ICCRROM and CARBICA: Archival Cooperation in the Tropics

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Cooperative Training experience in Chile

Program for Archives in Latin America

1994 - 2001

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COURSES

“Conservation of Paper in Archives, Regional Course for Latin America”

1994

“Conservation of Modern Materials in Archives, Regional Course for Latin America”

1996

“Conservation of Collections in Libraries and Archives, Regional Course for Latin America”

1998

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MAIN GOALS

- Educate a new generation of conservators
- Create professional networks
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Training opportunities
- Updated information
- Preventive conservation
- Common criteria on conservation
- Guidelines for preservation planning
- Emergency plan
- Promote the debate
- Interdisciplinary work
- National, regional and international lecturers
- Follow-up activities
COURSES PROGRAMME

• Theory and practice
• Visits and study tours
• 1994 & 1996: general subjects
• 1998: specific subjects (follow-up)
• 2001: conservation in libraries, new trends
CONTENTS OF THE PROGRAMME

- Chemistry for conservators
- Preventive conservation
- Preservation planning
- Emergency response
- Communication for conservators
- Conservation treatments
- Books conservation
- Photographic supports
- Digital supports

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PARTICIPANTS

- A total of 61 participants
- Conservators, librarians, archivists, directors, professionals in charge of libraries and archives
- Heterogeneous group
- Shared lodge
- Locals reception
- Group relationship
• National and international lecturers
• Different backgrounds
• With training experience
COURSES IMPACT

- Latin American network
- Training opportunities
- Bibliographical material in Spanish
AFTER PROGRAM

Curacao 2003
“Preservation of Photographic Collections in Archival Holdings”
Course for the Caribbean Region
Gracias María, hola todos.
En dos oportunidades solicitamos a ADAI y Harvard, financiamiento para nuestros proyectos archivísticos en el Zulia. Después de hacer, estos organismos, indagaciones exageradas, cuyos detalles les puedo comentar luego, nos negaron el financiamiento. El representante del programa Harvard que estuvo en Maracaibo, hasta preguntó el sueldo de los funcionarios, y manifestó a éstos que era muy bajo... Es una gran falta de consideración.

Gracias María
Un grato saludo a todos
juan carlos morales manzur
TO SUM UP

- Internet
- Previous contact
- Shared lodge
- Spirit of collaboration
PRESERVATION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS IN ARCHIVAL HOLDINGS

A course for the Caribbean Region

Curacao, November 3 - 21, 2003
...13 PARTICIPANTS, 8 COUNTRIES

1 VISSION

BAHAMAS - Hazel Storr

ST. KITS & NIVES – Lornette Hanley

BELIZE - Marvin Pook

ST. MAARTEN – Alfonso Blijden

BELIZE - William Jones

ST. LUCIA – Patrick Freeman

CURAÇAO

Erwin Gibbes

Francis Ramazan

Lida Pandt

Ferdinand Biervliet

ARUBA - Mentor Jacobs

SURINAME - Sudhir Chotkoe

Peter van Dijk
PARTICIPANTS WITH A VISSION
LECTURERS WITH DETERMINATION
FIRST WEEK: MATERIALITY OF IMAGE HOLDINGS
BY BERTRAND LAVEDRINE & KATRINA SIMILA

PRACTICAL SESSIONS

THEORETICAL SESSIONS
SECOND WEEK:  PRESERVATION ACTIONS
BY SANDRA BARUKI & ANA SARAMAGO
THIRD WEEK: DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
BY BEATRIZ HASPO
AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE OF PRESERVATION
OF ARCHIVES IN TROPICAL CLIMATES II

EXPERIENCES WITH DISASTER
ICCROM COURSE HAS BEEN:

- An “eye opener”
- Course gave wider perspective
- ICCROM demonstrated interest in small institutions in developing countries
- ICCROM and National Archives of Curaçao took the step to start a regional group
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
POSITIVE ASPECTS OF CURRENT SITUATION

• Dedicated people who are working currently with very basic training

• Some institutional support to attend courses and meetings

• Institutional support for dissemination of information gathered during ICCROM course in the home countries
...IT’S BEEN 9 MONTHS...
PRESERVING ARCHIVES IN TROPICAL CLIMATES

Voices from the Caribbean Region

Vienna, August 23 - 28, 2004
EXPECTATIONS

• Receive recognition from Caribbean professionals
• Receive recommendations and solutions applicable to Caribbean conditions
• Know what are the expectations of the training agencies after trainings
• Seeking for direct related answers for the preservation of Caribbean Heritage
• Advise to find balance between digitization and traditional duplication in the Caribbean reality
• Need to exchange experiences among the Caribbean, Latin American and other Countries to solve regional problems
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 and international preservation activities
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- ICCROM
- International Council of Archives
- Caribbean Archives Association
- National Archives of Curacao

And: Maduro Library, Mrs. Dankmeyer, Michael Newton, The Archive staff, Curacao Ports Authority, Friends of the Archives, And many others
HANSKUN DI KATUNA !!!
BIN BEK NA NOS
DUSHI CARIBBEAN !!!