

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixty-first Annual General Meeting of The International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works took place at 5:30 pm on Wednesday 19th January 2011 at the Kenneth Clark Lecture Theatre, Courtauld Institute of Art, Strand, London WC2

Present: Jerry Podany, President, in the Chair
Sharon Cather, Vice-President
Jo Kirby Atkinson, Secretary-General
Velson Horie, Treasurer
Joyce Townsend, Director of Publications
Tuulikki Kilpinen, David Saunders, Mikkil Scharff, Valentine Walsh,
Cornelia Weyer (*members of IIC Council*)

Janey Cronyn, Barry Knight, Juanita Navarro, Alison Richmond, Dinah Eastop (*Fellows*)

Mary Bustin, Stephen Hackney, Clive Raymond, Athanasios Velios, Xuhua Zhan (*Individual Members*)

Fiona Henderson, Nicole Huter, Mariam Kalkhitashvili, Meghan McCandless, Abdelrazek Elnaggar Mabrouk, Tess Perrin, Amber Quemby, Samuel Whittaker (*Student members*)

In attendance: Graham Voce, Executive Secretary
Valerie Compton Taylor, Membership Secretary
David Compton Taylor, IIC Office Volunteer
William Budd (Slaughter and May)
Yvonne Lee (Slaughter and May)
Stephen Axcell (Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet)
Michael Gallico (W. S. Maney & Son Ltd)

Jerry Podany, President in the Chair, extended a welcome to all those present, and especially to those who had travelled long distances. He also welcomed to the meeting Kevin Brownlow and Paolo Cherci Usai, who would explore the challenges of preserving motion picture heritage after this meeting.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, having been published in *News in Conservation* number 17 of April 2010 and circulated to members, as well as being posted on the IIC web-site, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The Notice calling the present Meeting, having been published in *News in Conservation* number 21 of December 2010, was taken as read.

The Chairman noted that voting on the Resolutions by members present at the Annual General Meeting who had not voted by post or appointed a proxy would be by show of hands. David Compton Taylor and Valerie Compton-Taylor agreed to act as tellers for this. The Chairman explained that IIC's Articles of Association stated that one position of Vice-President be held 'open' if possible, and, thus on the retirement of Eleanor McMillan from her position as Vice-President at this Annual General Meeting there was to be no election to the vacant position, there being three Vice-Presidents currently in office.

Resolution 1: To receive and consider the Reports of the Council and the Auditors and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2010

The Reports and Financial Statements, having been sent to members with *News in Conservation* number 21 of December 2010, were taken as read, and the Chairman invited the Secretary-General, the Treasurer and the Director of Publications to make their comments (see separate reports).

Jerry Podany, President, reported that the *Dialogues for the New Millennium* were growing strongly and were now a significant part of IIC's activities, and were reinforced by the work of those involved in Project Lingua; the volunteers in this latter project had now made available translations of the *Dialogues* transcripts in eight languages other than English, and that five additional languages were soon to be added, significantly broadening the accessibility of IIC's work. Jerry Podany added that IIC's Council had agreed to the creation of a new IIC award, the Advocate Award, which would be given in recognition of those who championed heritage conservation but were not working directly in the field. An announcement of the first award would be made very shortly.

Jo Kirby Atkinson thanked Eleanor McMillan, who was retiring from her position of Vice-President at this meeting, for her valuable contribution to IIC's Council and looked forward to her continuing interest in IIC and its activities. Jo Kirby Atkinson also thanked IIC's volunteer Web Editors, Eike Friedrich and Athanasios Velios, for their continued essential work. Also thanks were noted to Amber Kerr Allison for her work as Editor of IIC's social networking facilities and to David Compton Taylor for his volunteer work at the IIC office.

Joyce Townsend introduced to the meeting Michael Gallico, Managing Director of W. S. Maney & Son Ltd ('Maney'), who would be publishing IIC's journal *Studies in Conservation* from January 2012; she invited Michael Gallico to address the meeting.

Michael Gallico thanked IIC and its Council for placing its trust in Maney to publish on IIC's behalf. He also thanked Joyce Townsend and Velson Horie for their detailed work on the negotiations with Maney on IIC's behalf. He foresaw great possibilities for

Studies in Conservation.

He told the meeting that W. S. Maney & Son Ltd was founded in 1900, and now had forty-five staff in the United Kingdom, based in London and Leeds, as well as having offices in the United States of America. Maney currently published over one hundred journals, mostly for learned bodies such as IIC and university departments; and fifteen journals for the Institute of Materials, where there was a conservation element to their work plus fifteen archaeological journals and a number in the field of textiles, and thus was very closely linked to the remit of IIC and *Studies in Conservation*.

There were now plans to develop to the journal's electronic publishing potential, with enhanced online access for IIC members and non-member subscribers; in his experience fewer than ten per cent of learned journals did not have such access these days; he also noted that the increase in citation statistics for journals with electronic access was very encouraging. Maney would also be working with IIC to implement an electronic editorial and peer-reviewing process with a view to implementing this in 2011; there would also be a new marketing drive for *Studies in Conservation*. The format of the journal would also be addressed, with a change to an A4 size, which would co-ordinate with the sizing of *News in Conservation* and the IIC Congress Preprints, and there would also be the application of full colour throughout the journal.

Maney was pleased to be working with IIC and take a long-term view of the development of *Studies in Conservation* and was looking forward to the improved situation that *Studies in Conservation* would be taken to over the next five to six years.

Jerry Podany thanked Michael Gallico for his contribution and reminded members that their contribution to IIC, its publications and other activities was essential; as an example he pointed out that IIC's Facebook page now had six thousand 'friends': people who were choosing to engage with IIC and its activities. However, this was a free service and without members paying to join IIC that free service could not take place or continue to benefit conservation as a whole.

Velson Horie noted that the possibilities offered by electronic publishing to IIC would allow additional wide engagement with the membership and beyond. This was particularly valuable as IIC addressed the financial implications of the move from one publishing contract to another. He asked all members to make sure that their e-mail addresses and other contact details were up-to-date so that electronic communication could be properly maintained.

Jerry Podany, President in the Chair, put the resolution to the vote. The resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution 2: To re-appoint Jacob, Cavenagh & Skeet as Auditors to The Institute and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration for the ensuing year

The resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution 3: Special Resolution THAT the Articles of Association of the Institute be amended in order to broaden the provision for electronic and website communication with Members and to make certain clarificatory and consequential changes.

Jerry Podany, President in the Chair, explained that this would change the IIC's Articles of Association to amend existing provisions in order to broaden the procedures for electronic communications to be sent to the membership and for members to take part in IIC activities by electronic methods; changes were also proposed to clarify the Articles generally and remove archaisms. On the basis of the total vote the resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution 4: To transact any ordinary business of The Institute

Jerry Podany, President in the chair asked if there was any ordinary business that members wished to raise.

In reference to the earlier discussion of IIC's social networking facilities Barry Knight noted that some may be unable to take part in such activity as some institutions forbade access to such web-sites; if further reliance was made on electronic communications it could not be presumed that there would be an automatic increase in accessibility to IIC's activators and publications. Athanasios Velios in agreeing with these points hoped that these would be taken into account when IIC's web-site redesign took place in the coming months.

Jerry Podany, President in the chair then thanked William Budd and Yvonne Lee of IIC's legal advisors, messrs Slaughter and May, and Stephen Axcell of messrs Jacob Cavenagh and Skeet, IIC's auditors, for attending. There being no further ordinary business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.35 pm.