

## Ten Years After: IAS Autumn Archival School

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In 2007, two years after the headquarters of the International Institute of Archival Sciences - IAS was transferred from Maribor (Slovenia) to Trieste (Italy) thanks to a special agreement signed with the at that time Italian Ministry for Cultural Heritage and Activities, one of the most successful initiatives of the IAS to date starts: the Autumn Archival School, training course in archival science and electronic document management.

The basic concept from which the School originates lies in the international character of the Institute: always devoted to the relationship between professionals from the European and extra-European countries, that find its annual crowning with the International Archival Day, the Institute aims to offer by means of the school an opportunity for upgrading to young people already working in the archival field. Many of these young people, moreover, work in the archives in their countries coming from humanistic studies, and not coming, as in Italy, from specific archival studies; hence the need for a higher level education to better integrate their theoretical and practical knowledge in archival matters.

Another very important aspect of the School is that it can serve as a tool for the development of interpersonal relationships that can lead to establish of a sort of international archival network that, as it happens to that of the participants in the annual conference, could succeed in sharing knowledge and skills for an ever-growing archival science and profession.

From its very beginning, the School is not conceived as a different activity of the International Archival Day, but it constitutes on the contrary completion and integration; attending at the school includes also statutorily participating in the meeting, of which recalls the topics enriching them with contributions not only *ex cathedra* but with workshops allowing students to put into practice the information and knowledge accumulated during the Conference. It is also forecast within the school a day of practical activity on the field consisting of a guided tour to an archival institution.

More, the School provides a powerful stimulus to the repetition of the event locally, and then of theoretical and practical dissemination: from the very first year, indeed, similar initiatives are organised at a national or regional level in the participants' countries, not only recalling the topics but also helping to stimulate, where missing or underdeveloped, a debate of considerable substance about the latest news of archival science.

An essential element to mutual understanding, to the development and enrichment of the discussion concerning archival science, and a main working tool, is the preparation of a Multilingual Dictionary of Archival Terminology edited by the participants in the school, whose ultimate aim is to relate every single word of a language to one and only word in another language, in order to cross from one language to another instantly, identifying at the same time without possibility of error the concept referred to, as well as to provide additional material for discussion and growth in the archival field by relating to each other different cultures and experiences.

So thanks to the invaluable support of the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities, and also thanks to the contributions and support by other institutions (such as the Central European Initiative, the local Administrations and various private sponsors), on 16 October 2007, in the Eklund hall of the Hotel Adriatico in Trieste, headquarters of the International Institute of Theoretical Physics, in the presence of the then President of the Institute Antonio Dentoni Litta (head of the Archival and Book Department of the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities), of the Director of the Institute Peter Pavel Klasinc, and of the director of the School Grazia Tatò (then Director of the State Archives of Trieste), the Autumn Archival School of the International Institute for Archival Science of Trieste and Maribor was inaugurated. From its very beginning, the initiative, at the time of its inauguration virtually

the only of this kind worldwide, generates a great interest in the international archival community, involving a group of 25 young professionals from 10 different countries (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Hungary). The course deals with issues related to the archival profession and ethics, to the European and international legislation concerning document management, to the matter of computerisation and to the production and storage of the electronic document; the project of the Multilingual Dictionary of Archival Terminology is also started. The lessons end on Tuesday, October 23, while the course ends the next day with the frequency of the 17<sup>th</sup> International Archival Day.

Lessons are held in a collegial and collaborative atmosphere: made in English, Italian or Slovenian (official languages of the Institute), they are translated almost simultaneously by the participants themselves in their own languages, and all the study material is immediately available to those who attend. This feature of friendly commonality will be one of the hallmarks of the school, conceived and structured in fact not as a sort of second international conference, but conceived and implemented in the spirit of a constructive and collaborative sharing of all the participants: the school is not only to listen, but also to put into practice the concepts of archives developed.

In the following years, and to this day, the School gets a broad and general consensus, and a growing interest: started with a particular regard to the Balkans, it expands to European and non-European area, with people coming in, for example, from Malaysia, Oman Sultanate, Turkey, and with increasing registration requests. Anyway, the number of participants is kept closed to 25-30 people at most, in order to offer face-to-face lessons-seminars and to encourage interaction among the participants. It must also be said that the request to access the school not only affects young archivists: even the same teachers experience the pleasure of being able to come and lecture at school, and not to consider their teaching experience as a single one, but on the contrary to be repeated several times. And more: over the years, more than a few participants passes, so to speak, on the other side, becoming on their turn a guest teacher at the school.

Ten years after, although among the easily imaginable organisational and economic difficulties, the IAS Autumn Archival School is now with no doubt an important reality, consolidated and irreplaceable in the international archival field, always a coveted goal of a permanent training in the archival sector, gaining more and more deep approval and appreciation. All this with the prospect, the commitment and the goal of being able to always maintain the achieved quality standards of excellence, and to succeed in conveying the convinced consensus gained so far to an ever-present support of the Institutions which up to the present days have been supporting the Institute and its activities, and particularly with the desirable support of the IAS Member Countries, in order to face the growing and heavy economic necessities necessary for the continuation of the Institute's work, to the greater benefit of the future generations of archivists to whom proudly pass the baton of such an initiative.

For a proper integration, here are listed the programmes developed during the previous editions of the IAS Autumn Archival School:

#### 2007

**Topics:** role and professionalism of the archivist; legislation, referring to the new technologies; international standards of archival description; electronic data management. **Participant countries:** Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy, Hungary, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia (25 participants). **Lectures:** Archival Science and History (Petar Strčić, University of Zagreb, Croatia); The International Council on Archives: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow (Karoly Kecskemeti, Paris, France); Multimedia Archives (Branko Bubenik, Zagreb, Croatia); Archivist and Architect (Vili Premzl, University of Maribor, Slovenia); International Standards ISAD and ISAAR (CPF) (Carlo Vivoli, Pistoia, Italy); The archivist as a Computer Specialist: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow (Miroslav Novak, Maribor, Slovenia); Organisation of web sites (Marcello Scignar, Archivio di Stato di Trieste); Computerisation of the Transfer Lists from the Slovenian Judicial Institutions (Duša Krnel-Umek, Koper, Slovenia); The Project of the Semi-Current Records Computerisation in Italy (Grazia Tatò, director of the Archivio di Stato di Trieste – Marcello Scignar, Archivio di Stato di Trieste); Archival Ethics (Živana Hedbeli, Zagabria, Croazia); European and National Legislation (Gianni Penzo Doria, University of Padua, Italy); South European Legislation on Archives (Jovan Popović, Belgrado, Serbia); Italian Legislation on Archives (Grazia Tatò, Archivio di Stato di Trieste); New Media in Slovenian Archival Legisla-

tion (Duša Krnel-Umek, Koper, Slovenia); The memory function of the archival institutions and access to archives (dr. Karoly Kecskemeti, Parigi, Francia); Professionalism in the Archives (Giorgietta Bonfiglio Dosio, University of Padua, Italy) **Visit:** State Archives of Trieste; Archives of RAS insurance company. **Workshop:** The Short Edition of the IAS Dictionary of Modern Archival Terminology and Translation of the IAS Dictionary by the participants into their languages (Antonio Monteduro, Central European Initiative – CEI; Peter P. Klasinc; Grazia Tatò; Duša Krnel-Umek; Svetlana Adžić, Belgrade, Serbia; Karoly Kecskemeti).

## 2008

**Topics:** valorisation of archives; safety and security in the archives. **Participant countries:** Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic; Italy, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia (**26 Participants**). **Lectures:** Safety and Security in the Archives (Anna Pia Bidolli, Direzione Generale per gli Archivi, Italia); Occupational Health (Grazia Tatò, Archivio di Stato di Trieste, Italia); Valorisation of Archives (Ignazia Tocco, Direzione Generale per gli Archivi, Italia); Archives in 20th Century (Leonardo Musci, Baicr Sistema cultura, Italia); Valorisation of Archives (Mario Signori, Archivio di Stato di Milano, Italia); ISDIAH (International Standards for Describing Institutions with Archival Holdings) and ISDF (International Standard for Describing Functions) (Stefano Vitali, Archivio di Stato di Firenze, Italia); Presentation of database Arianna (Cecilia Poggetti, Hyperborea, Italia); Valorisation of Archives (Daniela Grana, Archivio di Stato di Roma, Italia); Valorisation of Archives (Gianni Penzo Doria, Università di Padova, Italia). **Visit:** “Archival Gold” Exhibition. **Workshop:** The IAS Dictionary of Archival Terminology and Translation of the IAS Dictionary by the participants into their languages (Antonio Monteduro, Central European Initiative).

## 2009

**Topics:** Archives in the 20th Century (1900-2000): Professional Aspects, Technical-scientific Aspects. **Participant countries:** Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Italy, Macedonia, Malaysia, Oman Sultanate, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia (**24 participants**). **Lectures:** Archives in the 20th Century (1900-2000): Professional Aspects, Technical-scientific Aspects. (Maria Guercio, Università degli Studi di Urbino; Paola Carucci, Archivio storico della Presidenza della Repubblica); Archives in the 20th Century (1900-2000): Professional Aspects, Technical-scientific Aspects. (Joachim Kemper, Generaldirektion der staatlichen Archive Bayerns, München; Charles Kecksemeti, Former General Director of ICA); Archives in the 20th Century (1900-2000): Professional Aspects, Technical-scientific Aspects. (Michael Cook, Senior Fellow, Centre for Archive Studies, University of Liverpool; Robert Nahuet, Library and Archives Canada); Archives in the 20th Century (1900-2000): Professional Aspects, Technical-scientific Aspects (Michail Larin, direttore dell’All-Russian Scientific and Research Institute of Archives and Records Management; Jovan Popovic, lawyer and journalist, former director of the State Archives of Yugoslavia); Conference FIDA and SIDA: Archival European Plans of the Società dalmata di storia patria (State Archives of Trieste); Archives in the 20th Century (1900-2000): Professional Aspects, Technical-scientific Aspects. (Francisco Aguado, Complutense University of Madrid; Snežana Pejovic, Kotor Historical Archives); Archives in the 20th Century (1900-2000): Professional Aspects, Technical-scientific Aspects. (Peter Pavel Klasinc, IAS director; Andrei Rybakou, BelNIIDAD director; Josef Hanus, Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, Departement of Archives and Registers); Archives in the 20th Century (1900-2000): Professional Aspects, Technical-scientific Aspects. (Marie-Claude Delmas, Conservateur general aux archives Nationales de France; Miroslav Novak, Regional Archives of Maribor; Zdenka Semlič Rajh, Regional Archives of Maribor). **Visit:** State Archives of Venice. **Workshop:** The IAS Dictionary of Archival Terminology and Translation of the IAS Dictionary by the participants into their languages (Antonio Monteduro, Central European Initiative).

## 2010

**Topics:** Archival legislation; Web Sites Dedicated to archives. **Participant countries:** Albania, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Croatia, Israel, Italy, Macedonia, Malaysia, Montenegro, Oman Sultanate, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia (**35 participants**). **Lectures:** Information Tecnology and Archives (Mariella Guercio); Prevention Is Better than Cure (Barbara Bertini); The Sistema Archivistico Nazionale – SAN (Carlo Vivoli); video conference from Canada by Luciana Duranti; Lesson of Miroslav Novak and Zdenka Semlič Rajh, Regional Archives of Maribor; Meeting with IAS Members (Jovan Popovic, lawyer and journalist, former director of the State Archives of Yu-

goslavia; Robert Nahuet, Canada; Danny Budowski, Israel; Elisabeth Schöggel-Ernst, Archives of Graz); Exhibition for the 20th Anniversary of “Atlanti” (State Archives of Trieste). **Visit:** Regional restoration laboratories of Villa Manin (Passariano, Udine); Archives of the Ursuline Nuns in Udine. **Workshop:** workshop on the IAS Dictionary of Archival Terminology (Antonio Monteduro, Central European Initiative).

2011

**Topics:** European Projects on Archives (Experiences, Plans, Future); Archives in the Present-day Society (Role, Development and Future); ICA AtoM Software Course. **Participant countries:** Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Italy, Macedonia, Malaysia, Montenegro, Oman Sultanate, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Ukraine (27 participants). **Lectures:** The “Archives of the Mediterranean Sea” Project (Aldo Sparti, Italian Ministry of Cultural Goods and Assets); Lesson of Carlo Vivoli (State Archives of Pistoia); “Icarus” (Caroline Maximoff); Archives and Human Rights (Giulia Barrera, Direzione generale per gli archivi); Lesson of Josef Hanus, Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, Departement of Archives and Registries); Lesson of Miroslav Novak and Zdenka Semlič Rajh, Regional Archives of Maribor. **Visit:** State archives of Gorizia (Italy) Regional Archives of Nova Gorica (Slovenia). **Workshop:** ICA AtoM Software Course (Adele Torrance, UNESCO); workshop on the IAS Dictionary of Archival Terminology (Antonio Monteduro, Central European Initiative).

2012

**Topics.** Modern Archival Buildings; Management of Records in New Media. **Participant countries:** Bosnia-Herzegovina, Hungary, Italy, Montenegro, Oman Sultanate, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia (25 participants). **Lectures:** Archival Sources for the History of World War One (chair: Anna Maria Vinci, University of Trieste, Peter Pavel Klasinc, IAS director, Grazia Tatò, IAS School director); Lesson of Marco Carassi (National President of ANAI); Lesson of Josef Hanus, Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, Departement of Archives and Registries); Lesson on the Experience of the 1976 Friuli Earthquake (Marina Dorsi, Cooperativa archiviste e paleografe); Re-evolution: Managing Archival Emergency (Luigi Cocco); Lesson of Giulia Barrera (Direzione Generale per gli Archivi); Lesson of Giorgetta Bonfiglio Dosio (University of Padua); Lesson of Miroslav Novak and Zdenka Semlič Rajh, Regional Archives of Maribor. **Visit:** Miramare Castle and Documentation; Visit to the new repository of the State Archives of Venice built by Re-evolution company. **Workshop:** workshop on the IAS Dictionary of Archival Terminology (Antonio Monteduro, Central European Initiative).

2013

**Topics:** History of Archives and Archival Science from 1950 onwards; Communication to Young Generations and among Cultural Heritage Institutions. **Participant countries:** Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Montenegro, Oman Sultanate, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Ukraine. (28 participants). **Lectures:** Archives at War (Giulia Barrera, Ministero dei beni e delle attività culturali e del turismo); Lesson of Francis Garaba (University of KwaZulu-Natal); Lesson of Miroslav Novak (Pokrajinski arhiv Maribor); Lesson of Josef Hanus (Technical Director, SANOSIL SK); Lesson of Zdenka Semlič Rajh (Pokrajinski arhiv Maribor); Lesson of Helina Tennasilm (National Archives of Estonia). **Visit:** Chapter Archive in the Cathedral of San Giusto and Lapidary Garden in Trieste. **Workshop:** The software Sinapsi of GAP s.r.l. (Maria Guercio); workshop at the State archives of Trieste on the organisation of exhibitions, catalogues, guided visits (Peter Pavel Klasinc, IAS director; Grazia Tatò, IAS School director; Zdenka Semlič Rajh, Pokrajinski arhiv Maribor); workshop on the IAS Dictionary of Archival Terminology (Antonio Monteduro, Central European Initiative).

2014

**Topics:** Archives – Political power – Civil Society (Archives and Human Rights, Access and Legal Requirements, Data Protection, Copyright, Advocacy and Outreach, Education); The “World War One Sources” Project. **Participant countries:** Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Estonia, France, Hungary, Italy, Oman Sultanate, Russia, Slovenia (21 participants). **Lectures:** Basic Principles on the Role of Archivists in Support of Human Rights drafted by the Human Rights Working Group of ICA (Giulia Barrera, Ministero dei beni e delle attività culturali e del turismo); Conservation/Protection of Archives (Josef

Hanus, Technical Director, SANOSIL SK); Talking about Heritage and Future... (Bogdan Popovici, National Archives of Brasov County Division, Romania); Archival Challenges about the Reproduction of Archival Material (Miroslav Novak, Pokrajinski arhiv Maribor); Authority Records: Why we Need Them more Than Ever (Zdenka Semlič Rajh, Pokrajinski arhiv Maribor). **Visit:** Regional restoration laboratories of Villa Manin (Passariano, Udine); Archaeological Museum of Cividale. **Workshop:** workshop on the SCOPE (chair Manuel Kherli); workshop on the IAS Dictionary of Archival Terminology (Antonio Monteduro, Central European Initiative).

## 2015

**Topics:** Management, appraisal and Long Term Preservation of E-records; Archival Buildings and Emergencies. **Participant countries:** Bosnia-Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Italy, Montenegro, Oman Sultanate, Russia, Slovenia (28 participants). **Lectures:** Preserving Digital Documentation (Maria Guercio, University Sapienza, Rome); Software for Archival Description with Particular Regard for the Arrangement (Claudia Salmini, State Archives of Venice); A Theory of Values for the Selection of Archival Resources (Robert Nahuet, Library and Archives Canada); Data Creation and Data Sharing in the Archives: Basic Principles and Technology (Tatjana Hajtnik, Archives of the Republic of Slovenia); Organisation of Information in the Archives: basic Archival Principles, access, repository, Technology... (Zdenka Semlič Rajh, Regional Archives of Maribor); Records Management: Terminology, Function, Models (Bogdan Popovici, National Archives of Brasov County Division, Romania); Archival Information Systems in the Archives (Miroslav Novak (Pokrajinski arhiv Maribor); Standards and Roles: International, National, Local (Tatjana Hajtnik, Archives of the Republic of Slovenia); International Archival Standards: ISAD(G)2, ISAAR(CPF)2, ISDF, ISDIAH (Zdenka Semlič Rajh, Regional Archives of Maribor); Records Management Processes (Bogdan Popovici, National Archives of Brasov County Division, Romania); Methods Related to the Archival Professional Activities (Miroslav Novak (Pokrajinski arhiv Maribor); Creating SIP, AIP and DIP (Tatjana Hajtnik, Archives of the Republic of Slovenia); Information Created in Compliance with International Standards ISAD(G) and ISAAR(CPF): Description (Zdenka Semlič Rajh, Regional Archives of Maribor); Accessibility, Usability and Authenticity of the (e)-archival Material (Tatjana Hajtnik, Archives of the Republic of Slovenia); **Visit:** Ljubljana, Archives of the Republic of Slovenia. **Workshop:** workshop on the IAS Dictionary of Archival Terminology (Antonio Monteduro, Central European Initiative).

## 2016

**Topics:** Data Protection (Privacy, Sensitive Data, Legal Protection); Using Archives (Scientific Use, Legal Use, Public Use – Exhibitions, Publications, Conferences...). **Participant countries:** Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, France, Hungary, Italy, Montenegro, Oman Sultanate, Russia, Slovenia, Turkey (25 participants). **Lectures:** Audit and Certification for Digital Preservation: An Overview on ISO 16363 (Maria Guercio, University Sapienza, Rome); Data Security and Reliability of Data Digital Memories (Stefano Allegrezza, University of Udine); *Records in Contexts:* Next Level in Archival Description (Bogdan Popovici, National Archives of Brasov County Division, Romania; Zdenka Semlič Rajh, Regional Archives of Maribor; Miroslav Novak, Regional Archives of Maribor); (Current) Archives between Privacy and FOIA (Monica Martignon, University of Venice); Conversion of Formats as One of the Basic Strategies for Long-term Digital Preservation (Tatjana Hajtnik, Archives of the Republic of Slovenia); Pockets of Excellence and Mediocrity: The State of Archives in South Africa, 1994-2016 (Francis Garaba, Università dello KwaZulu-Natal); What Are These Archives Useful for? (Giorgetta Bonfiglio Dosio, University of Padua); Archivist in Relation to the Development Opportunities and Pitfalls of Modern Archival Theory and Practice (Zdenka Semlič Rajh, Regional Archives of Maribor; Miroslav Novak, Regional Archives of Maribor). **Visit:** Graz, Steiermärkisches Landesarchiv. **Workshop:** workshop on the IAS Dictionary of Archival Terminology (Antonio Monteduro, Central European Initiative).