



## Chair of Emerging Professionals - role and scope of work

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IIC's core objectives are to advance knowledge, and to continually improve professional practice and standards, enhancing the preservation and conservation of historic and artistic works. We do this by:

- Promoting the study of conservation practice, through understanding the properties of cultural heritage artefacts, and the materials used in the treatment of those objects.
- Deepening an understanding of the causes of deterioration in cultural artefacts and how their condition can be improved.
- Encouraging education, study and research in the field of conservation and related branches of heritage science.

We are committed to nurturing the next generation of professionals to operate with an open mind, strengthening personal and professional skills and networks to make it easier to develop a successful career within the sector. This role will provide a strategic lead to Council, working to inspire excellence and empower IIC members through dedicated activities, such as the S&ECC (Student and Emerging Conservator Conferences). Working with committee members, the Chair will help shape the future of our field through the delivery of tailored resources, programmes and guidance to suit the needs of early careers members and to capture the imagination and curiosity of student conservators and conservation professionals.

The Chair will need to work closely with the Executive Director and Chair of Professional Development and Standards to support international skills and training partnerships (such as University of Turin hosted Young Professionals Forum) and the Brommelle Fund to support scholarship and participation in IIC Congresses, events and programmes, which have at their heart equitable access to learning, the exchange of knowledge and expertise.

The Chair does not need to be an IIC Fellow, and must be aware of IIC's purpose, core activities, operations and functions. Membership of the Committee will reflect the technical and geographical diversity of IIC membership.

### **Qualities and Skills Required**

- Excellent leadership skills
- Have a well-recognized and respected international reputation in the profession.
- Ability to work with committee, Council members and wider membership to advance knowledge, practice, standards, and education at an international level.
- Show a commitment to nurturing the talent of emerging professionals with innovative approaches to training and skills development.
- Highly developed communication and interpersonal skills, ability to speak additional language(s) would be welcome.

- Commitment to delivering on IIC's sustainability, access, and inclusion agenda.

**Time Commitment:** Able to make an initial 3-year commitment on Council and to be prepared for a further 3-year term up on re-election. Attendance at 3 x Council meetings, the Annual General Meetings and any Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) where online attendance is possible, to represent IIC at external meetings and to convene and chair committee meetings twice a year as appropriate online.