

Supplement to the second edition

Concerning the activities of the Section of archives and archivists of parliaments and political parties in the International Council on Archives since 1997, it has to be added that the Section organised its annual conference in Warsaw in 1997 ("Electronic data processing and the access to the archives of parliaments and political parties") and in Stockholm in 1998 ("Access to parliamentary records and audio-visual materials in archives of parliaments and political parties").² On the XIV International Congress on Archives in Sevilla 2000 Dr. Günter Buchstab had to relinquish the chairmanship after eight years of successful work.³ Since then, only one annual meeting of the Section has taken place, in Rome 2002.

This inventory has been completed and totally revised by the initiative of the Archive for Christian Democratic Politics (ACDP) of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. It is based on a new survey of July 2002 to nearly 100 archives of political parties and institutions keeping such archives in the member states of the European Parliament. Many record groups – especially in the United Kingdom and in France – were found via the Internet.

² Computergestützte Archivierung und Benutzung von Akten in Parlaments- und Parteiarchiven/Electronic data processing and the access to the archives of parliaments and political parties. Hg.v. Günter Buchstab. Sankt Augustin 1998. Die Zugänglichkeit von Parlamentsakten und die audiovisuellen Materialien in Parlaments- und Parteiarchiven/Access to parliamentary records and audio-visual materials in archives of parliaments and political parties. Hg.v. Günter Buchstab. Sankt Augustin 1999.

³ Cf. Günter Buchstab: Parteien, Fraktionen, Parlamente und ihre Archive. Die Sektion der Archive und Archivare der Parlamente und der politischen Parteien im Internationalen Archivrat. In: Archiv und Geschichte. Festschrift für Friedrich P. Kahlenberg. Hg.v. Klaus Oldenhausen/Hermann Schreyer/Wolfram Werner. Düsseldorf 2000, p. 6-16.

Compared to the first edition, the number of the record groups increased from 149 to 239. Germany with 122 personal papers and 5 record groups of parliamentary groups is still in the lead, but other countries caught up: United Kingdom 55 (1997: 27), Belgium 25 (21), Italy 12 (6), France 8 (0), Netherlands 4 (1), Denmark 3 (3), Spain 2 (2) and Sweden 2 (-). Our efforts produced no results in Austria, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Luxembourg and Portugal.

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