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## **Slovenian Society for Conservation-Restoration (DRS) Annual Report for 2016**

In 2016 the members unanimously elected the new president, Martina Lesar Kikelj and also most of the committee has been changed. Due to the dedication of the members in 2016 DRS organized many events which were carefully planned, very well attended and remembered. We collaborated with other professional organizations in the field of cultural heritage (The Slovenian Museums Association, Institute for the Protection of Cultural Heritage in Slovenia – Restoration Center, Association of Conservators of cultural heritage of Slovenia), promoted the profession and contributed to our even better visibility in the public arena. As every year we organized lectures, workshops, lifelong learning programmes and promotional events that are for various reasons not organized by public Institutions.

Additionally the Committee communicated with Ministry of Culture to contribute to the amendments of the Protection of Cultural Heritage laws and bylaws and provided expert advice to the Chamber of Culture of Slovenia, mostly in reference to the status of conservator-restorers working in private practice and nominations of representatives in the museum councils.

In the field of promotion the 17<sup>th</sup> **Spring Meeting** was organized in May in The National Gallery in Ljubljana, where 79 posters were displayed and some of them also presented. The key-note speakers presented the various aspects of conservation project of the listed building of the National Gallery of Slovenia. At the occasion the publication *Konservator-restavrador* (Conservator-restorer) was published with abstracts of posters and lectures together with shortened abstracts in English language. We all welcomed the novelty as it will allow us to present our work internationally – especially as the event itself has become internationally recognized (16 posters from abroad).

The event was at the same time the opening of the traditional **Conservation-restoration Transversal**, which consisted of many events organized by conservator-restorers throughout Slovenia – presentations of projects, workshops, open-lab days, lectures... , which was concluded at the end of June.

The **Mirko Šubic Award** for the year 2016 was awarded to Josip Korošec, the ex long time director of the Restoration centre and promotor of the profession. As every year we also produced **information for the media**, which can generally be used for promotional purposes.

In December we also jointly organized the **New Year Meeting** at the Archives of Republic of Slovenia in the Conservation workshop, which was a combination of social and professional event, dedicated to the conservation of paper (demonstration of production of paper and lectures on the subject). The event was nominated the Nada Sedlar day after our late colleague from National Museum of Slovenia who helped in the formation of many object conservator-restorers.

In the field of education some well attended workshops were organized. In March a week long workshop on conservation of leather, in October Introductory workshop How to make replicas of museum objects and Expert consultation: Retouch – with the presentation of problems of wall paintings, and in conclusion in November we organized three workshops: on filigran making, use on remoistenable tissues in paper conservation and on identification of wood. The workshops were well attended by different professional groups.

International activity: We sent three members to attend the E.C.C.O. GA in Berlin in June, the new president as well as the previous Jernej Hudolin were present besides our delegate Jana Šubic Prisljan, who is also a committee member of **E.C.C.O.**; she also presented the E.C.C.O. activities at our GA in March and updated us on the latest events. We were also happy to see the presentation of our society in the 20th Anniversary publication of E.C.C.O. as we just became its member.

On the initiative of the European Commission, which has declared the year 2018 for the European Cultural Heritage Year (ECHY), within the association established a special team of restorers, who is preparing for events in 2018.

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president of Slovenian Society for Conservation-Restoration