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The *International Dictionary of Anthropologists* is a valuable reference tool for personal and institutional libraries. The volume contains detailed short essays about the lives and careers of 725 anthropologists and archaeologists. Garland Publishing has become known as a publishing house willing to taken on large and expensive projects related to the history of anthropology and archaeology. The volume was compiled by the Library Anthropology Research Group (LARG). Those scholars particularly interested in writing the history of anthropology and archaeology should have a copy of this for their own collections.

VI. Activities of Various Academic Gatherings Related to the History of Archaeology

The Society for American Archaeology's Committee on the History of Archaeology conducted an organized session during the 57th annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The session was to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of WPA (Works Progress Administration) archaeology in the United States. Papers were given by Dr. James B. Griffin (Department of Anthropology, Smithsonian Institution), Dr. William Haag, Dr. Lynne P. Sullivan (New York State Museum), Dr. Mary Elisabeth Ruwell (Director, National Anthropological Archives-Smithsonian Institution), and Dr. Douglas Givens (Session Organizer, Saint Louis Community College). For further information of the content of the session please write to: Douglas R. Givens, Department of Behavioral Sciences, Saint Louis Community College-Meramec, 11333 Big Bend Boulevard, Saint Louis, Missouri USA 63122.

A conference on Museums and the Public Understanding of Science was held 8-9 April 1992 "to re-define the role of science and technology museums for the 1990s in the light of the diverse experience of practioners working in Australasia, Europe, and North America". For further information on the conference contact John Durant, The Science Museum Library, Exhibition Road, London SW7 5NH, United Kingdom.

The Département "Stratégie, Hommes et Organization of The Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris held a two day seminar on "l'Histoire et l'Epistémologie des Sciences de Gestion" on 19 and 20 May 1992. For more information about the content of the seminar, write to: l'Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris, 79, avenue de la République, 75011 Paris, France.

The Société Française Pour l'Histoire des Sciences de l'Homme-Commission Archives de L'Histoire des Sciences de L'Homme held a meeting on 14 April 1992 concerning the archives and documents of the history of anthropology, ethnology, and orientalism. The meeting concerned the deposits in the library of the Musée de l'Homme. For more information contact Michèle Fonton, Bibliothèque du Musée de l'Homme, Palais de Chaillot, Place du Trocadéro, 75116 Paris, France.

The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research convened their conference "Preserving the Anthropological Record: Issues and Strategies, chaired by Dr. Sydel Silverman (President, Wenner-Gren Foundation) and Dr. Nancy Parezo (University of Arizona). The conference was held 28 February 1992 - 4 March 1992 in Rancho Santa Fe, California. The purpose of the conference was to discuss the issues and strategies surrounding a well-coordinated program of identification and preservation of anthropological records. The organizer's statement of the conference is reproduced below:

Anthropology today faces the danger of losing much of the record of its history that is contained in personal papers, documents, and other kinds of published materials. The problem has become every more acute as the discipline ages and as such items proliferate and are scattered or destroyed. Whereas an earlier generation of anthropologists could find depositories for their papers in institutional libraries and other archives, the rapid growth of the field after World War II means that increasing numbers of scholars are reaching retirement or death each year without a concurrent growth in archival facilities to accommodate their materials. At the same time, a plethora of other kinds of records is also apace: the papers of organizations and institutions important to the history of anthropology; unpublished documents used in or generated by research projects; audio and visual materials such as maps, photographs, recordings, and films; and the more recent products of the electronic age. The sheer volume of such materials not only poses challenges of identifying, preserving, and making them accessible, but it also raises fundamental issues of priorities, selection, and strategies for proceeding.

As for all disciplines, such records are the essential resources for future study of the history of the field. But for anthropology, they are more than historical interest; they also constitute the primary data of research. Where they contain information on excavated or destroyed sites, societies that have been fundamentally changed, or cultural products that no longer exist, they represent a thin thread of linkage to knowledge that is otherwise irretrievable. It is thus a matter of urgency for the discipline as a whole that the problem be engaged and that steps be taken to deal with it.

The purpose of this conference is to consider the issues involved in identifying, preserving, and making available to future scholars the unpublished materials of anthropology and anthropologists. The conference will evaluate overall needs and priorities, review efforts that are already underway and ongoing or potential activities of relevant institutions, and attempt to arrive at a set of statements articulating the issues and, if possible, offering recommendations.

In the subdiscipline of archaeology, a start has been made with the creation within the Society of American Archaeology of a Committee on the History of Archaeology. The experience of this committee will be drawn on as a possible guide towards developing a discipline-wide strategy. The Smithsonian's National Anthropological Archives is another key participant in any planning of future efforts. With the recent appointment of a new director of the Archives, the time is opportune for discussions of their special role and its relation to that of other institutions. Museums have increasingly faced archival problems of their own, and the special needs of museums need to be considered. The professional societies, especially the American Anthropological Association, and funding agencies such as NSF, NEH, and Wenner-Gren, also need to be involved in these discussions. The conference will bring together people who can speak from these various perspectives, along with professional archivists, scholars who work on the history of anthropology, and others who have special experience or expertise to contribute.

The conference participants included:

Dr. George F. Farr Jr., Director
Division of Preservation and Access
National Endowment of the Humanities

Dr. Don D. Fowler
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Dr. Douglas R. Givens
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Dr. Robert Van Kemper
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Dr. Shepard Krech III, Director
Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology
Brown University

Dr. Nancy J. Parezo, Co-Chair
Curator of Ethnology
Arizona State Museum
University of Arizona

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Ruwell, Director
National Anthropological Archives
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Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research
New York, New York

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University of Kentucky

Dr. Joan Warnow-Blewett,
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American Institute of Physics

Dr. Annette B. Weiner, President
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Dr. Thomas H. Wilson, Director
Center for African Art
New York, New York

Ms. Nathalie F.S. Woodbury
Shutesbury, Massachusetts

Ms. Bonnie Wright, Chair
ALA/Anthro and Soc. Sec of
ACRL, 1989: "Anthropological
Field Notes"

Dr. John E. Yellen, Director
Anthropology Program
National Science Foundation

VII. Announcements/Sources for the History of Archaeology

The Robert F. Heizer Papers are accessible although the register is not totally finished. Researchers need to contact Sheila O'Neil at the Bancroft Library, University of California-Berkeley.

The Society for Industrial Archaeology and the Historic American Engineering Record of the National Park Service sponsored a fellowship (closing date 28 February 1992) for those preparing monographs or books on American industrial engineering history using material culture (structures, machines, and other artifacts) as a basis for the study. For more information write David L. Salay, Department of History, Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana 59717.