

International Visitors Programme

4-12 October 2009

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This report describes the activities carried out by Marcos Galindo Lima, invited within the International Visitors Programme, organized by the Netherlands Institute for Heritage (Erfgoed Nederland) and SICA during an official visit to the Netherlands in the period from 4 to 12 October 2009.

Marcos Galindo Lima is Coordinator of the Graduate Programme in Information Science at the Department of Information Science of the Federal University of Pernambuco (UFPE), and leads the Liber - Technology Lab of Knowledge that keeps focus on research related to the production of knowledge about contemporary issues of access and the use of collective memory as well as the social use of cultural heritage. Among the most important research initiatives of the Liber Laboratory are projects to access primary sources of mutual interest for the shared history between Brazil and the Netherlands.

Galindo is also the Brazilian counterpart of AWAD ([The Atlantic World and the Dutch](#)).

Within the purposes of the activities under the International Visitors Programme, Galindo was interested to make contact with organizations and experts that develop projects related to the digitization of cultural heritage and to seek how to establish initiatives of cooperation and to exchange experiences with potential partners in the Netherlands.

5 October

Visit in the morning to the **Amsterdam Historisch Museum** together with Luiz Antonio Oliveira, curator of the Museum da Maré in Rio de Janeiro, who was interested in cooperation with museums in the Netherlands and partnerships for future projects. Paula Assunção dos Santos of the Reinwardt Academie accompanied. Visit of the museum after the presentations.

In the afternoon, visit to **Imagine IC** and meeting with Leyla Cakir and Evelyn Raat, accompanied by Barbara Consolini. Raat and Cakir illustrated the mission of the institution, which is collecting and disseminating the history of migration, through the life stories and expectations of immigrants in the Netherlands. Imagine IC is building a digital collection of images and testimonies of the first generation of immigrants. The organization maintains a focus on cultural activities.

Follow-up in Brazil:

After returning to Brazil, meeting with Mrs. Beth Forest, director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art Aloisio Magalhães (MAMAN) and present a brief account of the activities of Imagine IC. The actual exhibition of Imagine IC aroused keen interest in MAMAN as to establishing contacts with the Dutch organization in order to see whether it would be possible to bring to Brazil the exhibition '[A soothing song](#)' under curatorial responsibility of Imagine IC.

At 15.30 we started the visit of the **Tropenmuseum** (accompanied by B. Consolini) where we were received by Professor Alex van Stipriaan. After a brief introduction on the museum, we visited the part related to Latin America. We are particularly interested in the project 'Back to Roots' curated by A. Van Stipriaan. We expressed the interest to keep in touch in order to try to develop the same project/exhibition in Brazil.

Follow-up in Brazil:

Back in Brazil we gathered with a group of students and researchers who are preparing a proposal for the implementation of this project in Pernambuco.

6 October

In the morning meeting with Barbara Consolini at Erfgoed Nederland to discuss the further implementation of AWAD in Brazil and in the afternoon meeting with Professor Michiel Baud at **CEDLA** (Center for Latin American Research and Documentation).

7 October

Participate at the Heritage Day Brazil, at Museum Boijmans in Rotterdam, organized by **Centre for International Heritage Activities** (CIE), jointly with the **Atlantic World and the Dutch** (AWAD) and **Erfgoed Nederland**.

Main goal of this event was to promote and create a field of convergence of the various projects of

cultural heritage and to discuss mutual cooperation between the Dutch partners with respect to Brazil.

Besides the interventions of several speakers, the following topics were discussed: tangible and intangible heritage, academic cooperation and archives. The debates served as an introduction to the workshops during the afternoon, when the mutuality of the common cultural heritage was discussed. Finally/In the end the discussions presented a new proposal that extends the possibilities of cooperation between Brazil and the Netherlands beyond the traditional historic interests. This cooperation focuses currently on the heritage based on the memory and the past. The recommendation is a new and comprehensive vision of the potential for collaboration on activities related to the common heritage.

While we participated actively in this event in the working group that discussed the possibilities of academic cooperation and archives, it remains clear that the Heritage Day Brazil was meant to articulate the Dutch partners, and served to guide the actions on the Dutch side. The event culminated with a dinner hosted by the organizers. As Brazilian observer I will take the deliberations and results of the discussions held in Rotterdam to the Brazilians.

8 October

Morning

The day began with a series of short but fruitful meetings at the **Koninklijke Bibliotheek** (National Library). The first one at 9:30 with Mr. Dirk Tang coordinator of the Sailing Letters Project, a very valuable project of historical interest to Brazil, which is a set of letters seized by British sailors on Dutch ships. We received the first volume of the letters published in 2009 by a group of Dutch experts under the supervision of the National Library.

At 10:00 meeting with Ms. Annelies van Nispen, Senior Quality Assurance of **Digitaal Erfgoed Nederland** (DEN Foundation). She introduced us to the mission and activities of DEN and discussed the possibilities of organizing similar projects in Brazil with the collaboration of the Dutch National Library and DEN.

DEN is, together with The Netherlands Institute for Heritage (Erfgoed Nederland), the organizer of DISH2009, an international conference to be held in December 2009, devoted to strategies for digital heritage institutions. Themes at the conference will be the political strategies for the provision of digital service, innovation, cooperation and development of the digital society. Based on the theories and practical examples, these issues will be exposed by major keynote speakers, and will be the subject of workshops, presentations and debates.

At 10:45 we were received by Mrs. Louise Edwards, Director Manager of the **TEL – the European Digital Library**. After the presentations we discussed the possibilities of cooperation between the TEL and the Brasiliana Library at USP.

The last visit at the National Library was at 11.30: **LIBER** (Association of European Research Libraries). This organization is the leading network of research libraries in Europe. Founded in 1971 under the auspices of the Council of Europe as a non-governmental research libraries, LIBER covers nearly 400 university libraries in the Netherlands and in 42 other countries. The network is not restricted to the European Union and the participation of research libraries outside the European Union is widely encouraged. LIBER aims to represent the interests of the European research libraries, their universities and their researchers.

This visit was particularly productive and glimpse a range of possibilities for cooperation with Brazil. Among the possible cooperation, there would be an international seminar involving the interests of LIBER, the CSP and the Library Europeana.

Follow-up in Brazil:

Back in Brazil, I met with colleagues of the Post-graduate in Information Science, UFPE, the Liber Laboratory and colleagues from the Library Brasiliana (USP) that showed keen interest to establish future relations with these groups.

Afternoon

13:30 - 14:30 Visit to the **Nationaal Archief** (National Archives), where we were greeted by Jasmijn Bus Van Den Berg (Coordinator of the Mutual Cultural Heritage) and Tim de Haan (Project Officer and an expert in computer science). This meeting dealt specifically with the interests of Brazilian groups in cooperation with the National Archives of the Netherlands to develop a digitization effort. We discussed about the **Projeto Resgate** (Project Rescue) and their interests and we envisioned the possibility to start an action that would go further the interests of the Rescue Project.

Follow-up in Brazil:

In Brazil we discussed about the subject with Professor Pedro Puntoni, Professor at the University of São Paulo and with Mr. Pedro Moura, Director of State Public Archives Jordao Emerenciano - APERJ of Pernambuco. They showed great interest in cooperation projects in accordance with what we earlier suggested.

15.00 Meeting at the **Embassy of Brazil** with the Ambassador and the Minister Carlos Alberto Asfora. This meeting addressed the possibilities of the meeting on shared heritage that is being organized in Brazil and should be held in Recife in 2010 under the coordination of IPHAN.

9 October

Morning

Meeting in Leiden with the Brazilian doctoral students Daniel Vieira and Bruno Miranda, at the **University of Leiden**.

Evening

Dinner with Paula dos Santos and Barbara Consolini.

10 and 11 October were free days: we met with the researches Pablo Galindo and Ann Blockland in Hilversum.

12 October

Morning

Meeting with Professor Benjamin Teensma at the **Gemeente Archief Leiden**, where we examined the manuscripts of Georg Margrave, a number of interest memorial to the history of science in Brazil.

Afternoon

15:00 Visit to Carlos Alberto Asfora at the **Embassy of Brazil** in the company of Barbara Consolini (AWAD) and Astrid Weij of **Erfgoed Nederland** (Netherlands Institute for Heritage).

During this encounter once again we talked about meeting on shared heritage that will take place in Brazil in 2010. Robert Parthesius, director of **CIE**, is going to Brazil at the end of November for preliminary meetings for the Brazilian Heritage Day to be organized at the end of March probably in the city of Rio de Janeiro. It has been argued about the feasibility of combining this last meeting with the conference on common heritage that IPHAN want to organize.

13 October

Morning

Meeting with the Director of the **Reinwardt Academie**, to see the possibilities for academic cooperation between with the Brazilian universities.