

Programme 2002-2005

Legal Issues in Conservation

General Objective :

To create a network of interested and informed individuals and references to appropriate information regarding two main topics : the international illicit trafficking of cultural property and the professional status of the conservator.

2002- May 2003 :

- Collection of names and information to be put into a specific LIC website on the ICOM-CC site, this would also continue over the 3 year period.
- Contact to be made with UNIDRIOT while in Rome for the May meeting. Discussion on how LIC and UNIDROIT could work together.
- Contact to be made with other interested groups ie. The Leiden Network, UNESCO etc. to see how we can work together, ie. lobbying; introduction of new laws etc.
- Utilisation of documented information for the lobbying in favour of the ratification of the UNIDROIT convention in individual countries. This would also include publications and lectures on this issue and or related issues.

2004 :

- Iterim Meeting – country to be decided. Perhaps this could be a combined meeting with another working group? Greece and Egypt could provide an interesting backdrop regarding the trafficking of cultural property, while Greece could offer insight into the professional status issues that the country has legalised.
- Feedback from a legal study on the professional status of the conservator in the Province of Quebec, Canada and how this would relate a the code of ethics. Other countries could do the same.
- Feedback from the Ministry of Education on the educational status of the conservator in the Province of Quebec, Canada. Other countries could do the same.
- Feedback from the Ministry of Culture and Communications and the Ministry of Justice on the creation of provincial laws for the protection of cultural property.
- Compilation of data on the involvement of conservators in court cases. (USA) – Rebecca Rushfield (Canada) – Alain Lacoursière.

2005 :

- Presentations at ICOM-CC, Den-Hague, the Netherlands, on any recent developments.
- Feedback on the effectiveness of the LIC website.
- Creation of two posters (trilingual) outlining the basic approaches to lobbying against the international trafficking of cultural property and the improvement of the professional status of the conservator.