

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixty-second Annual General Meeting of The International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works took place at 5:00 pm on Wednesday 18th January 2012 at 106, Roberts Engineering Building, University College London, Torrington Place, London WC1

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, Anne Rinuy, David Saunders, Mikkel Scharff,
Valentine Walsh, Cornelia Weyer (*members of IIC Council*)

May Cassar, Janey Cronin, Dinah Eastop, William Lindsay, George Monger, Juanita Navarro, Hazel Newey, Alison Richmond, Catherine Rickman (*Fellows*)

Barbara Sommermeyer, Donald Sale, Cheryl Porter (*Individual Members*)

Adam Klupś, Nanke Schellmann (*Student members*)

In attendance: Graham Voce, Executive Secretary
Valerie Compton Taylor, Membership Secretary
David Compton Taylor, IIC Office Volunteer
Helen Griffiths (Slaughter and May)
Stephen Axcell (Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet)
Andrew Hazeal (Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet)
Richard Haffenden (Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet)
Liz Rosindale (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 Andrew Curry and Wouter Gheyle, who would be taking part in the Round Table dialogue discussion 'Rising Tide, Melting Ice', that would be held after this General Meeting and was being organised jointly with IIC's hosts, the Centre for Sustainable Heritage, University College London.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, having been published in *News in Conservation* number 23 of April 2011 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 27 of December 2011 and posted to members, as well as being placed on the IIC web-site, was taken as read.

The Chairman noted that voting on the Resolutions by members present who had not voted by post or appointed a proxy would be by show of hands for the Ordinary and Special Resolutions and would be by ballot paper for the elections to positions on Council. David Saunders and Valerie Compton-Taylor agreed to act as tellers.

Resolution 1: To receive and consider the Reports of the Council and the Auditors and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2011

The Reports and Financial Statements, having been sent to members in December 2011 by post and having been placed on the IIC web-site, 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).

On completion of the presentation of these reports 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 produced to the meeting and signed by the Chairman for the purposes of identification be approved and adopted as the new Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing Articles of Association.

Jerry Podany, President in the Chair, explained that in summary, the proposed changes provided:

- (a) for the creation of the post of “Director of Communications”;
 - (b) terms on which a President Emeritus may serve on the Council, removing the right to automatic appointment as Vice-President for three years and;
 - (c) for altering the deadline for nominations for election from ninety days before the relevant general meeting to sixty days before such a meeting.
- Other amendments were consequential or clarificatory.

On the basis of the total vote the resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution 4: To elect a Director of Publications

Joyce Townsend was standing for re-election for a second term. On the basis of the total vote, Joyce Townsend was duly elected as Director of Publications.

Resolution 5: To elect Ordinary Members of the Council

Jerry Podany informed the meeting that Hans-Christoph von Imhoff was retiring from Council and David Saunders, Michael von der Goltz and David Watkinson were standing down as Ordinary members of Council, creating four vacancies. Richard Kerschner was standing for re-election as an Ordinary member of Council and Amber Kerr Allison was standing for Council as an Ordinary member for the first time.

On the basis of the total vote, Richard Kerschner was re-elected and Amber Kerr Allison was elected as Ordinary Members of Council. Jerry Podany congratulated them and welcomed them back to, or onto, Council.

Resolution 6: To transact any ordinary business of The Institute

Jerry Podany, President, read a report from Julian Bickersteth, IIC Vice-President, on IIC's World Membership and the money that this made available to the IIC Opportunities Fund:

“World Membership and the related Opportunities Fund have continued to be a key initiative of IIC's Council during 2011. World Membership is the membership category designated to IIC members who choose to donate to the Opportunities Fund over and above their membership fees. Since establishment in 2010, in both 2010 and 2011 about forty members have chosen to donate over 1,000 pounds a year to the Fund. These members have been acknowledged according to the level of their donation (gold, silver and bronze) on the IIC web site, where there will shortly be a permanent accruing record of these donations.

“The Opportunities Fund is the designated account to which World Membership donations are assigned. The Fund has been established to support institutions and individuals who would not otherwise be able to afford IIC membership where, in Council's view, there is an opportunity to build a long term relationship with the local conservation profession. Assisted by the transfer of monies from the Professional Development Fund, which it replaced, the Fund started the year with £8,273 accrued to which was added £990 in World Membership donations.

“During the year the Fund paid for institutional membership for eleven institutions (from Bulgaria, Georgia, Cuba, the Ukraine, Colombia, Peru, Argentina, Bosnia, Vietnam, Mexico and Turkey) and has currently offered membership to institutions in Romania and Chile. Whilst the focus of the Fund has been on institutions, support has also been provided to individuals by way of membership fees from Turkey, Palestine and Zimbabwe, where Council deemed these individuals to fit the Fund criteria. In addition to free membership, all institutional members have been sent a package of IIC Publications and also offered one free registration for the 2012 IIC Vienna Congress.

“The costs of membership and postage of publications (no value was assigned to the publications themselves) was £2,731, leaving the fund with an end of year value of

£6,532. Costs for 2012 are estimated at 2,960 pounds based on 13 institutional members and 3 individuals, plus up to £3,850 for Congress registration support (depending on how many Fund members take up the offer – it is not expected that all will).

“Membership of the Fund provides a great opportunity for dialogue with conservators in the relevant institutions, which has been ongoing during the year. Particular thanks must be made to IIC member Juana Segura Escobar for her work with South American institutions. All Fund members have been approached to assist with translation of IIC abstracts and dialogues into their local language and a number have already agreed to do this. In addition, Barbara Borghese, editor of *News in Conservation*, is planning to interview each institution over the next few editions. A meeting will be held at the 2012 Vienna Congress for Opportunities Fund members to identify how IIC can build on the relationships already established.

“During 2012 the first four institutional members of the Opportunities Fund (from Bulgaria, Georgia, Cuba and the Ukraine) will complete their initial two years of supported membership. Council will need to resolve whether to extend their membership for another two years. To assist this process we have sought feed-back from these members as to the benefit of IIC membership to them. They have highlighted the great value of being part of a professional body in this specialist area, particularly through receiving IIC publications, thus limiting their professional isolation, and allowing for dialogue and providing the groundwork for local development.”

Jerry Podany added that Julian Bickersteth would also be interviewed for the published series that was mentioned above and added that much of the impetus behind this initiative had been initially provided by Sharon Cather.

Turning to Project Lingua, Jerry Podany noted that this was developing well, with a number of additional translations of transcriptions having been made available for download from the IIC web-site, bringing the current total number of languages represented to fourteen and the current total of downloadable translations to 24. Sharon Cather wished to record her thanks to the volunteer Officers of IIC and its staff; in what was a difficult time for IIC the organisation’s survival depended on their work and enthusiasm.

Jerry Podany informed the meeting that a notice would be sent out soon, advertising for an IIC member to chair a membership committee, as well as for a Director of Communications. He also reminded the meeting that in less than twelve months IIC will need to be thinking about a new President, as the end of his term would be at the 2013 Annual General Meeting.

Jerry Podany, President in the chair then thanked Helen Griffiths of IIC’s legal advisors, messrs Slaughter and May, Stephen Axcell, Andrew Hazeal and Richard Haffenden of messrs Jacob Cavenagh and Skeet, IIC’s auditors, and Liz Rosindale of W. S. Maney & Son Ltd for attending. There being no further ordinary business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.40 pm.