

Report by the Director of Publications 2008

Volume 8 of *Reviews in Conservation* is at the press and will be available later in February. It contains articles on topics as varied as Australian Aboriginal bark paintings, East Asian lacquer, the properties and uses of animal glues, late-nineteenth-century dyestuffs and the behaviour of the pigments vivianite and lead white. Following the departure of Noëlle Streeton as editor in early 2007, two new editors have been appointed; Fi Jordan, a senior glass and ceramics conservator at the Victoria & Albert Museum and Marika Spring, a senior scientist at the National Gallery London. Volume 8 of *Reviews in Conservation* will be printed by Henry Ling Limited, who were responsible for the publication of the preprints of the 2006 IIC Congress, *The Object in Context: Crossing Conservation Boundaries*.

Following the establishment of a five-year term for members of the editorial advisory board of *Reviews in Conservation* in 2006, two members of the will be stepping down after the current volume is complete; both Melanie Gifford and Clifford Price were member of the board when it was formed and have served for eight years. The remaining members (Agnes Brokerhof, Dinah Eastop, Peggy Holben Ellis, Nobuyuki Kamba, Tom Learner and Ian MacLeod, will be joined by three new members in 2008.

Four issues of volume 52 of *Studies in Conservation* were published on schedule during the year. An extension to the existing publishing contract with Earthscan (as James & James are now known) was negotiated in the year, which will, among other things, allow a greater number of illustration to be reproduced in colour from the first issue of volume 53 (2008) onwards. The programme to make back issues of *Studies in Conservation* available on-line from the members' side of the IIC web-site is complete, and recently the pdf files for the membership year 2006–2007 were added to the site, so that all articles in *Studies in Conservation* up to and including volume 52, No. 2 are now available for free download.

To complement this resource, the proceedings of all previous IIC congresses have now also been digitized. During 2008, the scanned pages will be assembled into pdf files for each article, so that these can be transferred to the IIC server for free download by members. Non-members will be able to pay to download the files and a charging model is being discussed.

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