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Message from the Chair

CCA is pleased to announce that it has received support for two projects, a digital preservation service and an archival description bulk import/export enhancement for AtoM, through from Library and Archives Canada's Documentary Heritage Communities Program (DHCP) for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

In the digital age, archives are in many ways an essential service: information access is a cornerstone of our democratic society and critical to economic activities - and archives are the custodians of this vital resource.

The funding received for the ARCHIVESCANADA Digital Preservation Service (ACDPS) and the National Archival Description Bulk Import/Export Capability Development projects will provide a mechanism to preserve digital information - in French and English - and enhance access and preservation capacity for our documentary history.

The National Archival Description Bulk Import/Export Capability Development project brings together multiple collaborators to improve and enhance functionalities of the technical platform underlying the Canadian Archival System's national catalogue of multilevel archival materials descriptions, archival institution information, and digital objects: ARCHIVESCANADA.ca. In addition to DHCP, our partners on this project are: the Archives Association of British Columbia (aabc.ca), Council of Nova Scotia Archives (councilofnsarchives.ca), Nova Scotia Archives (archivesnovascotia.ca), Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management (sfu.ca/archives), University of Saskatchewan University Archives and Special Collections (library.usask.ca/archives), University of Victoria Special Collections and University Archives (uvic.ca/library), and the United Nations (un.org/en).

The ARCHIVESCANADA Digital Preservation Service (ACDPS) will offer archives, libraries, museums, galleries and other organizations with responsibilities for the custody of information, access to a preservation service maintained in an optimised technological environment. The information technologies provider for these projects is New Westminster, BC, -based Artefactual Systems, internationally respected developers of open source archival access and preservation software.

More information will be available shortly, about these two exciting initiatives!

Young Canada Works

2016 YCW Campaign for the archival community

The review and selection process is now complete for both the summer applications and the internships. The 2016-2017 Young Canada Works program is offered by the Department of Canadian Heritage and CCA is a delivery partner. The summer project funding stream will permit the creation of 60 jobs while the internship stream will permit the creation of 5 positions.

YCW for the library community

CCA is now administering both the YCW in Heritage Organizations Summer Work Experience and YCW at Building Careers in Heritage Programs to Canadian libraries and related organizations operating in English on behalf of the Canadian Library Association (CLA) for the 2016 – 2017 program year.

New funding announcement – Internships for archives and libraries

NEW funding will soon be available for additional 2016 internships following the announcement made by Minister Joly on May 5th. Additional information will be posted to our website at <http://archivescanada.ca/YCW> as well as via the Arcan-I listserv (to subscribe, visit <http://www.mailman.srv.ualberta.ca/mailman/listinfo/arcan-l>) as it is being released.

National Accession Standard Working Group

Members of the Working Group held a successful session during the ACA Annual Conference on June 4th in Montreal to update the participants on the creation of a standard for the coordinated management of information created in the archival process of accessioning material into an archival institution. Members presented the first completed draft of a national accession standard, and they welcomed questions and comments. They also discussed the draft standard's relationship (crosswalks) to other information standards as well as their plan for case studies to test the draft standard in diverse archives across Canada. The archival community will be informed when information concerning the standard is posted on CCA's website.

Archival Appraisal Working Group

A new working group is being established to study institutional approaches to archival appraisal of private acquisitions and their subsequent impact on monetary appraisal and donor relations. A call for participation will be made very soon to find volunteers interested in the subject. To learn more about this upcoming initiative, visit http://www.archivescanada.ca/CWG_AAWG to read the terms of reference.

Secretariat Update

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Summer Hours

During the summer period, please note that the Secretariat hours of operation will be Monday to Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm EDT and Friday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm EDT, effective until Labour Day.