

The International Council on Archives (ICA)

The International Council on Archives (ICA; in French: Conseil international des archives) is an international non-governmental organization which exists to promote international cooperation in archiving. It was set up in 1948, with Charles Samaran, the then director of the Archives de France, as chairman, and membership is open to national and international organisations, professional groups and individuals. In 2009 it grouped together over 1,400 institutional members in 190 countries. Its mission is to promote the conservation, development and use of the world's archives.

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