



European Conservator-restorers Open Platform (ECROP)

PURPOSE

The “European Conservator-Restorers’ Open Platform” – ECROP will be open to all the professional organisations wishing to participate in a common effort to promote a closer exchange of information and experiences. Improved communication will enhance, for example, the ability of individual organisations to argue for upgrading their legal situation and the quality management of the profession.

This platform is the result of an expressed need for better networking among conservator-restorers’ organisations in the broader community of countries members of the Council of Europe. In addition to the platform’s forum, a common calendar of activities and conferences will be available together with links to publications of common interest.

Access to the “ECROP Forum” is open but writing contribution will be limited to board or bureau or other mandated members of any member association of ECCO or via special request from Conservation-Restoration organisations who are associated associations of ECROP. Instructions for the writing procedure can be requested from the ECCO coordinator of the platform. For further information about the participating conservation-restoration associations please see the member list.

INTENDED OUTCOMES

- The platform will provide a channel through which a better understanding of the professional situation within each participant’s country can be gained. This will lead to greater understanding of Conservation-Restoration within Europe as a whole.
- Increase common knowledge of the legal situation, including actual developments and activities to promote the profession within Europe through information provided by individual member countries
- Facilitate common actions and the preparation of common documents by the participating organisations (and institutions) of ECROP
- Provide a channel through which the views of individual organisations can be expressed
- Make more visible progress and results of the ECCO Working groups
- Provide a platform through which the work of member organisations can also be presented

CONTENT OF ECROP

The proposed platform will contain the following pages:

- initial page with purpose and disclaimer from ECCO;
- member list with links to the web-pages of the organisations or if they don't exist a link to one page inside the Platform for presentation of the organisation will be provided;
- link to a common calendar of activities and conferences;
- information about publications produced by member organisations;
- pages dedicated to reporting the progress and results of the working groups of ECCO and other member organisations of ECROP (on request);
- link to the ECROP Forum (organisation specific password to write).

GUIDELINES FOR ECROP

ECCO is the European Confederation of Conservator-Restorers' Organisations. As such, ECCO represents, through its 21 professional associations, more than 5.000 members throughout Europe from 16 countries within the European Union (EU) and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

In accordance with the outcomes of the Sofia meeting in March 2009, ECCO has decided to built up a network of conservator-restorers' organisations in the broader community of countries members of the Council of Europe. The network will be entitled "European Conservator-Restorers' Open Platform" ECROP and will be entirely managed by ECCO

1. ECROP aims to enhance the network capabilities of its member organisations. For this to take place there will be a number of issues that will be the core of discussions. These will include any issue that contributes to the management and advancement of the profession in Europe. These may include, but are not limited to, national and international politics, regulation and laws, research, standards, events, management expertise, association organization, state of the market, governmental policies and other institutional initiatives, laws, requests for support or assistance.

2. ECROP will be available through the ECCO website.

3. ECROP will have links and pages dedicated to each member association as well as an agenda of events which may include:

- Seminars meetings etc. in Europe open to conservator-restorers and where all members of associations in ECROP can participate.

- Courses (relevant to Conservation-restoration) in Europe recognized by International and National Bodies (our (associated) members) to benefit the field of Conservation-restoration where all members of associations in ECROP can participate.

4. The platform will include a moderated discussion forum, which will have restricted access requiring registration.

5. Access to ECROP forum is limited to board or bureau members of any member association of ECCO or associated associations of ECROP. Registration may be extended to relevant members of the associations whose opinions and feedback is considered by the association to be important.

6. Eligible members will be responsible for their access details which should not be transmitted to any third party. Registration and further details can be obtained from Rui Bordalo at rmbordalo@gmail.com.

7. Publicity of new products and services, directly or indirectly, will not be permitted. Any message with such info will be moderated without prior warning.

8. The working language is English. Spanish, German and French is also permissible although it should be expected that the respective participation will be more limited.

9. Neither ECCO nor ECROP can be held responsible for the content contained within the forum. The posted messages express solely the views of its author, and not necessarily the views of this forum or this forum's owner.

10. Inappropriate messages can be reported to the moderator who will remove them pending assessment.

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