Palazzo Reale, Milan
June 30 - July 2, 2016

Kinetic: relating to the motion of material bodies and the forces and energy associated therewith (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

A two-day conference dedicated to exploring the ethical and practical challenges associated with the preservation of kinetic art
Thursday, June 30

Morning - Chair: Rachel Rivenc

9:30-9:40am  Opening Remarks

9:40-10:15  Keynote Address
A Question of Kinethics
Reinhard Bek, Bek & Frohnert, LLC, New York City

10:15-10:40  Fast and Furious: Operation, Maintenance and Repair of Chris Burden's Metropolis II at LACMA
Mark Gilberg and Alison Walker, Los Angeles County Museum of Art

10:40-11:05  Conserving Thomas Wilfred's Lumia Suite, Opus 158
Carol Snow, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT
Lynda Zycherman, Museum of Modern Art, New York City

11:05-11:35  Coffee and Tea Break

11:35-12:00  The Optophonium - a ZERO Sound and Light Show
Ulrich Lang, Frankfurt
Sebastian Köhler, Kunstmuseen Krefeld

12:00-12:25  Ravages of Time: Zahn der Zeit: Gearing Towards Ends
Albrecht Gumlich, Museum Tinguely, Basel

12:25-12:50  Cybernetic Umbrella: a Case Study of Collaboration
Louise Lawson and Carla Flack, Tate, London

12:50-2:00  Lunch

Afternoon - Chair: Lydia Beerkens

2:00-2:25  Takis and the Fourth Dimension
Erin Stephenson, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
Kari Dodson, The Menil Collection, Houston, TX

2:25-2:50  Preserving Performativity: Conserving the Elusive in Aleksandar Srnec's Artwork
Mirta Pavić and Vesna Meštrić, Museum of Contemporary Art, Zagreb

2:50-3:15  Afternoon Break

3:15-3:40  Engineering a Solution: Latin American Light-Based Kinetic Art at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
Jane Gillies and Ingrid Seyb, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

3:40-4:05  Intertwined Strategies for the Preservation and Display of Kinetic Art... Case Studies in the European Neo-Avant Garde
Barbara Ferriani, Milan
Francesca Pola, art historian and curator

4:05-4:30  The Examination and Conservation of 13 Artworks by Jean Tinguely in the collection of the Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam
Esther Meijer, independent conservator
Susanne Meijer, Sandra Weerdenburg, conservators, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam

End of Day 1 Sessions
Friday, July 1

Morning - Chair: Tom Learner

9:30-9:35am  Opening Remarks

9:35-10:10  Keynote Address
The Fluid Boundaries Between Interpretation and Over-Interpretation: Collecting, Conserving and Staging Kinetic Art Installations
Tiziana Caianiello, ZERO Foundation, Düsseldorf, Germany

Federica Bessan and Marc Leman, University of Padova
Tim Vets, Ghent University

10:35-11:00  Moving With the Times: the Restoration of Max Dean’s As Yet Untitled
Sherry Phillips, Contemporary Art Gallery of Ontario

11:00-11:30  Coffee and Tea Break

11:30-12:30  Poster Session

12:30-2:00  Lunch

Afternoon - Chair: Marina Pugliese

2:00-2:25  The Hype about ZERO and its Influence on the Conservation and Presentation of Early Kinetic Works
Gunnar Heydenreich and Julia Giebeler, Cologne Institute of Conservation Sciences

2:25-2:50  Kinetic Multiples: Between Industrial Vocation and Handcraft Solutions
Isabel Plante, Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (Conicet)
Instituto de Altos Estudios Sociales, Universidad Nacional de San Martín (Idaes-Unsam)

2:50-3:15  Nicolas Schöffer’s Collection: from the Artist’s Studio to the Museum
Manon D’haenens, Université de Liège

3:15-3:40  ‘Pretty Good for the 21st Century’: Restoration, Reconstruction and Realisation of Len Lye’s Tangible Motion Sculpture
Paul Brobbel and Simon Rees, Len Lye Center, New Plymouth

3:40-4:00  Afternoon Break

4:00-5:00  Round Table including the keynote speakers and others (TBA)

5:00-8:00  Reception in Fontana Hall

End of Day 2 Sessions

Saturday, July 2

10:00-12:00  Guided Tour of the Collection of Kinetic Artworks in the Museo del Novocento

12:00-1:00  Panel Discussion/Round Table discussion with Iolanda Ratti, Roberto DiPasquale, Laura Calvi and Giovanni Anceschi (TBC)

1:00-2:30  Lunch

3:00-5:00  Guided Tour of Prada Collection or HangarBiCoccca

End of Conference
The Case of the Collections of the Museo della Scienza e della Tecnologia da Vinci in Milan
Marianna Cappellina, Strati s.n.c. and Claudio Giorgione

Challenges in the Restoration of Kinetic Art: How Can We Keep Them Moving?
Mercedes de las Carreras, Museo National de Bellas Artes, Buenos Aires

Think Big! The Conservation of the Kinetic Work of Art Ballerina Clown by Jonathan Borofsky
Mine Erhan, Conservation Studio “Die Schmiede”, Duisberg

Light Dynamo by Heinz Mack: A Phototype of a Kinetic Work
Paola Iazurlo and Grazia De Cesare, Istituto Superiore per la Conservazione e il Restauro,
Mariastella Margozzi, Galleria Nazionale d’Arte Moderna, Rome

Considering the Continuum of Care for Outdoor Kinetic Sculpture
Abigail Mack, Mack Art Conservation LLC, Hudson Valley, NY
Friederike Steckling, Fondation Beyeler, Basel

From Flickering to Lighting: Gianni Colombo’s Strutturazione Cinevisuale Abitale
Marlies Peller, Institut für Konservierung-Restaurierung, Vienna

Death of a Moment: Management, Installation and Maintenance of a Site-Specific Kinetic Sculpture
Eugenia Stamatopoulou, The Dakis Joannou Collection, Athens

Future in Motion: Conservation Issues of Seven Kinetic Artworks by the Dutch Artist Ray Staakman
Carien van Aubel and Nikki van Basten e.a., University of Amsterdam

Joost Conijn’s Hout Auto
Arthur van Mourik and Marije Verduijn, Centraal Museum, Utrecht