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After more than 30 years of international conservation work and training, in both private practice and within an institution, I am interested in serving on the IIC Council in order to help our profession advance and address the challenges that we face, especially regarding professional education, outreach and mentoring. Critical to improving conservation practice in many regions of the world, is the development of professional conservation training programs and recognition of the conservator profile by government institutions responsible for cultural heritage. The IIC can have an impact on conservation education by providing curriculum advice and teacher mentoring to educational institutions in parts of the world where conservation training does not exist. Another way that I feel I can help the IIC to advance the field is through outreach to allied professions such as archaeology and architecture.

My experience serving on conservation committees of US archaeological institutions and organizing workshops and meetings to advocate for and demonstrate the positive impact a conservation professional has in achieving their professional standards to conserve the archaeological record. IIC outreach to international archaeological organizations could similarly benefit the conservation of archaeological heritage, both sites and material removed from them.