

Hrvatsko restauratorsko društvo

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Early in 2015 changes were made in leadership structure of the Croatian Conservation-Restoration Association – Hrvatsko restauratorsko društvo (HRD). Andrej Dokić had to step down as HRD president due to work obligations.

There were two candidates for presidency: Marija Reberski and Radivoje Jovičić. Both candidates presented their programs to HRD members.

Marija Reberski (maja.reberski@inet.hr) was elected as the new president, and **Ines Kobas** (ines.kobas@gmail.com) as the new treasurer.

Under the new leadership, HRD's program will focus on the following:

- Improving the communication between HRD members
- Improving the communication between HRD and the wider community of experts
- Improving relation between HRD and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Croatia
- Strengthening the position of conservators-restorers in relation to other professions involved in preservation of cultural heritage
- Strengthening HRD's influence over decisions related to the status of the conservation-restoration profession in Croatia, employment of conservators-restorers and conservation-restoration in general
- Encouraging/improving collaboration with other professional associations in Croatia
- Creating opportunities and possibilities for Croatian conservators-restorers on European labour market.

Following the HRD meeting held on 26th February 2015 it was agreed that annual membership fees would be introduced. Since Croatia is still struggling in poor economic conditions, a modest membership fee was set (50 HRK – 6.50 EUR).

Apart from introducing the membership fee, it was also decided that the member's list would be revised. Membership application form was sent to all current members. In order to attract new members, a notice was posted on HRD's web site and Facebook page. The audit was completed in April 2015. HRD currently has 46 members.

In mid-2015 it was decided that HRD's website will be redesigned. This is a major undertaking that requires a lot of planning. It was decided that students would be involved.

In order to collect funds to support HRD, as well as to enhance professional outreach, a proposal was made to allow corporate sponsors to advertise on HRD's web site using banner ads.

HRD continued to work on the problem of inconsistencies and inaccurate terms in professional documents.

A working group was formed to study the Ministry of Culture's by-laws on regulation and licensure in conservation-restoration (*Pravilnik o stručnim zvanjima u konzervatorsko-restauratorskoj djelatnosti te uvjetima i načinu njihova stjecanja*). The working group suggested several changes to this document. Their proposal will soon be forwarded to the Ministry of Culture. It is important to note that the representatives of all three conservation-restoration study programs in Croatia participated in the working group.

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