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GIBRALTAR REPRESENTED AT ARCHIVES AND RECORDS CONFERENCE IN UK

Anthony Pitaluga and Gerard Wood from the Gibraltar National Archives have just returned from the annual Archives & Records Association (ARA) Conference UK held in London. This year's conference theme was 'Global Futures' in which professionals delegates explored the future role of archives in a global, electronically-connected environment.

The conference focussed on how 'the record' has become an increasingly accessible global commodity and how archivists are responsible for the authenticity and integrity of records to facilitate global research and the exchange of knowledge.

The Gibraltar delegation took part in a range of discussions and workshops along with delegates from UK and other countries, in particular with staff of the Nigeria National Archives.

Anthony Pitaluga also had a meeting with John Chambers, the ARA Chief Executive for UK and Ireland in which they discussed the possibility of holding an ARA Conference and meetings in Gibraltar.

Also present at the Conference were many commercial and institutional entities, such as the Ancestry website, the Council on Archives, Preservica Digital Preservation UK, and DeepStore Record Management, a company which stores parts of the UK National Archive underground in a salt mine in Cheshire.

A highlight of the conference was the visit to the National Archives in Kew, Richmond, where they had meetings with the heads of cataloguing, conservation and registration services, all of which were relevant to delegates' discussions on digitisation and modernisation.