

Revitalization of Working Party on Conservation of the Cultural Heritage

The current time of ongoing globalization, transition of communities into high tech societies and development of technological inventions with an impressive speed, has at the same time created an increasing interest in cultural heritage and history both from the public as well from government institutions

Many chemists are currently employed at cultural institutions such as Museums and Galleries or at educational institutions teaching in conservation and in recent years numerous papers regarding chemical and analytical techniques on cultural heritage have been published.

Modern spectroscopic methods like XRD, PIXE, Raman, ATR-FTIR and SEM-EDX have proven to be successful in conservation science for example in identification of artists' pigments, binding media or of corrosion products on archaeological metals.

The increasing focus on chemistry and cultural heritage does also give the chemists interested in cultural heritage a possibility of obtaining funds from new sources and getting involved in international projects in conservation or education such as EPISCON - European Ph.D. in Science for Conservation.

Due to the increasing interest in chemistry and cultural heritage the EuCheMS has decided to revitalize the **Working Party on Conservation of the Cultural Heritage**.

The WP will act as a forum giving networks, meetings and conferences for chemists working with cultural heritage and we recommend interested chemists to contact their respective chemical society in order to join the WP.

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