

FANfare

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WELCOME

Welcome to the first issue of FANfare – the FAN newsletter providing a short summary of activities underway, plans for the future and news from our members. It has now been some months since our meeting in Brussels and of course the Girona conference is now approaching quickly so it is timely to bring us all up to date on the work that has been going on behind the scenes since we met last October.

In summary we have:

- Formulated a proposed work plan identifying the particular priorities and activities for FAN
- Initiated the establishment of a FAN workspace on the ICA.org website
- Contributed to the development of the ICA Strategic Plan (for ratification at Girona)
- Accepted tasks from the Executive Board and PCOM
- Commenced preparations for the FAN meeting in Girona

FAN WORK PLAN

The FAN work plan is now under development. As a starting point a framework (attached) has been developed, documenting a combination of directions proposed by our meeting in Brussels as well as the additional matters referred to FAN by the Executive Board and PCOM, during their meetings in April this year. Those extra items are:

- The “Africa Strategy”, which is an initiative from PCOM to improve recordkeeping and the profile of archives and recordkeeping professionals in Africa;
- A focus on AtoM to ensure that ICA continues to influence the development of the product and for ICA to realise benefits of its ongoing implementation and use; and
- a review of the ICA.org website, in particular a plan to update and improve the content and capabilities for information sharing and collaboration.

Please take some time to look over the attached framework – based on feedback and further consultation, a proposed FAN Work Plan will be presented at the FAN meeting in Girona.

FAN WORKSPACE

We are in the process of setting up a collaborative workspace for FAN members. It is envisaged that this will allow us to publish documents, participate in discussion threads and collaborate on the development of documents and online products. I'll keep you posted as we make progress on this front.

CHANGES IN THE FAN BUREAU

As many of you would know, on 10 April 2014, Atakilty Assefa Asgedom, Chair of ICA's Evaluation Commission and Elections Officer 2014, announced to the Executive Board in Paris that I was successful in my candidacy for the position of President ICA. I will formally take over the role from Martin Berendse at the conference in Girona. I am delighted at the prospect of taking on this role, but of course it now means we have a vacancy within the FAN Bureau.

Between now and October the current FAN Bureau will work within the FAN Terms of Reference to achieve a full Bureau and plan the succession of the next President FAN.

That's it for this first issue – please feel free to provide any feedback on the Work Plan, or ideas for future newsletters. Otherwise I look forward to catching up with you in person at Girona.

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President, FAN
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