



Chair of Professional Development and Standards– role and scope of work

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.

IIC has eight Regional Groups and recognises 20 national professional bodies and associations around the world, with several establishing standards of accreditation and professional certification. We are committed to international co-operation in the maintenance and development of standards in the practice of conservation for the common good.

This role will provide a strategic lead to Council, working to inspire excellence and empower IIC members, regional groups, and the wider conservation community to shape and positively influence the future of our field through the delivery of professional guidance, education, networks, and resources.

The Chair will need to work closely with the Executive Director, Chair of Emerging Professionals, and will also play an important role in coordinating IIC's international skills and training partnerships (such as the IIC-ITCC), which have at their heart equitable access to learning, the exchange of knowledge and expertise.

The Chair must be an IIC Fellow in good standing, 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 and conservation community to advance knowledge, practice, standards, and education at an international level.
- Show a commitment to nurturing 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, subject to successful performance and 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.