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Being part of the scientific archives community

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25th anniversary of the Niels Bohr Archive

- Is there a world of scientific archives?
- What is it constituted of?
- Is there a special case for scientific archives as compared to other archives?
- Is there a need for special archivists?
- National problems of scientific archives
- International problems of scientific archives
- Potentials of scientific archives nationally and internationally
- NBA in an international archival context

- The scientific archives community
 - The Center for history of physics at AIP
 - CASE – an international European collaboration

The Center for history of physics at AIP

- The mission of the Center for history of physics at AIP is to preserve and make known the history of modern physics and allied fields
- Documentation programs
- Educational programs
- Reference services for scholars, educators, and the media
- The Niels Bohr Library



CASE – Cooperation on Archives of Science in Europe

- Started in 1997 at a meeting with the European members of the International Council of Archives' Universities and Research Institutions Section.
- Created a working group at the European level on contemporary scientific archives. Launch at XXth International Congress of History of Science in Liège 1997.
- For several years run by the UK National Cataloguing Unit for the Archives of Contemporary Archives (NCUACS) at the University of Bath.
- Focus on European archives of science – not another history of science conference.



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- FP5: Delivering Scientific Archives in the Twenty-First Century – 2009 Barcelona
 - organized by the Center for History of Science at the Autonomous University in Barcelona and its Science Archives Service.

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- There is a world of scientific archives!
- It is constituted of a mix of different institutions and various projects.
- There is a special case for scientific archives as compared to other archives.
- There is a need for specialist archivists and/or AIP like work.
- There are national problems of scientific archives.
- The international problems of scientific archives might be even more difficult to deal with.
- Potentials of scientific archives nationally and internationally.
- NBA is not just celebrating the achievements of the past 25 years today.
 - It takes up several of the above mentioned tasks
 - It plays important roles in a national, regional, European and international contexts.
 - It will of course continue to be the main locus for studies of Niels Bohr and his times.
 - It is providing more and more of its content digital on line as well as pedagogical resources.



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