



## Board Activities Report of the Professional Association of Conservators-Restorers of Portugal – year 2016

This report covers the period from 31<sup>st</sup> March (date of the governing elections to the bodies) and 30<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

Throughout this period, the current Arp's administration has developed several activities, focused on the valorization of associate's status, on its defense, recognition but also on the regulation of the Conservator-Restorer profession, and its scientific contents dissemination. The main activities were as follows:

1. Development of protocols with entities of areas related to the practice and legal requirements associated with Conservation and Restoration. Until this moment a protocol was been signed with 'CentralMed Group' while others are being analyzed.
2. Conclusion of the essay on *“Os procedimentos concursais de Conservação e Restauro em Portugal: principais aspectos associados e aplicabilidade da legislação”*, ("The Conservation and Restoration tendering procedures in Portugal: associated main aspects and the applicability of legislation"), which will be published shortly.
3. Working meetings with Pro-Nobis Cooperative on the reality of green receipts in the labor market. Resulting in a memorandum that was sent to Arp's members on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Providing support to the organization, undertaking and participation in E.C.C.O'S General Assembly in Berlin on June 2016, during which was held also E.C.C.O's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and at the same time the bi-annual meeting of all national Presidents of european city associations with the subject "Conservation matters! - The profession of the conservator-restorer as a Strategic Resource for Cultural Heritage", the orators where Stefano De Caro, Director-General of ICCROM, Erminia Sciacchitano, "Policy Officer - Culture - Heritage, Economy of Culture in the Directorate - General for Education" and Culture of the European Commission, Grellan Rourke, Director General of ICOMOS and Wolfgang Batz President of ENCoRE.

Development of the "Protection and Conservation-Restoration of Cultural Heritage" questionnaire - E.C.C.O. Study of National Laws' included in a draft analysis of the

legal framework of Conservation and Restoration at the European level. It was developed by E.C.C.O. in collaboration with its international cultural heritage legal adviser, which seeks to identify and analyze the specific national conservation and restoration laws. The aim of this project is to develop a legal proposal for Conservation and Restoration in Europe, which simultaneously subscribes to ENCoRE directives and E.C.C.O.'s professional guidelines without neglecting the specificity and sovereignty of each country, thus making it possible to proceed with the professional recognition of the Conservator-restorers and the mobility aspects of these professionals in the European single market

4. Organization of ARP's bibliographic collection for its future deposit and access in the Library of Direção Geral do Património Cultural (DGPC) Publication of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> issue of the associations journal "Conservar Património" in digital format of free online access.

5. Participation in the General Assembly of ACRE in December 2016. It is ACRE's intent to establish a partnership with Arp, the goal objective being the organization of a joint and relevant event of the Iberian Peninsula reality, promoting common objective to defend the profession.

6. Definition of proposals for the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018. The initiative seeks to meet the guidelines set out in the document produced by the European Commission, dated from August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Particularly developed based on point 2, from paragraph c), from the 2<sup>nd</sup> article, which defines as an objective of the European Year of Cultural Heritage: "To promote debate, research and innovation activities and exchange of good practice on the quality of preservation and safeguarding of cultural and historical heritage (...)". In the scope of paragraph 7 of this report, the possibility of carrying out this celebration together with ACRE is being considered.

7. Definition of a new model of membership card, which allows the substitution of the one currently available.

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