

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear colleagues:

The conference in Quebec City was a wonderful success. For their hard work and dedication I would like to thank Stephen Willis (Program Chair), Claude Beaudry (Local Arrangements), our session chairs, guest speakers, and you for your loyal support and attendance. I would also like to thank our Board members for their time and energetic participation.

Debbie Rosen organized the elections very efficiently. However, the new executive is just recently in place due to a three-way tie for members-at-large which made it necessary to hold another vote for this office.

Our conference next year will be in Ottawa, and it will be held jointly with IASA (International Association of Sound Archives) and ARSC (Association for Recorded Sound Collections), from May 7-10. The National Archives is organizing a symposium for the ICA (International Council on Archives) on the new media, from April 30-May 3. Thus, we will have a unique opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with sound archivists and collectors from around the world. The symposium will be held in the auditorium of the National Archives of Canada (395 Wellington) and the joint ARSC/IASA/CAML conference will take place in the new Canadian Museum of Civilization. Some of our members have expressed disappointment that we will not be meeting in Victoria next year with the Learned Societies. For several reasons this was unfortunately not possible. We hope we will be able to hold a conference in western Canada in the near future.

Planning for the conference is off to a good start. Stephen Willis received many ideas for workshops and sessions at the Program Committee meeting in Quebec City. If you have an inspiration for conference topics or workshops please communicate with Stephen.

Ottawa is fast becoming a Canadian cultural and historical centre. During the past year three attractions have opened: the new National Gallery of Canada, the country's only Aviation Museum, and the new Museum of Civilization located on a 24-acre site, Parc-Laurier in Hull, Quebec, on the Ottawa River directly opposite Parliament Hill and a short walk from the National Gallery. There are many charming restaurants and cafés in Hull and in the Old Market area of Ottawa. Conference participants will have a choice of university residence or hotel accommodation.

Please put our CAML conference in Ottawa on your agenda for next year, and perhaps combine it with a holiday and tour of our new Gallery and Museums.

Thank you and best wishes for the fall and winter.

*Debra Beag*