

## Resolution of the 7th European Conference on Archives

### “Archivists: profession of the Future in Europe”

The 550 archivists from 38 countries, gathered at the 7th European Conference on Archives “Archivists: profession of the Future in Europe”, held in Warsaw on May 18-20, 2006, after three days of presentations and discussions covering subjects:

- ◆ European archival training in higher education,
- ◆ Archivistics as a scientific discipline,
- ◆ Certification and Accreditation,
- ◆ Profile of the archivist in European National Regulation,
- ◆ Creating European Professional Tools,
- ◆ New Technologies, New Competences.

**recognize**, that the process of European integration and cooperation, especially in domains of e-government, e-administration, e-learning, information and knowledge society, as well as the European Area of Higher Education, presents new challenges for the archival profession. The high level education of archivists, in the past mostly combined with history and auxiliary sciences education, today takes on a new character.

The participants of the conference:

**encourage** the European Branch of the ICA (EURBICA) and the Section for Professional Associations of ICA (SPA) to carry out a feasibility study for a project to develop a European competency framework for the archival profession,

**recognize** the need to develop and sustain professional standards through certification procedures for individuals, organizations and education programmes,

**underline** the need to advance the creation and development of virtual educational tools for the promotion of online training through the application of new technologies,

**encourage** European governments to promote the mobility of archival professionals within Europe.

The participants of the conference **encourage** the key educational institutions teaching archivists to:

- ◆ **strengthen** cooperation and common initiatives in order to increase the quality of archival education,
- ◆ **improve** tools for the assessment of the quality of archival education for accreditation.

The participants of the conference **stress** the significance of workshops, presenting the most important problems, including archival law, the accessibility of archives in the virtual environment and the protection of archival holdings.

Because of the importance of the subjects covered during the 7th European Conference on Archives, the participants ask the Head Office of State Archives of Poland to disseminate the conference papers as widely as possible throughout the international archival community.