The E.C.C.O. GA 2023 will take place in Rome on May 21st, followed by the “Brandi and Beyond – 60 years after the Teoria del Restauro” (working title) conference on 22. 5. 2023. This conference is an independent event organised by ARI and more information will be provided soon.

**STATUTES**

Due to the required revision of Statutes of professional organisations to be in line with the EU legislative regulations, the WG Statutes, together with the rest of the Committee, underwent a thorough check and rephrasing of our current perspectives in conservation-restoration. The revised version is going to be translated into French and sent to be checked by a Belgian notary to meet legal requirements. Once this process is finalised, we will move on to adjusting the Internal Rules.
The continuous themes of our committee meetings include reporting on the developments of the CHARTER project, where E.C.C.O. is one of the partners and is represented by Elis Marçal, Kristian Schneider and Anja Romanowski (through VDR).

Citing from our last meeting: “While we (C-Rs) were amongst ourselves, dealing with just our own profession was simpler. Now we are a part of Europe, where everybody else is present too. Therefore, we must concentrate on our competencies which make us unique, our essential skills, knowledge, and our mechanisms for quality assurance. We are trained for problem-solving (creativity) and critical thinking in the heritage field. C-R is a hybrid practice covering material sciences, technologies, sustainability, value meanings and interpretation.”
NACE

The NACE revision process is at the stage of adaptation of the so-called explanatory notes as agreed upon by the task force (choice of EU countries responsible for the task of revision of a specific section of NACE) consisting of representatives from all EU countries. If action is required, the Committee will inform the delegates as in the past.

SUSTAINABILITY

The working group sustainability and climate change will meet in Stockholm on January 21st-22nd, 2023. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how conservation-restoration contributes to sustainability. It will include a workshop and drafting of a document about conservation-restoration and sustainability. The document aims to clarify our role as conservator-restorers within sustainability as well as our duty to mitigate climate change.
The preparation of the publication based on the Athens conference “Ensuring high quality in safeguarding Cultural Heritage - The vital importance of protecting the title and regulating the profession of Conservation-Restoration in Europe” is getting closer to its end. The preprint date, after several delays, is now March 2023.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank you for your continuous support and cooperation in matters that concern us.