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Introduction

Welcome to the inaugural issue of *Canadian RIM**, an ARMA Canada Publication!

ARMA Canada is thrilled to provide Canadian records and information management (RIM) and information governance (IG) practitioners with a resource focusing on Canadian issues in RIM and IG. Searching for recordkeeping information on Canadian laws, regulations, governance, standards, history, privacy, practices and ethics has just become much easier with access to this new publication.

Canadian RIM, an ARMA Canada Publication is a hybrid approach to Canadian RIM and IG that includes the practical, the theoretical and challenging approaches to the RIM-IG status quo. Articles will, for the most part, be by Canadian (but not exclusive to Canadian) practitioners, experts, and scholars addressing Canadian RIM topics from not only pragmatic approaches such as the how-to-do an aspect of RIM-IG, lessons learned and success stories, but also scholarly research-based RIM-IG articles and opinions that may query the status quo.

And while we are most eager to promote Canadian content and it is our primary focus, it will not be exclusively Canadian content as we want this publication to provide an environment for topics in RIM-IG that have wide-range impact or consequences on our industries. We welcome non-Canadians as well as Canadian contributors to forward articles that will further the RIM-IG fields. For further information on contributing articles (all articles will be peer-reviewed) to

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This first issue of *Canadian RIM, an ARMA Canada Publication* features seven articles.

Have you considered the origin of IG? Christine Ardern discusses RIM and IG within the Canadian context in her article “From Records Management to Information Governance: A Look back at the Evolution” which traces the evolution of RIM to IG and the Canadian role within that evolution. This article is also available in French.

One of the focuses in John Bolton’s article, “A Content Analysis of Information Impact: Professionalism or Not – A Critical Twenty-Five Review “ is a question that RIM practitioners have been asking on and off for many years; is records management a profession? He delves more deeply into that question by reviewing ARMA International’s *Information Management* (previously entitled *Information Management Journal*, and *Records Management Quarterly*) articles.

As records managers and practitioners know, implementing a records management program can be overwhelming in most organization. Alexandra (Sandie) Bradley’s article on “Recordkeeping Issues in First Nations Governments” considers the multitude of challenges that First Nations must embrace to establish such a program.

In “Dispelling Myths about Records Retention in Canada” Stuart Rennie discusses some of the prevailing myths surrounding records retention and he then provides the legal background and basis that refutes the myths including the impact of provincial legislation on some record series.

Another of *Canadian RIM, an ARMA Canada Publication*’s goals is showcasing the history of Canadian records and information management. Three articles address this topic. Jim Coulson’s article, “Some Personal Reflections on the History of RIM in Canada” highlights a number of impressive Canadian accomplishments in this industry.

One of Uta Fox ‘s articles, “The History of Records Management in Canada, 1867-1967” has appeared on the ARMA Canada website (accessible in the Resource section) but now with *Canadian RIM, an ARMA Canada Publication*, ARMA Canada is consolidating original RIM resources into this publication.

Uta’s other contribution “The Failure of the Red Deer Industrial School,” her master’s thesis, was written in 1993. Due diligence of past recordkeepers ensured that this institution’s correspondence, reports and directives were preserved which made this thesis possible. It is linked to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s website.

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We also want to hear from you and invite you to share your thoughts, suggestions and opinions. As we have noted, this is your publication. You have experiences that need to be shared and this publication is your conduit. For further information please contact: armacanadacancondirector@gmail.com.

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*The name "*Canadian RIM*," is currently a working title. ARMA Canada will be holding a competition to find another name that best reflects the spirit of this publication.

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