



# FELLOWSHIP

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CONSERVATION OF HISTORIC AND ARTISTIC WORKS

IIC Fellows are senior members of the profession who are elected by the existing body of Fellows. The category of Fellowship is defined by Articles 19-22 of IIC's Articles of Association. In addition to Individual Members' rights, each Fellow has the right to stand for and nominate candidates for membership of the IIC Council and to nominate other Fellows.

## WHO CAN BE A FELLOW?

Fellowship of IIC is open to all members who are actively engaged in the profession of conservation. They may be:

- Practising conservators and restorers
- Scientists and technologists working in the field of conservation
- Conservation educators
- Other persons, whether technical, curatorial or administrative, who have made an important contribution to the conservation profession.

Fellows are normally expected to have been active in the conservation profession for at least ten years and preferably to have been personal members of IIC for five years. For conservators, this ten year period can include up to three years of a training or apprenticeship period under teachers of recognised ability. For other applicants, the ten-year period can include up to three years of postgraduate study towards a relevant higher degree or diploma.

Fellows must be able to demonstrate commitment to the profession and to show that they keep up-to-date with relevant developments. Indicators include publications, voluntary service to conservation organisations, active participation in conferences and training events, membership of other relevant professional bodies, and accreditation by a national organisation.

*Please note: Fellowship is awarded after the full nomination and election process is successfully completed. Payment of a Fellowship rate membership fee to IIC does not in itself confer Fellowship of IIC or any rights of Fellowship.*

## Who invites whom to be a Fellow?

If you are not a Fellow of IIC, one of your colleagues who is already a Fellow may suggest that you apply and offer to act as your Nominating Fellow (see next page). But a potential candidate does not necessarily have to wait to be invited and can seek nomination by an IIC Fellow.



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## THE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

A Nominating Fellow, namely a Fellow in good standing of the IIC, can nominate a member of the IIC for Fellowship status by following these two simple steps:

### 1. The Nominating Fellow should first ensure that the candidate:

- is in agreement with being nominated;
- has been in the field for at least ten years and has made sufficient contribution to the profession to be deserving of the status of IIC Fellow;
- is or has been a member of IIC (although exceptions are considered).

The Nominating Fellow should also ensure that three other IIC Fellows in good standing have agreed to support the nomination and know that they may be asked for their views on the candidate by Council.

### 2. The Nominating Fellow, in co-operation with the candidate, should then provide to the IIC Office, using the downloadable (available on the IIC website) Application for Fellowship form with the following:

- The name, address, affiliation and full contact details of the candidate;
- The names and electronic contact details or postal addresses of three willing Supporting Fellows whose support the Nominating Fellow has received and can attest to;
- A brief Statement of Support, written by the Nominating Fellow and not exceeding 200 words, summarising the candidate's contribution to conservation and supporting the nomination;
- The candidate's current CV.

In circumstances where it proves difficult or impossible to use email for the nomination form a hard copy is to be completed and, along with paper versions of the Statement of Support and current Curriculum Vitae, sent to the office.

The IIC office will be happy to assist the Nominating Fellow and the candidate in the process of nomination, including if required, checking the current Fellowship status of IIC members. However, an effort should first be made to confirm this by logging on to the membership list on this website.

Once received at the IIC Office the nomination is checked for completeness and then laid before IIC's Council at its next available meeting for Council to approve the nomination.

Once the nomination has been approved by Council it is sent for ballot to all IIC Fellows who are offered the voting options: "for", "against" and "not known to me". To be elected a Fellow a candidate must gain two-thirds of the votes returned in favour of the candidate, disregarding "not known to me" responses.

Successful candidates will be notified as soon as possible and will be asked to provide a summary biography and a photograph for *News in Conservation* and for the IIC website.

