

The Third Dimension **3rd European Student Conference on Objects Conservation**

May 4-5th 2012. Vienna, Austria

We are pleased to announce the 3rd European Student Conference *The Third Dimension* to be held in Vienna, Austria. This conference will focus on Object Conservation and is organized by the Institutes for Conservation and Restoration of the Academy of Fine Arts and the University of Applied Arts Vienna. The conference aims to provide a platform for students in conservation to exchange not only on professional matters but to bring students of different programs together.

Call for papers

The title of the conference *The Third Dimension* doesn't only refer to the conservation-restoration and preservation of 3-dimensional artworks and objects. We also seek a multidimensional approach! Preference will be given to presentations of student projects, which are focusing on experimental conservation strategies, research methods and innovative treatments. The projects should reflect innovative thinking and propose ways to transform traditional perspectives in conservation.

Conservators who deal with *The Third Dimension* are confronted with particular challenges and decision-making processes, including specific methods of documentation, examination and interpretation, as well as active and preventive conservation.

When it comes to the fourth dimension – the time factor – some specific problems may arise, such as the combination of diverse materials altering in a different way or the preservation of time based media Artworks.

We are most interested in papers emphasising critical reflection and investigation of the working process, the method of investigation and ethical questions. Presentations of case study research should preferably focus on one groundbreaking aspect and make reference to a wider context. Interdisciplinary working groups are strongly encouraged. The presentations should be coherent and must offer full transparency in the decision process.

Since the official language of the conference is English, all papers should be written and presented in English. Each oral presentation is limited to a maximum of 15 minutes.

Please send us your papers by **November 18th 2011** as word files to papers@studentconference.at

Entries should include:

- Title of the paper
- Full name(s) of the Student(s) taking part in the project, study semester and name of the University/Academy
- Full postal address and email address of the main author
- Abstract or summary of no more than 150 words
- One representative good quality picture (at least 300 dpi, jpg.) but no charts or tables

The authors will be notified of the results at the latest in January 2012. Speakers are exempt from paying the conference fee. They will also be supported in finding cheap accommodation in Vienna and contacts between students interested in couch surfing will be facilitated.

For more information on the conference, a website will be online soon: www.studentconference.at