

## **Declaration of Cordoba Argentina**

Gathered the following days 26, 27 and 28 of August of 2009, at the Center of Production and Arts Investigation of the Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities of the National University in Cordoba, in the first International Forum of Document Evaluation developed as the main activity of the Project "Document Evaluation in Latin America", approved by the International Council of Archives, representing archivists of Republic of Argentine, Federal Republic of Brazil, Republic of Colombia, Republic of Costa Rica, Spain, Republic of Peru and Eastern Republic of Uruguay. Also, by means of Video-conference, reunited Peruvian archivists in the facilities of the Ministry of Foreign Relations have participated in simultaneous form, in the city of Lima.

### **WE STATE:**

- The risk which the documentary patrimony is put under, that has taken place in the past, and the one that is generated as a result of the increase of the document production and a deficient Record Management.
- The current situation that professionals of the archives express.
- The necessity to advance in the application of criteria, methods and techniques of Valuation and Documentary Selection, that guarantee the conservation of the documentary patrimony.
- The convenience of flourishing in works, that allows the conceptual and terminological homologation of the process of Evaluation or Valuation of documents.
- The lack of technicians and professionals archivists, as well as this function in the public and private institutions, that guarantees a correct management of the documents.
- The lack of Archives that have the suitable facilities that guarantees the accurate conservation of the patrimony.

**For this reason,**

## **WE PROPOSE**

- To reinforce the academic program of archives with high standards of quality and to foment the permanent improvement that allow professionals to deal with challenges and needs that the exercise of the archive and document management raises at present
- To incorporate the organic units of Archive within the institutional structures even if these are public or private
- To strength the creation of places of archivists and to provide them with responsible and expert professionals in the document management
- To advance in the construction of the institutions of Archive that guarantees the permanent conservation of the documents that already have been evaluated
- To promote and to implant processes of Evaluation or Valuation of documents in the public institutions as prevailed
- To strength the creation of interdisciplinary work group's at national and international level in the matter of the Documentary Evaluation, which carries on the study of the subjects that were object of debate of this Forum
- To establish a frequency of open meetings of this level to the set of professionals of Latin America, where the primary target is the discussion of common questions around the Evaluation or Valuation of documents
- To foment the recognition of the archive function

Cordoba, Argentina 28 of August of 2009, day of the Argentine Archivist