



Board Activities Report of the Professional Association of Conservators-Restorers of Portugal – year 2015

During the year 2015 Arp management developed several initiatives in order to promote a greater recognition of the role of the Conservator-Restorer as well as publicizing ARP's mission. In this regard the following activities stand out:

1. Arp's 20th anniversary Commemorative Journey *Sínteses e Perspectivas para a Conservação e Restauro em Portugal* ("Conservation and restoration sinteses and prespectives in Portugal") was held at the Museum of Pharmacy's Auditorium in Lisbon, on September 18th 2015, in collaboration with the Associação Portuguesa de Museologia (APOM). This meeting was attended by representatives from various sectors of the Direcção Geral do Património Cultural (DGPC) and had communications from the various higher education institutions linked to the profession (Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Universidade Católica – Campos Porto, Instituto Politécnico de Tomar, Universidade de Portucale). Arp made two communications at this meeting, the first one was about the release of the results of the survey on the evaluation of the profession and its relationship with Arp's association; the other one was the preliminary assessment of conservation and restoration companies on public tenders and the applicability of cultural Portuguese legislation, namely DL n.º 140/2009, de 16 de Junho.
2. Participation in meetings of *the Secção dos Museus, da Conservação e Restauro e do Património Imaterial* (SMUCRI) of the *Centro Nacional de Cultura* (CNC) in which, among many other subjects, the following legislative proposals were discussed:
 - Draft regulating the Decree-Law 107/2001 of September 8th (Cultural Heritage Basic Law) for movable cultural objects.
 - Proposed for amendments to the Portuguese Museum Chart's Law;
 - Accreditation of new RPM's Museums.

3. Involvement in the *Agência de Avaliação e Acreditação do Ensino Superior*(A3ES) assessment committee of the Instituto Politecnico de Tomar (IPT) Conservation and Restoration course, in December 2015.
4. Following the 2013-2014 debt write-offs, special attention was paid to regularizing membership dues, given that many members are in arrears, which is a default to the Association's statutes. At the Extraordinary Assembly of December 4th, 2015, to comply with Article 7 - "Loss of Membership" of the Statutes, associates with quotas in arrears until 2013, and who have expressed no desire to remain as Arp's associates, were excluded to avoid accumulating further debt. However other associates requested a plan to pay their respective outstanding quotas.
5. A working group has been set up to answer E.C.C.O. (European Confederation of Conservator-Restorers' Organizations) questionnaire on National Legislation, concerning the protection, conservation and restoration of Cultural Heritage. Therefore, the answers were developed, and the work was submitted to an attorney's opinion, and subsequently, the document and its corresponding legislation started to be translated.
6. Contribution to the *III Luso-Brazilian Meeting of Conservation and Restoration*, held at the University of Évora, on November 11th to 14th 2015, with the communication "A Profissão, a Prática e a Formação do Conservador – Restaurador" (*The Profession, Practice and Training of the Conservator- Restorer*) by Arp's President, Rui Camara Borges.
7. The '*Conservar Património*' Journal was admitted to the SCOPUS database (Elsevier publisher), the largest database of scientific literature.
8. In result of the creation and management of the Arp Facebook page, launched by the current management in December 2014. At the moment , has 1089 'likes'.
9. At the request of Porto District Archives, Arp cooperated in the organization of the *2nd Workshop on the Conservation of Ferrogalic Ink Documents* which took place from the 7th to the 9th of October 2015.
10. Arp has been represented at ECCO's general meeting by its own delegate Elis Marçal. This meeting took place in Bratislava, Slovakia.
11. Representation of the E.C.C.O. Committee at the *IIC's 2015 Warsaw Student and Emerging Conservator Conference* in October 2015, by invitation of the Faculty of Conservation and Restoration of Works of Art of the Warsaw Academy of Fine Arts.
11. Representation of Arp at the *Meeting for the Spanish development of the strategic plan of*

E.C.C.O held in School of Historical Heritage in Nájera, July 2015, by invitation of the Asociación de Conservadores Restauradores de España (ACRE) .

12. Following several meetings and contacts developed with the DGPC and *Direcção Geral do Emprego e das Relações do Trabalho* (DGERT) , a working group has been established with the directive to develop legal definition and recognition of the Conservator-Restorer profession.

Lisbon, 20th of March 2015

Rui Camara Borges

(Board's presidente)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Camara B. J.', written over the printed name 'Rui Camara Borges'.