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Message from the Chair – Lara Wilson

Response to the Report on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Taskforce

The Steering Committee on Canada's Archives (SCCA) was struck to oversee work on the Strategy: "Canada's Archives – A New Blueprint," which was released in fall 2015. This group is composed of two representatives from each of the following organizations: *Association des archivistes du Québec* (AAQ), Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA), Canadian Council of Archives (CCA), Council of Provincial and Territorial Archivists (CPTA) and Library and Archives Canada (LAC). In February 2016, I was selected by the predecessor Canadian Archival System Working Group to chair the first year of SCCA activity (the chair position will rotate through the member organizations).

At the February 2016 meeting, the Steering Committee selected priorities based on input received during various consultations with the Canadian archival community and is now seeking participants for the Response to the Report on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Taskforce. This opportunity will allow participants to guide the work on a national initiative that will ensure that the Canadian archival community can better respond to future opportunities and challenges.

Broadly speaking, work will seek to undertake an analysis of relevant recommendations in the Report, and to create options for a response and related action plan in collaboration with First Nations, Inuit and Métis in all areas of Canada.

Please express your interest before August 1st, 2016. Participants will be contacted by August 8th, 2016 with more information. If you are interested in joining this taskforce or require additional information, please contact me at (250) 472-4480 / ljwilson@uvic.ca or consult the [original message](#).

Canadian Committee on Archival Description (CCAD)

Report on the Future of RAD meeting

On February 4, 2016, 21 participants attended the Meeting on the Future of the Rules for Archival Description (RAD) at Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa. The objective for the meeting was to arrive at a basic consensus regarding the future of archival descriptive standards in Canada and the possible revision or replacement of RAD. Following the meeting, a report with recommendations was prepared by CCAD, which is not available in both official languages. Please visit <http://archivescanada.ca/FutureOfRAD> to read the report and learn about this initiative.

Young Canada Works

New YCW funding for internships

Demonstrating a strong need for funding support and an impressive commitment to training new graduates, in addition to the nine (9) applications on the waiting list from May 2016, the Canadian archival community submitted twenty-four (24) new applications for the Building Careers in Heritage new funding by the deadline of Friday, July 22, 2016. These new projects will begin during the fall 2016 and will conclude by March 2017. Eighteen (18) projects will be funded.

The Canadian library community also responded enthusiastically to the call for applications and submitted sixteen (16) new applications in addition to the one (1) from its spring waiting list. Eight (8) library internship positions will be funded from fall 2016 to March 2017.

URGENT – Peer Reviewers Needed!

Reminder - We are seeking energetic volunteers who are interested to serve as members of one of our 2 Peer Review Committees – one committee will review projects related to the library field while the other will review projects that are archival in nature. The selection of the successful applications is the direct result of the evaluations prepared by the committee members. For more information or to offer your services, please contact us at ycw_jct@archivescanada.ca (Please specify if you are interested to review projects for archives or libraries).

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 has been made recently 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.

If you are interested, please forward the requested information (see [original message](#)) to CCA Board member, Theresa Rowat at trowat@jesuites.org by August 17, 2016.

Secretariat Update

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.