



# CCA INSIDER

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## Message from the Board of Directors

On behalf of the Board and Secretariat, our sincere thanks to all of you who helped provide, in 2016, the vital services that support archives across Canada. Our thanks, as well, to our many colleagues who make significant contributions to CCA's work. The many successes of the Canadian archival community and the CCA could not have been achieved without your collective efforts and dedication. We look forward to continuing this collaborative work in 2017, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canadian Confederation.

We hope that the holiday season provides you with an opportunity to relax, and to enjoy the warmth and company of friends and family.

Wishing you joy and peace this holiday season and best wishes for the new year!

## Access to Memory (AtoM) enhancements

In the last funding cycle of Library and Archives Canada's Documentary History Communities Program (DHCP), CCA applied and was successful in its application for funding to enhance the bulk import/export features for the open source software AtoM (Access to Memory), which is the platform for the national catalogue of archival descriptions, ARCHIVESCANA.CA, and numerous regional and local archival catalogues. In addition to DHCP, our partners on this project are: the Archives Association of British Columbia ([aabc.ca](http://aabc.ca)), the Council of Nova Scotia Archives ([councilofnsarchives.ca](http://councilofnsarchives.ca)), the Nova Scotia Archives ([archives.novascotia.ca](http://archives.novascotia.ca)), the Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management ([sfu.ca/archives](http://sfu.ca/archives)), the University of Saskatchewan University Archives and Special Collections ([library.usask.ca/archives](http://library.usask.ca/archives)), the University of Victoria Special Collections and University Archives ([uvic.ca/library](http://uvic.ca/library)), and the United Nations ([un.org/en](http://un.org/en)).

Once development is completed these features will be incorporated into AtoM software version updates. These enhancements will enable large amounts of metadata to be transferred from legacy databases to AtoM, from local instances of AtoM to regional and national AtoM-based catalogues, and between AtoM and other digital curation platforms. Bulk import/export functionality will also enable future transfer of metadata to new technical platforms, as required. Work is currently underway by Artefactual Systems on the features supporting these functionalities, to be followed by a review by CCA, with an expected completion of January 2017.

## **ARCHIVESCANADA Digital Preservation Service (ACDPS)**

The last funding cycle of DHCP also saw the successful approval of CCA's subscription-based bilingual *Archives Canada Digital Preservation Service (ACDPS)*. ACDPS will provide institutions access to a preservation service maintained in an optimised technological environment. Governed through CCA, participating institutions will be able to preserve small or large digital collections using the popular open-source, standards-compliant Archivemata and AtoM tools. Archivemata and AtoM software hosting services will be provided in partnership with Artefactual Systems Inc.

Archivemata is a suite of open-source tools designed to perform specialized preservation actions on digital objects and to prepare Archival Information Packages for long-term storage.

Archivemata automates processes that are well beyond the capabilities of most organizations to perform manually, and generates highly-detailed metadata in standard XML schemas. The system includes out-of-the-box support for hundreds of file formats and provides a framework for adding support for new formats over time.

ACDPS benefits include:

- achievement of a solution for one of the most pressing issues confronting technology-driven organizations: preservation of accessible, authentic and reliable digital records
- access to professional specialists with expert knowledge supporting implementation and use of the Digital Preservation Service (DPS)
- realization of economies of scale through pooling and leveraging of financial, technical and human resources
- availability of services in both French and English
- availability of a fully Canadian-based and operated DPS solution compliant with Canadian law

For more information about service levels and associated fees, please contact:

Christina Nichols, Executive Director, at [cnichols@archivescanada.ca](mailto:cnichols@archivescanada.ca)

## **Young Canada Works**

### 2017 YCW application cycle

The 2017 Young Canada Works campaign has been launched. Again this year, CCA will be administering the program for the archival community and the libraries operating in English. Libraries operating in French will continue to submit their applications to ASTED.

There are a few important changes to the program for 2017-2018:

- The application deadlines for summer and internship are not on the same date.
  - Summer job applications are due on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  - Internship applications are due on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- PCH has launched a brand new website for YCW. All employers will be required to create a new account at <https://young-canada-works.canada.ca> in order to apply.

For further information, please visit our website at <http://archivescanada.ca/YCW>

### New YCW Program Assistant

CCA is pleased to announce that Sabrina Pound has joined the CCA team as YCW Program Assistant. Sabrina will be primarily supporting projects submitted by libraries operating in English but will also be assisting with archives projects.

### **Secretariat Update**

#### Holiday Hours

The CCA Secretariat will be closed for the holidays from December 23<sup>th</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup> inclusively.

#### New Staff

We wish to congratulate our colleague Kateryna Chartrand for the new addition to her family. With Kateryna being on maternity leave, we have recently welcomed Elena Makhorina to the team as our accountant.

#### We Moved!

On November 17 & 18, CCA moved to a new office space within the same building. The new address for the CCA, the Canadian Historical Association (CHA), the National Archival Appraisal Board (NAAB), the Council of Provincial and Territorial Archivists (CPTA), and the North American Archival Network of the ICA (NAANICA) is:

130 Albert Street  
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Ottawa ON  
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All email addresses, telephone and fax numbers remain the same. We are looking forward to working with you from our new location.