

Dear Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you of the availability of a new website for the Archival Solidarity Project, International Council of Archives (ICA), Section for Professional Records Management and Archives Associations (SPA). The site is available in English, French, and Spanish at:

<http://archivalsolidarity.net>

For those of you who may not be familiar with Archival Solidarity it is an ICA/SPA 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

The Archival Solidarity website includes information on the project and the work that has been undertaken, as well as contact information for the Committee. You are invited to explore the site and to come back often to see what we're up to and what new information is available.

Please note that the Archival Solidarity Committee is not a funding agency and we do not have development funds to distribute. However, our mandate is to facilitate international projects, particularly by acting as an information clearinghouse. One of the projects that is currently underway is to collect information in various countries about funding opportunities for archival outreach projects.

Many of you replied to a brief questionnaire and follow-up that requested information about development and cooperation activities that you have undertaken. The information gathered will be available on the Archival Solidarity website in the coming weeks. Some of you have attended information sessions at the ICA Congress in Vienna, and at recent meetings of the Association of Canadian Archivists, the Association of Moving Image Archivists, and the Society of American Archivists, and we are pleased to keep you informed about what Archival Solidarity is doing.

The Archival Solidarity Committee is interested in hearing from you about development and cooperation activities you are undertaking. We believe it's important for the international archival community to exchange information and expertise on these matters.

We will be issuing regular information bulletins and invite members of the archival community to become part of our mailing list. We will also be posting our bulletins on the ICA Listserv in

English, French, and Spanish; we think it's an ideal forum for further discussion of these matters. If you are not a member of the ICA Listserve it's easy and free to join. Instructions for doing so are available in many languages at:

<http://www.mailman.srv.ualberta.ca/mailman/listinfo/ica-l>

We look forward to hearing from you and we will keep in touch.

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