

Programme 2002-2005

Textiles

1. The next Triennial Meeting of the ICOM-Conservation Committee is scheduled for The Hague, the Netherlands, in the fall of 2005. For this meeting, there will be two major topics, parallel to those topics chosen by ICOM and by ICOM-CC:

- "Intangible Art" what is done by conservators that the public cannot see? From cleaning to repairs, to not cleaning or selective cleaning or unseen reconstruction, from mounting systems to storage systems, textile conservators have had many triumphs and we look forward to learning more about these successes, past and present!
- "Our Cultural Past, Your future" has two implications: how can conservators promote public support and funding for preservation efforts? And how can conservators link treasures from past cultures to a public with a very different cultural background? For example, many rare objects and artifacts belong to cultures that no longer exist.

Textiles are so susceptible to damage and decay; these topics are particularly important for our working group and we look forward to interesting contributions from our colleagues. In addition there will always be a pleasure in accepting presentations on major projects and studies in textile conservation.

2. The membership of the working group needs to be expanded to include more colleagues active in textile conservation. We are grateful to training programs that promote ICOM-CC to their students and urge them to participate, to independent conservators that join, and to museums that support their conservators in attending the meetings.

3. Assistant coordinators are needed to help organize the activities of the Working Group. We are concerned that we reach colleagues everywhere adequately and effectively.

4. New issue of the *Textile Conservation Working Group Newsletter* (April, 2003). We would like to have summaries of interesting projects, ongoing problems, and upcoming studies in your area, city, region, and nation. This is an opportunity to report in a few paragraphs on a major development to colleagues around the world.

5. An interim meeting is in the planning stages for the spring of 2004. We hope to join the Leather Working group in a meeting in Greece. The focus of the interim meeting will be on Costume conservation issues.