



Board Activities Report of the Professional Association of Conservators-Restorers of Portugal - year 2014

During the year 2014 Arp management implemented its activities program to promote a greater signification and recognition of the Conservator-Restorer as a qualified professional, and at same time divulge the ARP Association and its lines of action. In this regard the most relevant activities were:

1. In December of 2014, Arp's Facebook page was created and it's management determined. This page is seen as a valuable tool for exposing and defending the profession, as well as presenting the objectives and activities developed by Arp for a general and/or specific public. As well as news and links related to cultural heritage, along with conservation and restoration subjects are regularly posted.
2. Management and updating of the association's site contents. Arp's site was reformed and inaugurated in the first quarter of 2014.
3. "Cycle of lectures - around conservation and restoration", were carried out, in which the main main issues lectured were: "Hygiene and safety in conservation and restoration" addressed by Doctor Maria Jorge Rocha, and the "Introduction to the legal regime of cultural heritage and the role of the conservator-restorer" by Dr. João Martins Claro. These lectures took place at Coleção Berardo Museum (CCB), in Lisbon, on 15th, 22nd and 29th of November 2014.
4. Due to the existence of outdated inconsistencies in early Arp internal statutes and regulations, a review work has been done during this year.
5. The numbers 19 and 20 of the "Conservar Património" journal, corresponding to the year of 2014 were published in an online and free access format.
6. ARP was represented at E.C.C.O general meeting, which took place in Bolzano, Italy, by its delegate Elis Marçal. as an E.C.C.O's committee member, she has also attended its regular meetings.
7. Carrying on of the data management of the anonymous survey released to Conservator-Restorer during December 2013 to January 2014, for the evaluation of the profession and its relationship with Arp's association. The results will be released in the meantime.
8. Continuation of the recognizing the importance of an active

collaboration with higher education institutions of Conservation and Restoration, for the pursue of good conservation and restoration practices and technical quality in the field of conservation and restoration of cultural heritage, Arp association carried out a consistent contact maintenance on this regard.

9. A public presentation session was held about Arp's mission and it's activities at the reception of new students of conservation from *Universidade Nova de Lisboa*, in September 2014.

10. Publication of an opinion article, by Arp's board director Rui Borges, themed "Salv guarda do patrimonio cultural, um dever de cidadania" (Safeguarding of cultural Heritage, a citizens duty") in *Pontos de Vista* magazine, (n.º35, May 2014).

11. Participation in the second meeting of *Secção dos Museus, da Conservação e Restauro e do Património Imaterial* (SMUCRI) of the *Conselho Nacional de Cultura* (CNC) in which a draft decree for conservator's professional accreditation was discussed.

12. Maintenance of the institutional contact with GECORPA – *Grémio do Património*, in wich was tacken into account, Arp's mission regarding the promotion of the conservator-restorer profession and namely its cultural heritage preservation multidisciplinary framing.

13. At the Arp's general assembly meeting, in March 2014, a pardon was granted to all members with overdue fees. These members were given the opportunity to regularize their debt until the 31st of December 2014, by paying their current annual fee of fifty euros (50,00€) and 50% of the amount of their arrears, through a staggered payment. Twenty-eight of the debtor's members took advantage of this installment plan.

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