Memorandum of Understanding

between

ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property) (hereinafter ICCROM), hereby represented by its Director-General, Dr. Stefano De Caro

and

E.C.C.O. (European Confederation of Conservator-Restorers’ Organisations A.I.S.B.L.) (hereinafter E.C.C.O.), hereby represented by its President Susan Corr

Regarding the

Promotion of Conservation-Restoration of Cultural Heritage at European level
1. PREAMBLE

A. ICCROM is an intergovernmental organisation (IGO) created by UNESCO in 1956 and established in Rome, Italy, in 1959. It is concerned with the conservation of both movable and immovable heritage all around the world. As of today ICCROM has 132 Member States.

ICCROM aims at improving the quality of conservation as well as raising awareness about the importance of preserving cultural heritage.

ICCROM contributes to preserving cultural heritage in the world today and for the future through five main areas of activity: training, information, research, co-operation and advocacy.

B. E.C.C.O. was established on 14 October 1991, as an international association dedicated to the development and promotion - at a practical, scientific and cultural level- of the conservation-restoration of cultural heritage. It has 21 member organisations in Europe and three associate members all composed of professional conservator-restorers.

E.C.C.O. promotes a high level of education and training, research and practice in the field of conservation-restoration, in accordance with the definition adopted by E.C.C.O.

E.C.C.O. aims to work toward legal recognition of professional standards in order to affirm and obtain recognition of the professional status of conservator-restorer at National and European level.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to formalise the joint effort to promote the conservation-restoration of Cultural Heritage as specified in Annex I. This Annex might be matter to revision when necessary.

This agreement should allow for smooth communication and coordination of efforts between the involved parties.
3. ACTIVITIES AND EXPECTED COMMITMENTS

ICCROM and E.C.C.O. will raise awareness among European institutions of the need to create and adopt European policies regarding the role of conservation-restoration in the safeguarding of Cultural Heritage through the following activities:

Activity 1:
Engage the relevant stakeholders in European institutions in developing effective policies, which address current and future challenges.

Activity 2:
The creation of a European legal framework based on the study of national legislation dealing with conservation-restoration.

Activity 3:
To place these policies and frameworks into a worldwide context.

4. COMMUNICATION

- Internal communication
  In order to share experiences and opportunities, critically review joint activities and harmonize individual institutional schedules and commitments, the partners of this collaboration meet at least once per year in a convenient location.

- External communication
  Partners engage to disseminate the product and the results of this partnership in whatever forums where they are active and in particular through publications, presentations in professional meetings, etc. subject to prior agreement of both parties.

5. ASSOCIATE PARTNERS

In order to ensure the quality and the implementation of the projects and with the aim of encouraging an inclusive and participatory approach, partners may seek the collaboration of other institutions and experts subject to prior agreement of both parties.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES

ICCROM shall provide to the best of its ability and within the limits of the available resources, all services and support necessary to implement the activities hereby agreed upon, in particular ICCROM will:

- Support the initiative and act as leverage when engaging with European institutions.
- Facilitate the promotion of the project and its outcomes to the larger membership of ICCROM.
E.C.C.O. shall provide to the best of its ability and within the limits of the available resources, all services and support necessary to implement the activities hereby agreed upon, in particular E.C.C.O. will:

- Lead the process to collect and analyse the necessary information to develop the arguments which will inform the policies.
- Ensure that this is a participatory process that involves all the E.C.C.O. member organizations and other relevant stakeholders.

7. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Each partner will cover the staff time involved in participating in any activities under this agreement.

Unless otherwise negotiated, any travel and accommodation costs incurred by either partner whilst participating in meetings are covered by the respective partner.

Administration costs incurred by each organisation are covered by the respective organisation. Any other costs are subject to negotiation.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force upon signature of the parties and will be effective for a period of three years from the date of signature. It will be renewed following an exchange of letters for successive additional periods.

However, this Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by the appropriate authorities of either party giving one months notice to the other party, in writing, unless an earlier termination date is mutually agreed upon.

7. ARBITRATION

The Statutes of ICCROM indicate its legal status in the following manner: “ICCROM shall enjoy, on the Territory of each Member State, the legal capacity necessary for the attainment of its aims and the exercise of its functions” (Article 7).

The signatories to this Memorandum of Understanding undertake to settle amicably any differences that may arise between them over its implementation.

8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Intellectual property and copyright of all documents jointly produced in the framework of this agreement belong jointly to ICCROM and E.C.C.O. Ideas, developed by these partners, outside the framework of this agreement remain the intellectual property of the institution that generated them, subject to the rights of third parties. When combining existing institutional ideas in a new product within the framework, only the final product is considered for joint copyright.
9. USE OF LOGOS

It is agreed that the logo of ICCROM and E.C.C.O. shall appear on the front cover of all publications and documents produced in the framework of the project subject of this memorandum of understanding.

10. CONTACT PERSONS

Parties must have at all times one or two nominated person(s) who is the contact person for the project and an obligation to advise all other parties immediately of any changes. Contact persons for this project are:

**At ICCROM:**

Catherine Antomarchi

_March 26, 2015_

**At E.C.C.O.:**

Susan Corr

_March 26th, 2015_

11. SIGNATURES

**For ICCROM:**

[Signature]

Date:
Dr Stefano De Caro
Director-General

**For E.C.C.O.:**

[Signature]

Date:
Susan Corr
President