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## **Association of Conservator-Restorers in Bulgaria (ACRB)**

*Асоциация на реставраторите в България (АРБ)*

The annual meeting of the Association of Conservator-Restorers in Bulgaria took place in the Town Gallery in Pleven, in northern Bulgaria. This was a three-days event, held on 6<sup>tr</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October. It included a poster session, a one-day conference on conservation-restoration, and a day of sight visits in the region. The Meeting was organized in partnership with the Section Restoration of the Union of Bulgarian Artists and was attended by members of the two organisations, students from the Department of Conservation-Restoration at the National Academy of Art in Sofia, and local people, interested in the problems of the cultural heritage and its preservation.



*Opening of the poster session of the annual meeting of ACRB*

The General Assembly of the Association took place on 21st December and was kindly hosted by the Department of Conservation-Restoration of the National Academy of Art in Sofia. The President reported on the activities of the Association and expressed his concern about the worrying trend for decline of the paying members in spite of the increased

membership application. At the end of GA, the annual prize for a diploma project was awarded to a graduate student of the Department of Conservation-Restoration.

2017 ACRB was involved in conservation-restoration projects by providing with expertise and coordination. One of these project was in partnership with the Institute for Art Studies at the Bulgarian Academy of Science, and was focused on the rescue of the personal archive of a renown Bulgarian art historian. The other project was on expert consultations to the regional museum in the town of Stara Zagora, related with conservation-restoration of ancient mosaics.

ACRB representative was member of the consultative committee to the Minister of Culture. Unfortunately, according to the report from our colleague representing ACRB, the sessions of the committee were too much affected by political influence and many of the invited experts were disappointed by the result of their work.

The member of ACRB Board was a representative of our organisation in the the Bulgarian Standardization Committee. She was able to contribute at national level in the work of CEN TC 346.

In terms of the publicity the President and other members of ACRB had several interviews in the media. Our Association updates regularly the website and actively publishes information on the Facebook page.

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