



Dear Colleagues and friends,

## ANNUAL REPORT 2019

### Preamble:

*The Malta Association of Professional Conservator-Restorers (MAPCo-Re) was founded in 2006 and became a registered member of the Malta Federation of Professional Associations on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007.*

The MAPCo-Re Committee would like to wish everyone a prosperous new year 2020.

2019 was a rather smooth running one, yet active year for most of us. We must all be thankful for the local and foreign conservator-restorers working in Malta who have reached great achievements, which contribute extensively to our professional community. We thank you all for promoting the profession and keeping the standards of ethical undertakings. Kindly never lose sight of these ethics which distinguishes us from craftsmen or skilled personnel, a status we are constantly striving to not be associated with.

We hope that this year will bring us satisfaction and professional fulfillment in our profession as well as in our community. As was done in previous years, MAPCo-Re aims to fulfill its duties towards the conservation-restoration profession and towards nurturing the community of conservator-restorers in Malta. **We encourage our members to participate in our activities, as well as communicate with us their achievements or events, so as to reach the community at large.**

We thank the European Confederation of Conservation-restoration Organisations [E.C.C.O.] and the Malta Federation of Professional Associations [M.F.P.A.] for their support. The latter supported our request for the 'Warrant' and helped us bring across the issue with '100 hours Continuous Professional Development (CPD)', within the amended Cultural Heritage Act 2019. We are pleased that in 2019, the amendments to the Cultural Heritage Act were approved in Parliament (March 2019) and that the obligatory CPD was reduced to 25 hours per year. We must especially thank all the participating members and helpers for supporting our activities, as well as their families in the background who support them.

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We appreciate all the support MAPCo-Re received towards the proposed amendments and hopefully the implementation of the Cultural Heritage Act, which has been approved in Parliament. We encourage all to continue to support this cause and promote the law that will establish the protection and responsibly of our profession.

#### **Achievements of 2018:**

-Attending the monthly council meetings of the **Malta Federation of Professional Associations** [MFPA]. The President of MAPCo-Re (James Licari) actively participates within the Federation Council proceedings and discussions.

- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**:- MAPCo-Re Committee has signed its first MoU with the National Archives in Rabat. This will provide our members the use of the space, as well as assistance (where possible) with research. MAPCo-Re will be informed of any vacancies and CPD events our members can attend. MAPCo-Re can also recommend the archives to future interns. Other benefits will probably develop in the near future. MoU's with other various key stakeholders within the Cultural Heritage field (namely Heritage Malta; the St John's Co-Cathedral Foundation; the Notarial Archives; and any other entities suggested by the members) are currently in discussion.

#### **- Outreach and Publications**

The MAPCo-Re committee would like to thank all our members who constantly contribute articles and public presentation on projects undertaken, as this serves as outreach for our professional within the local communities. MAPCo-Re is also drafting various informative articles to be published, to help promote the scientific approach undertaken by our members. We have had articles published in the Heritage Malta bi-annual journey 'Tessaræ' and we are now being offered article space in another magazine, but articles from our members are required.

- **Fund raising Activities (BBQ and Drinks)** this year, MAPCo-Re only managed to organize the BBQ and Christmas drinks, due to the extensive work that went behind the MoU signing and discussions of the other MoU's. Both events were successful and all those attended provided us with words of praise.

- **Advising various NGOs** on conservation-restoration projects.

- Attending other public consultation meetings and fora on cultural heritage.

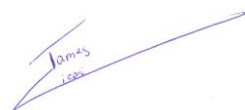
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### Proposed achievements for 2020:

- Consolidating the agreements and discussions with the various local authorities, and NGOs
- Attending the monthly council meetings of the Malta Federation of Professional Associations [MFPA]
- Keeping an open communication with the ECCO committee and possibly collaborating with them on various projects.
- Undertaking an academic conference on conservation-restoration. Dates and call for papers will be issued soon.
- Work on establishing various CPD opportunities for our members.
- MAPCo-Re will hopefully also discuss the possibility of collaborating with the Department of Conservation, at the Faculty of Built Environment, within the University of Malta, especially with regards to CPD courses and hopefully possible analytical resources.
- Organizing more social activities for our members and friends, to build the community spirit.
- Acknowledging the achievements of our members and colleagues.
- Keeping update our public relations via our Facebook page and other outreach programs.

The Committee would like to thank all and we hope to contribute towards the conservation of our collective past for the present and future generations.



James Licari

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*The MAPCo-Re Committee 2018-19*

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