

## Report by the Director of Publications 2016

Over the year, the number of papers submitted to *Studies in Conservation* (SIC) has been high, at about 8-10 per month, justifying the increase in the previous reporting year to 6 issues instead of the 4 issues that had been produced since the 1960s. Chandra Reedy continues to work hard as editor-in-chief and selector of contents for each issue. The editorial board has changed little over this period to July 2015, except for the resignations of Philip Klausmeyer due to ill health, and Carol Grissom as book reviews editor after many years of work. At this point, book reviews were transferred to the IIC website, under 'Resources'. This will make their search and retrieval easier in future, and will leave more space in the journal to accommodate papers. The decision was also taken, and for the same reason, not to include the text of the Forbes prize lecture within the pages of *Studies*, beyond the lecture given in 2014 by Dr Jixiang Shan at the Hong Kong congress in 2014. Shorter papers and technical notes are being encouraged, to broaden the content of non-themed issues. Our editors continue to dedicate much time to the journal, and I thank all the 20-some hardworking volunteers in the regular *Studies* editorial team.

The preprints for the Hong Kong congress were published as supplement 1 for 2014 to *Studies in Conservation*, as short papers in both English and Chinese, with captions and tables translated into both languages, and the references in a non-standard style to accommodate both languages. A special printed version of issue 59-4 of *Studies in Conservation* was printed in the conference style, with abstracts of Chinese of the three position papers from IIC which set the theme for the environmental session.

During the year, Council agreed that two sessions from the Hong Kong congress should be published in greater length than in the Hong Kong preprints, by producing two separate postprints with the titles *The Indoor Environment* and *Lacquer: Technical Analysis and Conservation*. Both will be online-only, and will be edited respectively by Barry Knight, and by David Saunders and Shayne Rivers. *The Indoor Environment* supplement reflects a key theme of the congress. The congress session on lacquer included a number of research papers, and indeed was the only other session from which all authors were ready to publish their work. Both will appear online in 2016.

During the year, the publication of the first non-IIC online-only supplement was anticipated: in fact this was posted early in the present IIC year, comprising the postprints of the LACONA 10 congress held in Sharjah in 2014. It is fully and freely accessible online to members.

Just at the end of the year under discussion, it was announced by Taylor and Francis Routledge that they had acquired Maney Ltd, IIC's publisher. This brings little change to the existing contracts for the journal and its supplements, but has led to many operational changes which fall outside the scope of this report.

Barbara Borghese has continued in her role as IIC's part-time news editor throughout the year. She has designed and produced 6 excellent and much-downloaded issues of *News in*

*Conservation* in PDF format, as well as commissioning and writing content for this and IIC's news features online, while working closely with the IIC social media team coordinated by Julian Bickersteth, as Director of Communications.

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