

# UNESCO Advisors Choose Manchester for Intl Summit on Documentary Heritage



The meeting to decide which new documentary heritage will join the Magna Carta, the Diaries of Anne Frank and the Bayeux Tapestry on a special UNESCO register is to take place in Manchester.

The register, entitled Memory of the World, was established by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) in 1992 to recognise documentary heritage of international significance.

The International Advisory Committee (IAC) that is responsible for advising UNESCO on additions to the list will meet at the Chancellors Hotel & Conference Centre from 23 - 25 May 2011.

Paul Simpson, managing director of Visit Manchester, said: "The IAC meeting is a truly international occasion. Committee members will be flying into the city from more than 14 countries around the world and the recommendations they make in Manchester will be reported across the world's media.

"International conferences such as the IAC generate significant benefits for the city, both economic and in terms of increasing our reputation as a world class conference destination."

Whilst deciding which new documents will be added to the register, the IAC will also discuss the wider objectives of the Memory of the World programme. These are: to facilitate the preservation of, assist the universal access to, and increase the worldwide awareness of the world's documentary heritage.

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