

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixty-third Annual General Meeting of The International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works took place at 6:45 pm on Friday 18th January 2013 at the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining, 1, Carlton House Terrace, London SW1

Present: Jerry Podany, President, in the Chair
Jo Kirby Atkinson, Secretary-General
Velson Horie, Treasurer
Joyce Townsend, Director of Publications
Shing-wai Chan, Mikkel Scharff, Valentine Walsh, Cornelia Weyer
(*members of IIC Council*)

Barbara Borghese, Robert Child, Dinah Eastop, Austin Nevin, David Saunders, Sarah Staniforth (*Fellows*)

Antonio Alves Cardoso, Renate Poggendorf, Athanasios Velios
(*Individual Members*)

In attendance: Graham Voce, Executive Secretary
Helen Griffiths (Slaughter and May)
Laura Bradford (W. S. Maney & Son Ltd)
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 and in the inclement weather. Jerry Podany thanked Laura Bradford of W.S. Maney & Sons Ltd, publishers, for initiating a lively review of IIC's recent publishing and communication activities, including developments in *News in Conservation* and the redesign of the IIC website, and passed on to the meeting the regrets from Stephen Axcell, Andrew Hazeal and Richard Haffenden of Messrs Jacob Cavenagh and Skeet, IIC's auditors, that the inclement weather had prevented them from attending.

Jerry Podany proposed that the meeting be adjourned to a date not later than the end of February 2013 as the weather conditions had prevented some members attending this General Meeting; this was seconded by Jo Kirby Atkinson. A majority of those present at the meeting voted by hand to continue with the meeting and not adjourn.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, having been published in *News in Conservation* number 29 of April 2012 and 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 33 of December 2012 as well as being posted to members and published 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.

Resolution 1: To receive and consider the Reports of the Council and the Auditors and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012

The Reports and Financial Statements, having been sent to members in December 2012 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 the completion of the report of the Director of Publications, Robert Child asked why *Studies in Conservation* was a vehicle for analytical research and not conservation; as it was, the publication had no relation to the work conservators do. Jerry Podany replied that that had perhaps been arguable in the past, but that *Studies in Conservation* had increasingly reflected collaboration between research scientists and bench conservators. The balance of content in *Studies in Conservation* was continuously being addressed and there was always room for improvement. Robert Child argued that the move of the profession was towards preventive conservation and that *Studies in Conservation* was not reflecting this.

Joyce Townsend explained that there was a growing number of papers being submitted to *Studies in Conservation* that dealt with collection care and, additionally, that *Studies in Conservation* could only publish the papers that were submitted to it. Now that IIC Congress papers were Special Editions of *Studies in Conservation* there was a broadening of approach. Jerry Podany added that IIC's Council was looking to discuss museum environments in collaboration with ICOM-CC; if there were papers to be published on this topic they could be sent to *Studies in Conservation*. Robert Child explained that there was a growing divergence between conservation professionals working within institutions and those working on their own commercially, the former moving towards preventive conservation and the latter to bench conservation work. Joyce Townsend replied that this may be the case in the United Kingdom, but that this may not be the case in other countries. Austin Nevin noted that IIC was indeed becoming more international through its various communication media. Velson Horie added that one of the reasons for bringing the congress papers and posters into *Studies in Conservation* was to add treatment papers to the publication and that it had successfully achieved this with the preprints of the 2012 Vienna Congress. Austin Nevin suggested that the case studies found in the *Journal of Cultural Heritage* would be a good model for *Studies in Conservation*; Jo Kirby Atkinson replied that that was indeed the case, but that the papers still had to be submitted to *Studies in Conservation* for consideration in the first

place. Barbara Borghese noted that people come to IIC from all sides and that IIC's newspaper, *News in Conservation*, had taken some treatment-related articles of late and that it was important to look at *Studies in Conservation* in relation to this.

Austin Nevin asked how many of IIC's social networking internet site followers additionally were IIC members. Velson Horie replied that this was impossible to tell at present, but that, as with the United Kingdom's National Trust, the role of IIC is that of promotion of awareness as well as gaining members.

On completion of this discussion 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: To elect a President

Jerry Podany was standing down having served two three-year terms as President and previously as an Ordinary Member of Council, having first been elected in 2005. Jo Kirby Atkinson thanked Jerry Podany for his energy and innovation that had helped take IIC ahead with exciting and promising new activities such as the *Dialogues for the New Century* series of round table debates, and wished him a happy retirement from IIC, though it would not be an inactive time for him. There was one candidate standing for election to this post, Sarah Staniforth.

On the basis of the total vote, Sarah Staniforth was duly elected as President. Jerry Podany congratulated Sarah Staniforth and welcomed her back onto Council after a break of some seven years.

Resolution 4: To elect a Secretary-General

Jo Kirby Atkinson was standing for re-election for a second term of three years. On the basis of the total vote Jo Kirby Atkinson was duly re-elected as Secretary-General.

Resolution 5: To elect a Treasurer

Velson Horie was standing for re-election for a second term of three years. On the basis of the total vote Velson Horie was duly re-elected as Treasurer.

Resolution 6: to elect Vice-Presidents

Gabriela Krist and Sharon Cather were standing down as Vice-Presidents and Julian Bickersteth was standing for re-election to his post as a Vice-President. Mikkel Scharff and David Saunders were both standing for election to the post of Vice-President for the first time and both had previously served as Ordinary Members of Council; David

Saunders had additionally previously served as Director of Communications. One position of Vice-President would still be left vacant.

Jerry Podany thanked Gabriela Krist and Sharon Cather for their valuable contributions to Council and in particular the efforts both had made towards the success of the 2012 Vienna Congress.

On the basis of the total vote Julian Bickersteth was re-elected as a Vice-President and Mikkel Scharff and David Saunders elected as Vice-Presidents. Jerry Podany congratulated them and welcomed them to their roles on Council

Resolution 7: To elect Ordinary Members of the Council

A total of nine places as Ordinary members of Council were available for ballot. Tuulikki Kilpinen, Anne Rinuy, Mikkel Scharff and Naoko Sonoda were retiring from their posts as Ordinary Members of Council; Valentine Walsh and Cornelia Weyer were standing for re-election and Shing-wai Chan was standing for election to confirm his co-option by Council in May 2012. Additionally two Ordinary member places on Council had not been filled during the year. Diane Gwilt; Velayudhan Nair and Austin Nevin were standing for election as Ordinary members of Council for the first time.

Jerry Podany thanked Tuulikki Kilpinen, Anne Rinuy and Naoko Sonoda for their valuable contributions to Council.

On the basis of the total vote Shing-wai Chan's co-option as an Ordinary member of Council was confirmed by election and Diane Gwilt, Velayudhan Nair and Austin Nevin were elected as Ordinary Members of Council. Jerry Podany congratulated them and welcomed them back to, or onto, Council.

Resolution 8: To transact any ordinary business of The Institute

There being no ordinary business, Jerry Podany in the chair then thanked Helen Griffiths of IIC's legal advisors, Messrs Slaughter and May, and Laura Bradford and Michael Gallico of W. S. Maney & Son Ltd for attending and declared the meeting closed at 7.25 pm.