

PAC Centre Annual Report - July 2016 – June 2017 – United States

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International Cooperation (highlight activities and work the PAC Centre has done in the international preservation and conservation network and where your PAC Centre has provided support on an international level)

In August 2016, The PAC and P and C Section co-sponsored the IFLA pre-conference “Up Up and Away” -- held at the Library of Congress prior to the 2016 IFLA World Congress in Columbus, OH -- on the topic of high-density and environmentally secure storage for library materials.

The program offered 65 international delegates tours of the facilities at Ft. Meade and the Packard Campus to learn about the Library’s unique challenges for its large number and variety of materials, its storage space within its historic buildings, and a view of a state-of-the-art facility for audio-visual materials preservation. There were 14 countries in attendance, including Egypt, Sri Lanka, Slovenia, Finland, Germany, Canada, Norway, Italy, Spain, Tanzania, China, Portugal, and Brazil. Papers and presentations from the pre-conference are available at <https://www.ifla.org/publications/node/11244?og=60>

- Fenella France, Luca Pezzati (CNR, Italy), and Joseph Padfield (National Gallery, London) presented at the Research Data Alliance (RDA) 9th Plenary, Barcelona, April 2017 on “Open Data for Heritage Science - Strategies for opening data in Heritage Science.”
- Fenella France held workshops on “Spectral Image Capture and Processing”, International Conference on Imaging Science and Technology (IS&T), Latvia, May 2017.

Local Cooperation (highlight activities and work your PAC Centre has done in the local preservation and conservation network and where your PAC Centre has provided support on a local level)

The Library’s preservation website (URL: <http://www.loc.gov/preservation/>) is the Library’s main portal into its many collections preservation activities. Recent work to the site includes improvements to better integrate the Library’s digital preservation efforts across the Library. The new section of the site (URL: <http://www.loc.gov/preservation/digital/>)

Local programs also available via webcast <http://www.loc.gov/preservation/> including Preservation Week programming every spring to coincide with the National Preservation Week and TOPS (preservation lectures on current research) programs throughout the year.

Workshops/trainings/events (what workshops/trainings/events has the PAC Centre organised? Which workshops/trainings/events did the PAC Centre participate in? both on international and national level)

Fellowships and internships open to international students can be found here:

<http://www.loc.gov/preservation/outreach/>

[PAC Director participated in two IFLA Global Vision workshops, the initial one in April and a regional one for North America in May.](#) IFLA launched a conversation to form a global vision of how a connected library field can meet the challenges of the future.

Involvement of the PAC Centre with the IFLA Risk Register (e.g. promotion etc.)

PAC Centre staff reviewed Risk Register pages for possible revisions. The PAC director promoted the Risk Register at the American Library Association meeting and through emails to listservs that cover libraries, archives and museums.

Suggestions to IFLA HQ on improvements to the PAC Centre network (e.g. gaps in expertise covered by the current PAC Centre network, communication issues, support requests (non-financial) etc.)

It is necessary to replace the current personnel as quickly as possible.

New standards/guidelines/best practices which should be shared with the community

- Sylvia Rogers Albro. *Fabriano: City of Medieval and Renaissance Papermaking*. Delaware: Oak Knoll Press in Association with the Library of Congress, 2016.

Any other comments

Interested in providing online web based training in disaster planning.

Add additional resources and pictures at the end of the document.

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