

VERBAND DER RESTAURATOREN -KONSERVATOREN SÜDTIROLS

ASSOCIAZIONE RESTAURATORI-CONSERVATORI ALTO ADIGE

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The main issue for the Association of Conservators / Restorers of South Tyrol (VRCS / ARCAA) was the organisation of the General Assembly of ECCO. It was an important and very satisfying commitment giving us the opportunity to show to broader public in our province that taking care of cultural property is an important issue of general European interest.

During the year we tried to organize a refresher course about varnishes but due to the small number of participants the course fee for the single participants would have been too high.

There were some important news about the legal issues regulating our profession: To remind you briefly the Italian law called "Code of the Cultural Heritage" defines the competences of conservators/restorers, their training and the criteria to identify the persons who are allowed to do the conservator/restorer profession. To reach this qualification "The Ministry of Cultural Heritage Cultural Activities and Tourism" published the guidelines for the qualification of the conservator/restorers professionals and the conservator/restorer assistants in March. The qualification process shall finish until June 2015.

In October 2014 the certification process for conservator/restorer assistants was opened and the Internet platform of the ministry for the registration was active for three weeks. All those who applied had to select one of the 12 specific fields of C/R practice they want to make part of. They were also able to apply for the exams to become a full C/R in one or more of the different specializations. C/R assistants are not allowed to lead, plan and supervise C/R projects they are allowed to work under the supervision of a full C/R.

Since the qualification process shall finish until June 2015 we are warmly hoping that as soon as possible also the tender for full C/R will be started by the ministry in order to give finally an end to this never ending story the Italian government started in the year 2009.