

Memory of the World regional training workshop in la Habana, Cuba, November, 2016

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The Memory of the World Regional training Workshop “Taller Regional de fortalecimiento de capacidades para la formulación de candidaturas al Registro del Programa Memoria del Mundo de la UNESCO” organized by the UNESCO Office in la Habana, Cuba, took place from November 21 to 23.

The workshop included representatives from the UNESCO National Commissions in Aruba, Cuba, Haiti and Dominican Republic.

The participants represented archives, libraries and museums from the following Cuban institutions: Academia de Ciencias; Archivo Cultura Cubana; Archivo Histórico Provincial de Matanzas; Archivo Nacional de la República de Cuba; Biblioteca Nacional José Martí; Biblioteca de la Universidad Central de la Habana; Casa de las Américas; Centro de Información para la Prensa; Centro Provincial Patrimonio Cultural Cienfuegos; Cinemateca de Cuba; Comité Nacional de Memoria del Mundo de Cuba; Consejo Nacional del Patrimonio Cultural; Instituto de Historia; Instituto de Literatura y Lingüística; Oficina del Historiador; Museo Nacional de la Danza; Museo de Regla; Museo Municipal Francisco Fina, Boyeros; Museo Nacional Campaña de Alfabetización; Museo Nacional de la Música; Museo Provincial Palacio de Junco, Matanzas; Oficina de Asuntos históricos del Consejo de Estado; Unión de escritores y artistas de Cuba.

During the workshop it was explained the origin and results of the Memory of the World Program. The participants were trained to present proposals to the Memory of the World Register in a national, regional or international level. At the same time they were trained to give this same kind of workshops in their institutions or countries. As part of the agenda, each participant had the opportunity to explain which kind of pieces, collections, fonds, archives or bibliographic collections located in their institutions, could be proposed to the Memory of the World Register. They also were divided in six groups to make an exercise in which they had to fill the format to discuss and write a concrete proposal to Memory of the World.

At the end of the workshop, the UNESCO representatives in Aruba, Haiti, Dominican Republic, the same as the representative of the Memory of the World National Committee in Cuba, talked about their experience and results promoting Memory of the World in their respective countries.



Images: 1. Workshop session; 2. Organizers, participants and instructor; 3. UNESCO representatives from Aruba, Memory of the World National Committee in Cuba; Haiti and Dominican Republic (left to right).