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In 2017 the Slovenian Society for Conservation-Restoration voted for new statute where it is stated that regular professional members (full membership) of the society can be persons who are professional conservator-restorers as defined by ICOM CC and E.C.C.O., have an appropriate education and have passed the acknowledged state professional examination for the title conservator-restorer.

The program of the Slovenian Society for Conservation-Restoration in the year 2017 was dedicated to the conservation-restoration profession and to the wider public, who would be interested in these issues. All events of the Society were published on the website www.slodrs.si, professionals and general public were also informed about various events through e-mail addresses. Both leading projects, the 14. Meeting of Conservator-restorers in National Gallery in Ljubljana accompanied by a publication and the jubilee tenth edition of professional Mirko Šubic Awards in the field of conservation-restoration were well attended and extended throughout the years to the Slovenian public. The number of participants taking an active part is growing. Both events were also present in the media. Workshops and lectures on different topics were also organized: Enameling, Use of electrochemical/electrolytic technics in conservation of archaeological metals, Identification of wood, Mosaic techniques, workshop on retouching — Esthetic presentation of wall-paintings; due to big interest we are repeating certain workshops or upgrading them. The purpose of DRS's program is to implement the education of experts in conservation-restoration in the field of cultural heritage and at the same time to raise public awareness of the importance of the protection of cultural heritage with professional approaches.

There are no employees in DRS, but we have an honorary accountant, a secretary and editor of the website. Other associates (about 40 people) participate as co-creators of the program, who with their volunteer work actively contribute to raising the level of Society and its image. Many of the projects, also The Conservation-restoration Transversal and preparation meetings for

ECHY2018, were organized jointly with other similar organizations, educational institutions and companies (such as the Biotechnical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana, the National and University Library in Ljubljana, The Museum Association, The Restoration Centre, The Institute for Conservation, etc.), as well as distinguished professionals and experts from other fields help who help in the emergence of major projects.

In the last ten years, the Society has developed into a strong professional support of the conservation-restoration profession.

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