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Activities of the Regional Preservation Center for Brazil

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1 – Trainings:

The Preservation Center of the National Library of Brazil annually offers an Informative Preservation Course for Bibliographical and Documentary Collections that is open to the public and also to staff of the National Library.

The Preservation Center provides internships/trainings for Brazilian professionals as well as those coming from the National Libraries of Paraguay, Bolivia and Uruguay. Besides trainings, the Preservation Center furnishes technical assistance to public libraries, universities, cultural foundations and other similar institutions in Brazil and throughout Latin America.

2 – Publications:

We acknowledge the receipt of the magazine *International Preservation News* - IPN - Nº 59/60 August 2013 and Nº 61 December 2013 and its distribution through the Interchange Service of the National Library.

This was sent to 19 Brazilian universities, 18 public museums, 12 cultural foundations, and also to the National Archive, to the Brazilian Association of Conservators and Restorers of Cultural Property (ABRACOR), and to the National Libraries of Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia, Ecuador, Mexico and Cuba. Copies were also provided to the conservators of the National Library of Brazil.

We would also like to announce the publication of "Risk Management Plan - Safeguarding and Emergency for the Brazilian National Library" in Portuguese, English and Spanish. Twenty five CDs, in the English version, were sent to the 77th IFLA General Conference and Assembly in Puerto Rico. They were addressed to the PAC meeting, presided over by Christiane Baryla - Director IFLA/PAC. Additionally, 25 CDs in the Spanish language version were sent to the IFLA/LAC meeting presided over by Sigrid Weiss Dutra, Director of IFLA/LAC. The Risk Management Plan is available to the public on the website of the National Library.



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3 – Events and News:

The Library's Preservation Coordinator organized a technical visit, in June 2013, to the National Archive and Library of Bolivia/ABNB and the Gunnar Mendoza Loza Public Library to exchange best practices for preventive conservation of bibliographic and documentary collections.

The National Archive and Library of Bolivia, and the Gunnar Mendoza Loza Public Library, are located in the historic city of Sucre. The technical visit was funded by the National Library of Brazil and was in compliance with the resolution of the XXIII General Assembly of ABINIA – Association of National Libraries of Latin America – held from the 17th to 21st of September 2012 in Madrid, Spain.

The Preservation Coordinator also conducted a technical visit to the National Library of Uruguay in Montevideo, during the period of 14 to 18 October, and gave a lecture on the safeguarding and preventive conservation of materials in the collections of the National Library of Brazil.

The Preservation Center is presently in the final stages of setting up the vacuum encapsulation project for microfilmed journals of the National Library. This encapsulation project was supported by the National Library of Portugal through its President Dr. Maria Inês Cordeiro and their technical conservation team.

The Office of Conservation, in conjunction with the Laboratory of Restoration and the Federal University of Paraná, in the person of Dr. Ricardo Godoi and under his guidance, is performing scientific research on the pollution index that occurs within the collections and headquarters building of the National Library. Shortly we will be presenting the first results of this research.

4 – Cooperation with other Institutions in the field of Cultural Heritage Preservation:

The National Library provides technical assistance on preservation and conservation to the National Archives of Brazil through meetings with the Technical Board for Preservation of Documents of the National Archives Council/CONARQ.

5 – Blue Shield Brazilian Committee:



The Brazilian committee of the Blue Shield was set up at the National Archives of Rio de Janeiro – <http://www.ecudoazul.arquivonacional.gov.br> – on November 9th 2006. It should be noted that the Committee was never subordinate to the Regional Center of IFLA-PAC, Brazil.

Regional Committees of the Blue Shield already exist at different institutions around Brazil:

The Bahia Committee of the Blue Shield is in the Central Library of the Federal University of Bahia – UFBA – Bahia.

www.bibliotecacentral.ufba.br

The São Paulo Committee of the Blue Shield is in the São Paulo State Art Gallery.

www.escudoazul-sp.net

The Minas Gerais Committee of the Blue Shield is set up in the Conservation and Restoration Center, Fine Arts School, Federal University of Minas Gerais.

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Finally, please note that new Committees in the states of Santa Catarina, Rio de Janeiro and in Brasília/DF are in the process of being established. It is the responsibility of the Regional Committees to recruit local emergency institutions and volunteer specialists to face any threat of disaster as well as divulge the main guidelines for the prevention of disasters in local cultural institutions.
