The Legal Issues in Conservation Working Group is planning to hold its 2011-2014 interim meeting on Friday, February 22, 2013 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The goal of this meeting is to establish the group with its new focus as a network for conservators to exchange information and experience about legal issues they may face in their daily work. The meeting will have an informal format, with short talks and related discussions, as well as a general discussion on the group's mission and working structure.

You are invited to contribute a short talk on legal issues or problems you have faced, or are facing in practice and/or on research you are doing in this area. Talks on a number of issues have already been solicited, among them, copyrights, illegal trafficking, indemnity, and restitution.

Please send a title and short abstract to the working group coordinator, Bill Wei, b.wei@cultureelerfgoed.nl by January 11, 2013. For this introductory meeting, there are no plans to publish the contributions, nor will there be a traditional review process. Based on the number of contributions and the topics covered, the organizing committee may group related talks to facilitate discussions, and will determine how long the individual presentation can be. Presentors will be informed of this by January 25, 2013. Further details of the conference will be available at the beginning of January.