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## **Canada Memory of the World Register 2017-18 Call for Nominations for Inscription on the Register**

### **1. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

The Canadian Advisory Committee for Memory of the World, a committee created by the Canadian Commission for UNESCO (CCUNESCO), is pleased to launch the first Call for Nominations for inscription on the Canada Memory of the World Register. This new register is modeled on the UNESCO Memory of the World International Register. Read the Guidelines of the program [here](#).

All private and public institutions, organizations and groups are invited to submit documentary heritage (documents, collections, archival fonds) of **Canadian significance** for inscription on the Canada Memory of the World Register. Joint submissions are also accepted.

### **2. WHAT CAN BE SUBMITTED FOR NOMINATION**

**2.1** A document that is an item in textual or digital form, made up of signs or codes (such as writing) or sounds and/or images (such as a recording, photograph and film); it is (usually) moveable, preservable, and able to be reproduced or copied.

**2.2** A number of documents that form a logical and coherent group such as a collection, a holding or an archival fonds.

A document has two components or aspects: the information content and the carrier on which it resides. Both may be of great variety and of different degrees of importance. Generally, in traditional text documents, content and carriers form a unit that is usually considered as the original. However, there are cases where the information content could be the foremost reason for a document's inscription; in others, documents may owe more of their value to the specific nature of the carrier.

### **3. HOW TO APPLY**

Being accepted for inscription on the Canada Memory of the World Register is a two-part process.

### 3.1 First Step

All applicants are requested to send a letter of intent to CCUNESCO, summarizing the documentary heritage proposed for inscription, its custodian, where it is located and why it has Canadian significance. **The letter should contain at least 500 words but not more than 1,500 words.**

The letter of intent should be sent by **September 30, 2017** to CCUNESCO for the attention of Pauline Dugré, Communication and Information Program Officer by email at [pauline.dugre@unesco.ca](mailto:pauline.dugre@unesco.ca) or by mail at PO Box 1047, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5V8.

### 3.2 Second Step

Should the Canadian Advisory Committee for Memory of the World accept the letter of intent, in November 2017 the applicants will be invited to proceed with the **Nomination Form** (attached to this document) and attach letters of support and other relevant documents to the application. The documents should be sent by **February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018** to CCUNESCO by email at the attention of Pauline Dugré [pauline.dugre@unesco.ca](mailto:pauline.dugre@unesco.ca) or by mail at PO Box 1047, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5V8.

### 3.2 Criteria

Items inscribed on the Canada Memory of the World Register must be authentic, unique and irreplaceable. They must also meet at least one of the six **criteria** that determine Canadian significance. The **criteria** are attached to this document.

## 4. DECISION

Inscriptions on the Canada Memory of the World Register will be announced in the **spring 2018** by the Canadian Advisory Committee for Memory of the World in collaboration with CCUNESCO.

For more information, please contact Pauline Dugré by email or by phone at **613-566-4414 ext. 4558 (Ottawa region) or 1-800-263-5588 ext. 4558.**

## 5. ABOUT THE UNESCO MEMORY OF THE WORLD PROGRAM

Launched in 1992, the Memory of the World Program aims at preserving and providing access to documentary heritage held in libraries, archives and museums as the embodiment of the 'memory' of humanity. Its mission is to facilitate preservation, by the most appropriate techniques, of the world's documentary heritage; to assist universal access to documentary heritage; and to increase awareness worldwide of the existence and significance of documentary heritage. The principal vehicles for such awareness-raising are the UNESCO Memory of the World Registers, which now operate at the international, regional and national levels.

The purpose of the Canada Memory of the World Register is to create a greater awareness of Canada's documentary heritage by recognizing its most significant items (or groups of items) and by making them accessible for educational and research purposes, for instance by digitizing them fully or partly.

Once established, the Register is accessible online, kept up to date regularly and made available to the public via a website.

**Please note that the inscriptions on the Canada Memory of the World Register are prestigious but do not come with monetary prizes or other compensation.**