Coordinator) and Sheila Carey (Heritage Information Analyst, Canadian Heritage Information Network) exchange ideas as Alan Burk (Director, Electronic Text Centre, University of New Brunswick) considers what comes next.

Photo courtesy of M. Landriault.

- The German Network of Expertise in Digital Preservation now has an English website. The project's objective is to create a network of expertise in digital preservation for Germany.
<http://www.langzeitarchivierung.de/index.php?newlang=eng>
- Full texts of national copyright and related rights legislation of UNESCO Member States can now be accessed on the website of UNESCO's Culture Sector. The collection is constantly being updated and completed.
<http://portal.unesco.org>
- New website available: *Master of Disaster: The Beginner's Disaster Planning Site for Libraries, Businesses and Institutions*.
<http://www.themasterofdisaster.com/>

- Chlorine Dioxide: A Treatment for Mold in Libraries by Kristina L. Southwell in *The Abbey Newsletter* 26(6), October 2003.
<http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/byuorg/abbey/an/an26/an26-6/an26-618.html>
- And on a recent visit to South Africa...



P&C Chair Nancy E. Gwinn met with Ellen Tise, IFLA Governing Board member and Library Director, University of Western Cape; John Kgwale Tsebe, National Librarian of South Africa.



Gwinn also met with SC Corresponding Member Johann Maree and the South African Paper Conservation Group at the Cape Archives, Cape Town, for a two-hour discussion of preservation issues. From left: Maree, Gwinn, Sandy Rowoldt Shell, Head, African Studies Library, University of Cape Town, and Mary Minicka, Conservator, Parliament of South Africa.

Photos courtesy of N. Gwinn.

- Recently published by the Council on Library Resources, *Business Planning for Cultural Heritage Institutions* by Liz Bishoff and Nancy Allen, a framework and resource guide to

assist cultural heritage institutions with business planning for sustainability of digital asset management programs.
<http://www.clir.org/pubs/abstract/pub124abst.html>

Upcoming Events and Training

JTS 2004 : Preserving the AudioVisual Heritage - Transition and Access
June 24-26, 2004, Toronto, Canada
<http://www.jts2004.org/>

Course on Non-Adhesive Bookbinding
August 4-10, 2004, Bighi, Malta
<http://comcdb.programkontoret.se>

15th International Congress on Archives, "Archives, Memory and Knowledge"
Organized by ICA (International Council on Archives), in cooperation with the Austrian State Archives. August 23-29, 2004, Vienna, Austria
<http://www.wien2004.ica.org>

European Conference on Digital Libraries (ECDL) 2004
September 12-17, 2004, Bath, UK
<http://www.ecdl2004.org>

Digital Futures Academy: From Digitisation to Delivery
September 13-17, 2004, London, UK
Email: carmel.banfield@oclc-pica.org

International course on Conservation of Japanese Paper
Sept. 13-Oct. 1, 2004, Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan
http://www.iccrom.org/eng/training/events/course/announcements/2004_2005/200409JPC2004.htm

Ensuring the Long-Term Preservation and Adding Value to Scientific & Technical Data
October 5-7, 2004, Frascati, Italy
<http://www.congrex.nl/04a08/>

6th IAQ (Indoor Air Quality) Meeting
November 10-12, 2004, Padova, Italy
<http://www.iaq.dk/iap.htm>

Durability of Paper and Writing, An International Event
November 16-20, 2004, Ljubljana, Slovenia
<http://www.paperdurability.org/>

Workshop on Stabilisation of Iron Gall Ink Containing Paper
November 19-20, 2004, Ljubljana, Slovenia
<http://www.infosrvr.nuk.uni-lj.si/jana/Inkcor/index.htm>

IFLA 2005 Oslo



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