

Membership

Individual members

Archivists, records managers and information specialists employed in public and private archives in Switzerland and neighbouring countries.

Institutional members

Public and private archives in Switzerland and neighbouring countries as well as organisations and institutions with similar aims.

Benefits of membership

- Active involvement in association policy and advocacy of interests
- National and international professional networking and a wide variety of contact opportunities
- Reduced fees for advanced training courses
- Subscription to *arbido*

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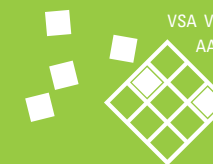
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Society of Swiss Archivists

A wealth of expertise, one network



VSA Verein Schweizerischer Archivarinnen und Archivare

AAS Association des archivistes suisses

AAS Associazione degli archivisti svizzeri

UAS Unìun da las archivarias e dals archivaris svizzers

The Society

Founded in 1922, the Society of Swiss Archivists (VSA-AAS) is the national professional association which represents and links not only the Swiss professional archives but also archivists, records managers and information specialists.

The Society of Swiss Archivists encourages cooperation between institutions and user-friendly access to archives.

The VSA-AAS actively promotes both training and advanced training at all levels and plays a major role in shaping the archivist's professional image.

Improved professional recognition of archiving as a key public and research service is a major aim of the VSA-AAS.

The society promotes coordinated archiving in both the public and private sectors thus playing a major role in shaping Switzerland's present and future information society.

Archivists, records managers and information specialists are very versatile. Whether in the public or in the private sector they are responsible for the management, assessment, description, conservation and administration of records as well as for providing access to information.

Organisation

The Society of Swiss Archivists relies on a system of voluntary work and depends upon the active involvement of both individual and institutional members.



The Society of Swiss Archivists' supreme body is its annual General Assembly. Operative and strategic management is provided by the Executive Board, which defines objectives and coordinates specialised Working Groups.

Activities

More than 150 members are actively engaged in the VSA-AAS's working groups, organising conferences and courses, compiling norms and standards, and coordinating and issuing recommendations. Their commitment encourages the growth of professional and collegial networks, both across Switzerland and around the world.

Publications

The Society of Swiss Archivists initiates and supports publications on archival topics, such as the series printed for *Kultur für Profis: Archivwissenschaft* ("Culture for Professionals: Archival Science") with *hier+jetzt* (www.hierundjetzt.ch).

Together with the Swiss Library Information the VSA-AAS publishes the journal *arbidō*, which addresses topics in the field of information management.

The VSA-AAS also regularly publishes work tools.

Training and advanced training

Training and advanced training are of central importance to the Society of Swiss Archivists.

It regularly organises

- Expert conferences: annual events devoted to archival and records management practice
- Introductory courses: basic archival knowledge
- Advanced training: courses and workshops on archival practice