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## The COAC's Historical Archive on Instagram

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Entering this social network will help disseminate the wealth of documents held in the Historical and Photographic Archive, which currently holds close to **two million documented items** ?plans, maps, sketches, drawings, publications, photographs, correspondence, audiovisual records, etc.?a result, mainly, of donations, making it a reference centre for academics and architects from all over the world, as well as representing an asset of incalculable value.

Created in 1969, the Archive has the rewarding task of disseminating architects' work as well as showcasing and defending Catalonia's architectural heritage. It is recognised as one of the world's most important repositories. It looks after and protects the **professional collections of more than one hundred architects**, whose work is essential for understanding our country's architectural history.

These records provide an opportunity to appreciate the contribution of master builders from the Renaissance up to modern day architecture, as much through projects that came to

fruition as those that did not, entries for competitions and tenders, reports, reflective texts, etc. It contains information on the majority of the **significant historical buildings** in Catalonia, whether still in existence or not, as well as the work of many architects spread throughout the world, allowing the tracing of the useful working life of many of them through the documentation regarding their renovations.

In addition to collections donated by architects, the Association also looks after art collections such as the **ADLAN?s**, archives of organizations such as **GATCPAC**, or publications including **Arquitecturas Bis** and **Quaderns d'arquitectura i urbanisme**, as well as photographic bequests such as that of **Francesc Català-Roca**.

The Archive offers a service both to architects in their daily professional lives and to researchers, being a key tool for studying the evolution of architecture in our country both from a technical as well as a historical, artistic and social perspective.

For more information, refer to the [Archive?s website](#) [2].

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