

"Hanskun di Katuna"

Conserving Photographic memories



ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property) organized, in cooperation with CARBICA the first course on the *Preservation of photographic collections in archival holdings* in the Caribbean. In November 2003 a three week regional workshop took place at the National Archives of the Netherlands Antilles on Curaçao. This workshop was followed by the second international conference on *Preservation of Archives in Tropical Climates* on Curaçao, November 2003.

The Caribbean Group named itself "Hanskun di Katuna" (the Cotton Glove Group). The course was a big success. The "Hanskun di Katuna" is supposed to train future groups and individuals on this expertise in the Caribbean. The workshop offered an important model for future collaboration between ICCROM and the ICA for other regional courses on this topic. In 2005 ICCROM will start a workshop in cooperation with ICA's regional branch in Africa.

The "Hanskun di Katuna" made the following statement on the Caribbean situation:

CURRENT SITUATION IN THE CARIBBEAN

- Bad storage
- Improper buildings
- Improper handling and housing of collections
- Lack of financial support
- Current damages in collections: mold, fading, loss, cockling
- Lack of human resources: conservators, technical staff ...
- Lack of management/governmental support
- Lack of any kind of preservation unit in the Caribbean countries, such as National Organization of Preservation

GOALS

As a group, we want to:

- Disseminate information among other institutions in the Caribbean Region
- Promote the importance of the preservation of our collections
- Be recognized as professionals by our institutions and governments
- Form a "Caribbean Association of Preservation of Cultural Heritage" to be able to participate in regional preservation activities

The Group "Hanskun di Katuna" consists of:

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Lecturers:

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| -Bertrand Lavèdrine | -France |
| -Sandra Baruki | -Brazil |
| -Beatrice Haspo | -USA |
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