

Activity Report of Asociația Conservatorilor și Restauratorilor din România (A.C.R.R.O.) for 2013

ACCRO's actions in 2013 have been characterised by continuity and transparency, as we tried to organise as many distinct „signed by A.C.R.R.O.” activities as possible.

As far as continuity goes, I can mention:

- developing and growing on-line library with diverse data from the internet. I would like to say that we are open for collaboration and contributions from anyone who would like to join us/help us in this endeavor;
- updating of the files regarding specific international events;
- hosting a poster exhibition, likewise to those in 2010 and 2011. In 2013, this event was part of the so called “A.C.R.R.O. Days”, an event organized over the course of 3 days and that included other activities, such as the meeting of the General Committee and of the General Assembly of ACCRO, a themed trip. The exhibition, called “Retrospectives” also included the theme “Remember” as well as posters presented at international conferences. Our intention is to gather as many data as possible regarding conservation and the conservators in Romania, as a step towards passing this experience on to the younger generation, creating a bond and closing, or at least reducing the gap between generations.

The Association started some new activities as well, such as:

- the on-line journal, called *e-Jurnal A.C.R.R.O.* and developed after the ECCO journal. It is posted on our webpage;
- our webpage features English and French translations, thus making it's content and information more accessible;
- from September, we have our own badge with our logo, as we have wanted since 2010;
- during “ACRRO Days” we granted the association's first certificates. We have three categories: 1) a “Participation Certificate” for those exhibiting posters; 2) “Meritoria”, a certificate for the entire activity in the conservation of national heritage; 3) “Honoraria”, a certificate given in support of the National Cultural Material Heritage. It is a honorific gesture, as a recognition from the association;
- at the request of our colleagues in Slovenia, we helped them in full filling their goals during their trip in Romania in October. Moreover, we organized, even if only for a short period of time, an exhibition presently featured on the webpage. Thus, we had a first glimpse in the activities of our colleagues from Slovenia. We see this as rewarding means of exchanging experience and knowledge about heritage conservation, as well as a way to know each other better and consolidate the European community of conservators. Our intention is to continue with this event, called “Heritage without borders”, and we gladly accept collaborations;
- we have two members from France, one being a Romanian citizen and the other one his workshop partner;
- sadly, our participation at the ECCO General Assembly in Portugal in the spring of 2013 was limited to an open letter.

Although we have new members, an important group from Craiova has withdrew, so our numbers stayed roughly the same. Financially, we rely on our membership

subscription of around 22 Euros and on the collection of the permitted 2% of the excise tax. An important supporter of the association is Prahova County's Department for Culture, Cults and Heritage. The director, Stere Viorel, is a conservator aware of the specific problems of this field.

All our achievements and activities should be seen as argument so that A.C.R.R.O. intend to become an active ECCO member.

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**The poster of the exhibition
“ Heritage without borders”**

**A happy sunny day with
Slovenian conservators.
Alba-Iulia, 2013**