

During the year of 2013, by continuing our work towards the same objectives proposed in 2012, ARP's board of direction continued to implement several activities that stimulated and dignify a border recognition of the profession conservator – restorer. To do so we publicly disclosed even more of the association in itself, by announcing our mission, always allied with a general professional way of being.

1. At the beginning of 2013, in answer to the need of creating a new web site, we awarded a budget proposal by the company JCLE (*Informática e Serviços, Lda.*). They started to reform our database and web site, at the same time as board members and some members of the association revised all the digital contents belonging to ARP. Along this activity, we also wrote a manual book that explains all measures necessary to maintain the same database and web site, allowing future nominated board members to succeed in maintaining and handle the same system.
2. In June of 2013, we published our first digital issue of the 17<sup>th</sup> magazine *Conservar Património* online, guaranteeing free and immediate access to all interested.
3. From September 2012 until now (2013) we have collaborated with ECCO, through a nominated delegate, which was incorporated in to workgroups, work meetings with EncoRE and elaborated various support documents for other ECCO delegates. We also collaborated during the creation of the “Strategic Plan”, that was presented during the General Assembly. We also participated at the President’s Meeting (April 2013) which took place at the Portuguese National Museum of Ancient Art (*Museu Nacional de Arte Antiga*, Lisbon). This meeting for the first time was held in Portugal, and was organized by ARP, with support from the DGCP (*Direção Geral da Cultura e Património*), offering our associates the opportunity to be present.

4. A questioner was created to assess the current state of the conservator restorer's profession and its relation with ARP. This questioner was answered anonymously and legally framed in what the National Data Protection Committee stipulates for these situations. Its main goal was to gather the most amounts of answers possible, being the questionnaire as extensive as possible and totally aimed towards the conservator restorer that is exclusively formed by a higher education establishments.

The questioner was disclosed and carried out during the month of December (2013) until the month of January of 2014 and was shared through ARPs database, reaching professionals, universities and partners, who also supports the same project and its objectives. At the moment we are treating the results obtained, that involves about 1200 finalists of conservation and restoration courses in Portugal, in which 385 responses were obtained and that represent statistically relevant matters of a bulky universe.

5. The board of direction of ARP recognizes the importance in collaborating with Universities and other institutions that provide a higher education for future conservators and restores of cultural objects. By this recognition we aspire to obtain acknowledgment by higher education establishments, gaining an appreciation and a positive visibility of the profession in itself. We constantly promote technical quality and the correct practice of conservation and restoration. Thus, at an early stage we have established a positive dialog with IPT (*Instituto Politécnico de Tomar*), UNL-FCT (*Universidade Nova de Lisboa – Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia*) and the UCP (*Universidade Católica do Portuense*), which have resulted in the creations of protocols, signed in 2013.

6. During the biennium 2012-2014, ARP has established a positive approach towards GECORPA (*Grémio do Património*), always bearing in mind our mission, regarding the diffusion and promotion of a dignified image of our own profession. This approach initially resulted in an open disclosure to

our members to register at the *Anuário do Património*, resulting into various invitations to participate in several activities carried out by both identities, and various meetings that had as aim the recognition of common goals and principles that define the profession of conservation and restoration, and the importance of preserving all cultural heritage.

7. In partnership with the conservation and restoration department of the UCP (Universidade Católica Portuguesa), we prepared and held the 5<sup>th</sup> Scientific Meeting / 9<sup>th</sup> Art and Science Journey (V Jornadas ARP/IX Jornadas de Arte e Ciência), on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of November, named "Preventive Conservation" (*Conservação Preventiva*), which took place in Porto, honouring Luís Elias Casanovas (engineer), allowing participations from Portugal, Spain and Brazil.
8. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of November to the 8<sup>th</sup> of 2013, we also organized another workshop, intitled "Conservation of documents with iron gall ink – from practice to theory" (*Conservação de documentos com tinta ferrogálica – da teoria à prática*). It took place at the *Arquivo Histórico Ultramarino*, holding a partnership between ARP and *José Figueredo Laboratory, Direcção Geral de Cultura e Património* and the *Instituto de Investigação Científica Tropical*.
9. ARP accepted an invitation on behalf of the Municipality of Lisbon through PISAL – research programme and safeguarding of Lisbon tile, to participate in the second meeting of Azulejar Heritage ("*II Encontro de Património Azulejar: O AZULEJO HOJE*") held on the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. We were invited to serve as moderator's of a debate, as well as to conduct a presentation on the professional contribution of the conservator-restorer during the renovation of architectural spaces (*A contribuição do conservador-restaurador na requalificação de espaços arquitectónicos: as intervenções sobre património integrado azulejar*).

10. We withheld our General Assembly, during the month of March, in which we decided that all members with quotas in arrears, would have the chance to absolve their situation, by giving them the opportunity to normalize their situation along the year of 2013. It was decided that they would be able to divided payments of 50 euros, have a deduction of 50% value on the quotas in delay until December of this year, or pay their total value in different phases along the same year. This allowed a settlement, and renewal of a wider and stronger participation, of non-participating members until this date. After the mentioned of this subject, the direction of ARP will propose a deliberations in the General Assembly, due to the loss of quality of our members that remain in non-compliance or in harmony with the decrees and rules of the Association.
11. Also during the last general meeting due to high level fees to maintain our BES bank services, which has become excessive for ARP, we decided to change to CGD (*Caixa Geral de Depósitos*). Previous to this decision, a market survey was carried out to evaluate other fees from different agencies, been CGD the one that showed more favourable conditions for the Association. At the moment the change has already been done, so we have a new IBAN number that replaces the last one.
12. Still in the same year we had as a main goal the legalization of our address, for tax purposes, starting a renovation process. So we were able to gather some necessary documents needed. But to change the address, we will also need records with an agreement, by vote, of the majority of the General Assembly and by appointing a element of the board members as being responsible for making the official change at the Notary.

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