

## **Report by the Director of Publications 2006**

The fiftieth volume of *Studies in Conservation* has been published this year. This milestone was marked by the commissioning of four essays, each reflecting on an article that appeared in the first volume of the journal in the early 1950s. Like many of the early volumes of *Studies in Conservation*, volume 1 is now long out-of-print, so the articles featured during the year were scanned and made available on the IIC web-site for easy reference.

The production of these scanned electronic versions of four articles was part of one of two larger initiatives that have been continuing through the year. Manuscripti, a company that specialises in scanning old cemetery and crematorium plans has scanned, free of charge the entire back catalogue of *Studies in Conservation* during the course of the year. The four articles mentioned above are part of this initiative, and plans are being made, in collaboration with the web-master Tim Padfield, to make back issues of *Studies in Conservation* available to members through the IIC web-site. At the same time, IIC has entered into a non-exclusive agreement with JSTOR (a not-for-profit journal archiving service) to allow library and institutional subscribers to JSTOR to have access to volumes 1 to 45 of *Studies in Conservation* as part of their Arts and Sciences III package. The IIC will receive an annual revenue from JSTOR according to number of downloads across the entire package.

To ensure reasonable publications times for the encouraging number of suitable articles submitted to *Studies in Conservation*, the publishers, James & James have increased the length of each issue of the journal from 72 to 80 pages.

Volume 6 of *Reviews in Conservation*, under the editorship of Noëlle Streeton, has gone to press and will be published at the beginning of February. A series of complication has caused some delay to production this year, but the issue will contain six review articles on subjects ranging from synthetic organic to pigments to X-ray fluorescence spectrometry, and from lead metallurgy to 'rock varnish'. Although several reviews have been received for the Volume 7, the editor is still actively seeking potential reviews.

Planning is progressing for the production of the preprints of the 2006 Congress in Munich. The technical committee have selected the papers which are to appear in this publication and the deadline for completed manuscripts is imminent. The preprints will be edited by David Saunders, Joyce Townsend and Sally Woodcock and each paper will bear an English and German abstract, the latter provided by Christoph Krekel. An electronic version of the papers will be produced on CD-ROM to accompany the preprints and it is hoped that these electronic versions will be available on the web site immediately prior to the Congress.

A preliminary review of the future of IIC's publications has been produced, but final decisions await the completion of a review of IIC's future direction and 'brand'. One change implemented this year was that members were given the option of receiving the *Bulletin* electronically rather than by post. In addition, the web-master has posted the articles in the *Bulletin* on the web-site giving a potential third option. It is planned to

review the usage of these three forms of information to decide on the means of production of an enhanced Bulletin at the end of the review process.

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