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CRAC (Conservators-Restorers Association of Catalonia)
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Throughout the 2018, CRAC has continued its activity in defence of the profession and promoting a high level of training, knowledge and skills for the conservators-restorers of Catalonia.

COMMITTEE: During the celebration of the General Assembly (16th February 2018), the Committee of CRAC was changed and from that date Marta Gabernet is the President, Àlex Catro the Vice-President, Lídia Balust the Secretary, Maria Teresa Sala the Treasurer and Ruth Bagan, Laia Duran, Anna Ferran, Olga Íñigo, Núria Jutglar and Nieves Marí are the vocals. In the same Assembly it was decided that Monica López (Secretary of the outgoing board) continue as ECCO delegate.

CRAC has also changed its administrative officer and from January 2018 Patricio Bottos holds that position, working 9 hours per week and helping in the administrative tasks of the organisation.

ASSOCIATES: At the end of the year, the number of associates was 228.

The main activities during the year 2018 have been:

- General Assembly: took place 16th February 2018.
- Institutional activities
 - o During 2018 there have been **two meetings between the Director of Culture Department of the Government of Catalonia and members of the board of CRAC**; the first was held in May with, Jusep Boya (Director of the Department until June 2018) and the second in July with the current Director, Elsa Ibar. In both meetings the state of the sector in Catalonia was discussed, as well as the possibility of extending with a specific decree for CR, the Patrimonial Law of 1993. The Government has been favourable to help in the proposal and for that reason there has been created a working group formed by members of the board of CRAC and some associates who are working to achieve this goal.
 - o **Attendance at meetings related to the new Museums Plan of the Government of Catalonia: 'Museums 2030. Museums Plan of Catalonia'**. In accordance with Law 17/1990 of Museums, and

Decree 35/1992 and its partial implementation, in the aforementioned document is established as one of the strategic objectives "Improve conservation and the management of the collections and promote the development and dynamism to serve current and future needs" Item 4.5 of the document is specifically focused on "Promoting preventive conservation and restoration of collections". Within this point are included:

4.5.1 Preventive conservation program

4.5.3 Creation and maintenance of the storage system and / or collection centres

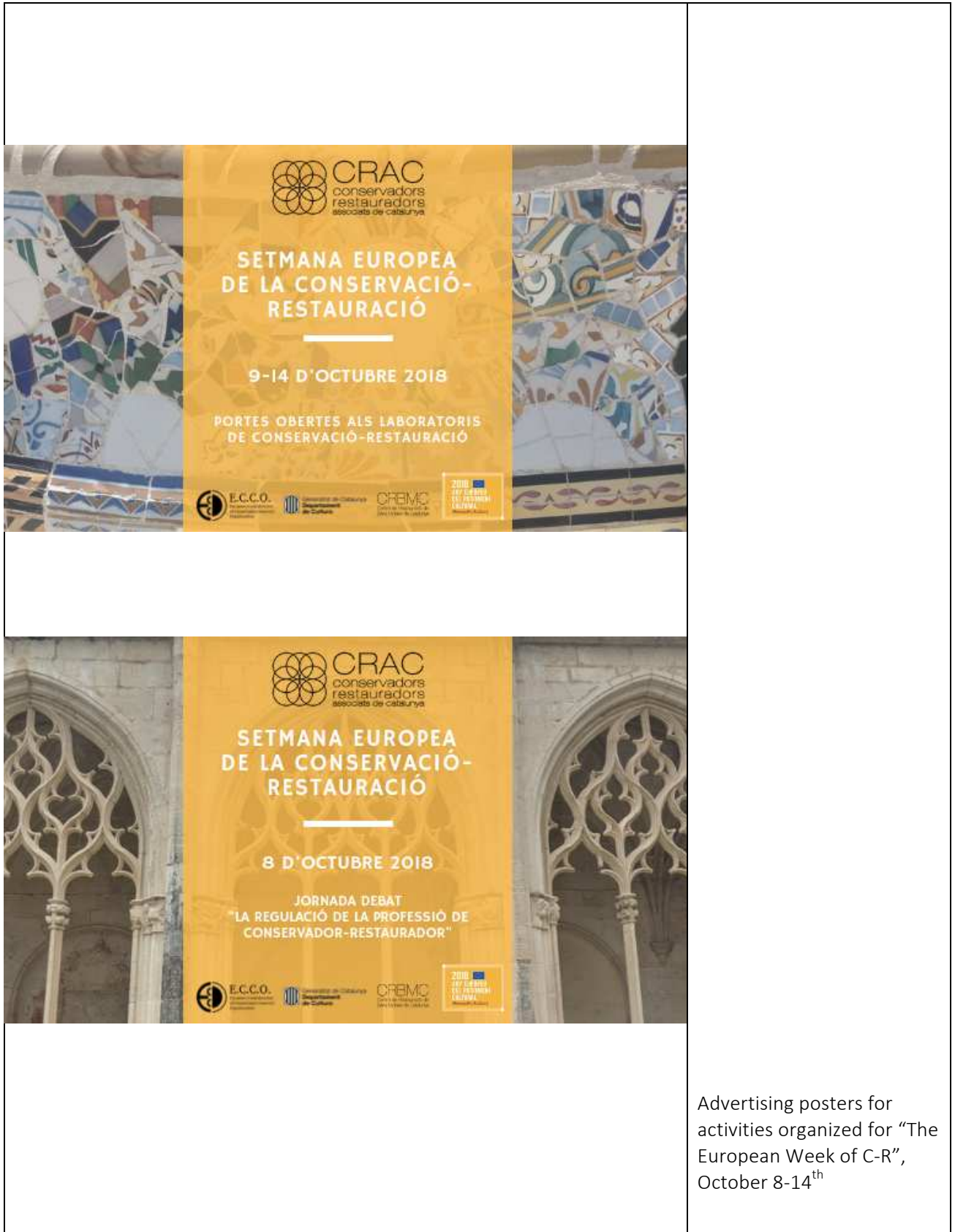
To do this, a Working Committee has been created consisting of representatives of various administrations (Department of Culture of the Government of Catalonia, Office of Cultural Heritage of the Deputation of Barcelona and Institute of Culture of the City Council of Barcelona), as well as technicians from the territorial networks and the thematic networks of the museums of Catalonia, representatives of the AMC (Association of Museologists of Catalonia) and of CRAC.

CRAC has been also invited to participate at "**Museums Forum**", an initiative of the Culture Department of the Government of Catalonia to explain the situation of the museums and give an account of the deployment of the Museum Plan and, especially, to debate those issues that most affect the museum community in the country. Initially it is a virtual forum, but it is planned to hold a face-to-face forum in May 2019. CRAC has been enrolled in the virtual forum to make contributions related to the conservation-restoration sector in museums, especially in relation to one of the objectives that make up the social challenges defined in the Museum Plan: promote the updating, recognition and the dignity of the professions of the museum sector.

- Networking activities with the main Spanish associations (ACRE, GE-ICC) for improving the standards of the profession at the state level. In this sense, participation in May in the elaboration and dissemination of the manifesto "**For the heritage. For a necessary profession**" and attendance to a **Spanish C-R Associations Meeting** held in the annual GE-ICC congress in September.
- **Dissemination of the ECCO activities:** we have exponentially increasing the information related to ECCO activities through social media. Moreover, our delegate Mònica López attended the Presidents Meeting (PM) and General Assembly (GA) held in Malta, (27-29 April) and presented a summary to our associates in the conference day "The regulation of the conservator-restorer profession in Europe".

- **Organization of the “Conservation-Restoration Week”**, October 8-14. During this week were promoted and coordinated different activities like “open doors” to the conservation-restoration laboratories and guided visits to 17 museums in Catalonia. In parallel CRAC organized the debate “The regulation of the conservator-restorer profession in Europe”, where were invited as speakers ECCO delegates of Slovakia, Italy and Greece, with an attendance of 74 people.
- **Study of the professional sector of conservation-restoration in Catalonia**: the current context appears favourable for the recognition and strengthening of the conservation-restoration sector. It seems that there is a confluence of interests with the public administration, for this reason it has been decided to carry out a study on the sector of conservation-restoration in Catalonia. It aims to analyse qualitatively and quantitatively the situation of the sector, so that it conforms a solid knowledge of reality. To carry it out, an independent consultant has been contacted for museums and heritage organizations, specialized in strategic planning, auditing and evaluation. We expect that the results of the study will be presented during the first half of 2019.
- Other activities: we have made the necessary procedures to adapt our privacy policy to the European data protection regulation as well as to refine and update our database.
- Activities organized for the associates:
 - Technical visits to the Mataro Museum and the Chapel of the Dolors of the Basilica of Santa Maria de Mataró (where mural paintings are recently restored). Participation: 24 associates. Date: Mai 12th
 - Technical visit to the storage spaces of the University of Barcelona Library. Participation: 9 associates. Date: June 14th
 - Organization of a talk about “The advantages of a professional civil insurance for conservators-restorers” presented by the company Baulenas Insurances. Participation: 18 associates. Date: November 20th
- Activities organized for the associates and professionals working in conservation-restoration:
 - Organization of the professional meeting “The regulation of the profession of conservator-restorer in Europe” (main activity organized

within the “European Week of C-R”). Participation: 74 people. Date:
October 8th



Advertising posters for activities organized for “The European Week of C-R”, October 8-14th

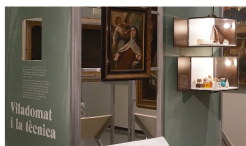


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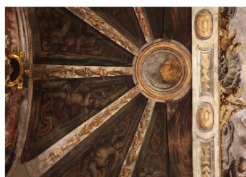
VISITES TÈCNIQUES

MUSEU DE MATARÓ + CAPELLA DELS DOLORS.

Dissabte, 12 de maig.



De 10 a 11h.
Visita a Ca l'Arenas a la mostra
**“Coincidències insòlites:
Viladomat i la tècnica”.**



D'11:30 a 13h.
Visita al conjunt dels **Dolors de la
basílica de Santa Maria de Mataró.**

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