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Preservation training and mobile treatment centre after a disaster

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Meeting:

200 — Empowering staff through preservation training! How your library and users will reap the benefits — Preservation and Conservation with Education and Training

Abstract :

The Association The ark of the Blue Shield is a non-governmental organization create in 2012, under the aegis of the IFLA, of the ICA and of the ANCBS, with the support of the Foundation Prince Claus and of the City of Geneva, to set up the program of rescue and training in the rescue of the collections of the Haitian documentary heritage damaged by the earthquake of 2010.

In the term of its functioning in Haiti in 2015, the mobile centre will be unsettled and stored in containers ready to be used in case of disaster in the whole of the Caribbean zone. The trained Haitian specialists shall have infrastructures and necessary know-how to be the referees in case of disaster affecting libraries and archives in the region.

Beyond the rescue of collections, the concept of processing centre and mobile training for libraries and archives realized for Haiti, the Arc can, afterward, realize similar centres in the world in regions subject to the big natural disasters.

Our presentation will be focuses on the training program, established in July 2012, by the Arc for the mobile processing centre, which will open its doors before the end of the year in Port-au-Prince.

Background

Earthquake Haiti, January 2010

- Rapid reaction IFLA, ICA, ICBS
- Need to treat the collections and train local staff and volunteers in response until the arrival of international aid
- Based on the experience and know-how of COSADOCA (Lausanne, Switzerland) and the French Committee of the Blue Shield
- Fixed treatment centre (Smithsonian) -> January 2012
- Need a regional centre able to intervene before the arrival of international aid
- Mobile treatment centre Ark 2012-2014

Principles

• Principle of training

- Do not limit disaster rescue to a specific international intervention
- Combining rescue and building action
- Contribute to the reconstruction of the institutions
- Train to prevention and intervention in case of disaster
- Adaptable to local and regional conditions
- Transportable centre in the area

Goals

• Training goals

- Save the damaged collections
- Provide the means adapted to local circumstances for an intervention in future disasters before the arrival of international aid
- Train specialized response teams at the regional level
- Make a disaster a tool for development and reconstruction

Structure

- 1 basic module
- 4 specialized modules
- Implementation of a rescue plan
- Selection criteria for the rescue of collections
- Restoration training
- Knowledge of the territory

Basic module

- Goal: To train people capable of managing an area of an emergency treatment centre
- Audience: all staff of libraries and archives, civil protection, volunteers
- Duration: 10 working days
- Location: mobile treatment centre
- Contents
 - Entrance area, identification, document tracking and emergency scanning
 - Area of dusting and reconditioning
 - Area of disinfection and disinfestations
 - Area small repairs (binding, clogging)
 - Area outgoing storage, headquarter and reception
 - Area Logistics, material storage
- Trainers
 - Foreign and local specialized trainers
 - Local staff volunteers who passed the basic training courses
- Support
 - Electronics ppt
 - Paper: stapled into the course

Specialized module 1 - Build a rescue plan

- Goals: each participant realised a rescue plan for his collection
- Audience: all staff of libraries and archives in charge of a collection
- 1 module libraries, 1 module archives
- Duration: 1 business day, teleworking 15 days
- Location: treatment centre, collection location
- Contents: models and structures of rescue plans, adequacy of models to local conditions
- Trainers: foreign and regional specialized trainers
- Support
 - Electronics ppt
 - Paper: stapled into the basic course
 - Trainers available online for the students during the writing of the rescue plan

Specialized module 2– Selection criteria for rescue

- Goals: each participant realised selection criteria for his collection
 - Conservation levels (Libraries)
 - Priorization (Archives)
- Audience: all staff of libraries and archives in charge of a collection
- 1 module libraries, 1 module archives
- Duration: 1 business day, teleworking 15 days
- Location: treatment centre, collection location
- Contents: models and structures of conservation levels system and of priorization, adequacy of models to local conditions
- Trainers: foreign and regional specialized trainers
- Support
 - Electronics ppt
 - Paper: stapled into the basic course
 - Trainers available online for the students during the writing the criteria for their institution

Specialized module 3 – territory knowledge

- Goals
 - Know the multiple natural threats to which is exposed the local documentary heritage
 - Contribute to the preparation of a plan of national contingency in case of disaster
 - Insure the security of the local heritage by proposing small projects to reduce the vulnerability of the collection
 - Know how elaborate tools of social communication of the risk
- Audience: all staff of libraries and archives, university students in cultural heritage, foreign trainers
- Duration: 6 business day
- Location: treatment centre
- Trainers: local and regional specialized trainers
- Support
 - Electronics ppt
 - Paper: stapled into the basic course

Specialized module 4 – Basic training for restorers

- Goals
 - Train restorers can handle independently a small restoration workshop
- Audience
 - bookbinders,

- libraries and archives staff with a manual skills,
- people with good manual skills demonstrated during basic training
- Duration
- 6 months with a rate of 2 weeks courses, a week of self employment

Location

- treatment centre

• Contents

- Manufacturing of machines and tools 1
- Storage and conditioning of documents
- Restoration of the paper 1
- Bradel binding
- Lumbeck binding
- French-style binding
- Preservation binding
- Restoration of the paper linen, leather bindings
- Manufacturing of machine Tools 2
- Restoration of the paper 2

• Trainers

- International specialists

• Supports

- Electronics ppt
- Exercise books A5 to be bound

Conclusion

- Two goals made in a project that is both educational and heritage
- Multidisciplinary program (libraries and archives)
- A true international cooperation with integration of local expertise
- Creation of a development tool after a major disaster