

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**The fifty-seventh Annual General Meeting of The International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works took place at 5.00 pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at the Stevenson Lecture Theatre, British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC2, UK.**

*Present:* Andrew Oddy, President, in the Chair  
Andreas Burmester, Vice-President  
Eleanor McMillan, Vice-President  
David Leigh, Secretary-General  
Sandra Smith, Treasurer  
Leslie Carlyle, Sharon Cather, Elizabeth Peacock, Jerry Podany, Paul Schwartzbaum and Christoph von Imhoff, members of IIC Council

Marcel Steffanaggi, Joyce Townsend, JRJ van Asperen de Boer (*Fellows*)

Hani Alsaigh, Andrew Calver, Mary McQueen (*Individual Members*)

*In attendance:* Graham Voce, Executive Secretary  
Valerie Compton Taylor, Membership Secretary  
Anu Ampalavanar Shah (Slaughter and May)  
Charles Thompson (Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet)

Andrew Oddy, President in the Chair, extended a welcome to all those present, and especially to those who had travelled long distances.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, having been published in the IIC *Bulletin* of April 2006 and circulated to members, as well as being posted on the IIC web-site, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The Notice calling the present Meeting, having been published in the IIC *Bulletin* of December 2006, as well as being posted on the IIC web-site, was taken as read.

The Chairman noted that voting on the Resolutions by members present at the Annual General Meeting who had not voted by post would be by show of hands for resolution 1 and for resolutions 7 to 9; voting on resolutions 2 to 6 inclusive, being the election of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Director of Publications and Ordinary Council members, would be by voting form rather than judging by a show of hands; voting forms were distributed to those who had not already registered their vote. Leslie Carlyle and Valerie Compton Taylor agreed to act as tellers for this.

***Resolution 1: To receive and consider the Reports of the Council and the Auditors and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2006***

The Reports and Financial Statements, having been sent to members with the December *Bulletin*, were taken as read, and the Chairman invited the Secretary-General, the Treasurer and the Director of Publications to make their comments (see separate reports).

***Resolution 2: To elect a President***

The Chairman, Andrew Oddy, introduced this by remarking that this meeting was five years from his retirement as Keeper of conservation at the British Museum and was now approaching his retirement as President of IIC. He noted that one of the first things he introduced as President was the limitation of an IIC President's elected term to two sets of three years' service and, suitably, he was now the first to retire under this ruling.

There was one candidate for election to this position, Jerry Podany, Head of Antiquities Restoration at the J Paul Getty Museum in California and currently an Ordinary Member of IIC Council. On the basis of the total vote, Jerry Podany was elected as President of IIC and Andrew Oddy congratulated him on his election to office and welcomed the energy, integrity and ideas that he would bring to the role. Andrew Oddy explained that he would be moving to a role as one of IIC's Vice-Presidents, as required by the IIC's Articles of Association, and at this point vacated the Chair of the meeting in favour of Jerry Podany.

Jerry Podany thanked Andrew for his kind words and said that Andrew was not an easy act to follow, as the positive changes made to IIC under his presidency had been far-reaching and very positive in their effect. He hoped that he would also be able to serve the membership and aims of IIC as well as his illustrious predecessor.

***Resolution 3: To elect two Vice-Presidents***

Jerry Podany, Chairman, explained that Andreas Burmester was standing down at the end of his first three-year term as Vice-President and that Joyce Hill Stoner was standing for election to her second three-year term of office. There were three candidates for these two positions, Joyce Hill Stoner, Gabriela Krist, retiring IIC Council Ordinary Member and Head of the Department of Conservation and Restoration at the University of Applied arts in Vienna, and Elizabeth Peacock, retiring IIC Council Ordinary Member and of the Conservation Laboratory at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology .

Jerry Podany wished to record Council's thanks to Andreas Burmester for his invaluable contribution to the working of IIC and its council over his terms of office as Vice-President and previously as an Ordinary Member of Council; in addition, IIC was deeply indebted to his organisation of the 2006 IIC Congress in Munich, 'The object in context:

crossing conservation boundaries', which had been a significant, informative and hugely enjoyable event. He would be much missed.

On the basis of the total vote, Joyce Hill Stoner and Gabriela Krist were elected as Vice-Presidents of IIC. Jerry Podany congratulated them on their election to their roles and thanked Elizabeth Peacock for standing; he hoped that Elizabeth would be able to continue her role in developing IIC's services for and dialogue with students in conservation.

***Resolution 4: To elect a Treasurer***

Jerry Podany reminded the meeting that at the Annual General Meeting of 2006 David Leigh had stood successfully for election as IIC Secretary-General and that the resultant vacant role of Treasurer had been filled by the co-option of Sandra Smith, Head of Conservation at the Victoria & Albert Museum, London. At the 2007 Annual General Meeting Sandra was standing for election for a three-year term; there was one candidate for election to this position.

On the basis of the total vote, Sandra Smith was elected as Treasurer of IIC. Jerry Podany congratulated Sandra Smith on her election to this role and looked forward to her continuing her positive and attentive outlook to this role for the next three years.

***Resolution 5: To elect a Director of Publications***

There was one candidate for this role, David Saunders, who was standing for election to his second three-year period as Director of Publications.

On the basis of the total vote, David Saunders was elected as IIC Director of Publications. Jerry Podany congratulated David Saunders on his re-election to this office, especially at this time of development for IIC, when his experience, eye for detail and insight were of great value for the future of IIC in the next three years.

***Resolution 6: To elect four Ordinary Members of Council***

There were four vacancies, three of these following the departures of Marion Kite, Gabriela Krist and Elizabeth Peacock, who had come to the end of their elected terms of office, and one as a result of Lorenzo Lazzarini not standing for re-election at the end of his first term. Jerry Podany wished to record Council's thanks to Marion Kite, Lorenzo Lazzarini and Elizabeth Peacock for their valuable contribution to the working of IIC and its council over their terms of office; their interventions and contributions had been much valued and would be missed. He also welcomed the fact that Gabriela Krist had been

elected as a Vice-President of IIC and so would continue her valuable contribution to the workings of Council.

There were six candidates to fill the four positions: Christa Hofmann, Tuuliki Kilpinen, Anne Rinuy, Mikkel Scharff, Naoko Sonoda and Gordon Turner-Walker. On the basis of the total vote, Tuuliki Kilpinen, Anne Rinuy, Mikkel Scharff and Naoko Sonoda were elected as Ordinary Members of Council. Jerry Podany congratulated them but also thanked the other candidates for taking part in this election.

**Resolution 7:** *To reappoint Jacob, Cavenagh & Skeet as Auditors to The Institute and to authorize the Council to fix their remuneration for the ensuing year*

The resolution was duly adopted.

**Resolution 8: Special Resolution**

*To adopt by special resolution THAT existing Article 42 of the Articles of Association of the Company be amended to provide that where the votes in favour of two or more nominees for election to membership of the Council are equal, the person chairing the meeting at which the Article 42 be and is hereby altered to read:*

*“Unless otherwise stated in these Articles, all elections to membership of the Council or to any Office shall take place in the following manner:*

- Fellows will be notified of vacant positions, or positions soon to be vacant, and will be invited to nominate (in writing, addressed to the Secretary-General) candidates for election to positions on the Council.*
- Nominations must be received at least 90 days before a general meeting at which the relevant election is to take place.*
- The names of persons so nominated shall be circulated to members of The Institute at least 21 days prior to the relevant general meeting.*
- The nominee or, if there are multiple vacancies, nominees with the highest number of votes at general meeting in favour of their election will be elected to fulfil vacant positions on the Council or to the relevant Office, as applicable. If votes in favour of two or more nominees are equal, the person chairing the meeting will have a casting vote, in accordance with Article 48.”*

Jerry Podany, explained that this was a procedural amendment being introduced to ensure that if there was a tie in the total votes between two candidates for one vacancy at a General Meeting of IIC the person chairing the event could use their casting vote to decide the matter.

On the basis of the total vote the resolution was duly adopted.

**Resolution 9:** *To transact any ordinary business of The Institute*

Mr Hani Alsaigh raised the matter that due to financial difficulties beyond his control he was unable to pay his membership fee to IIC for the current financial year and asked what facilities there were for the sponsorship of individual member who were in similar positions. He observed that there was already IIC financial support for students to attend IIC Congresses and a Professional Development Fund for some student members.

The Chairman noted that the Articles of Association confirmed that a member has to have paid the relevant membership fees in a year to be a member of IIC. Sharon Cather pointed out that Council was considering the introduction of a system of graduated membership fees to reflect the earnings levels in different countries and that this would be implemented at some point in the future, it was hoped.

JRJ van Asperen de Boer noted that in his experience of ICOM-CC meetings that there were often cases of such sponsorship being needed for individual members; Andrew Calver of the Museum of London suggested that institutions who were members of IIC might be prepared to sponsor individual members in such cases. David Leigh, IIC Secretary-General, pointed out that some elements of individual member sponsorship were already established within IIC and that an individual IIC member could always offer to pay the membership of another member.

Jerry Podany moved that in this most unusual case and without prejudice and without creating a precedent for membership funding that Mr Alsaigh's individual membership could for the current year (2006 to 2007) be paid for from the IIC Professional Development Fund. On the basis of the total vote this motion was duly adopted.

Mr Alsaigh thanked IIC for this offer of support and accepted it.

Jerry Podany, Chairman, then drew attention of the planned IIC Congress for 2008 to be held in London. He noted that the call for papers had been published and that the organisation for this event was going well, with a Technical Committee under the experienced guidance of Jonathan Ashley-Smith, head of the 2006 Technical committee and former IIC Secretary-General, as well as a general Organising Committee under the able leadership of Chris Collins of the Natural History Museum, London, a veteran of several international conferences.

The Chairman thanked Anu Ampalavanar Shah of the IIC's legal advisors, messrs Slaughter and May, and Charles Thompson of messrs Jacob Cavenagh and Skeet, IIC's auditors, for attending.

There being no further ordinary business, the Chairman passed on to the matter of the Honorary Fellowship of IIC being offered to JRJ van Asperen de Boer for his long and deeply valuable work within the conservation arena, and presented him with a Fellowship Scroll. In response Dr van Asperen de Boer thanked the President, Officers and Council of IIC for this honour.

This done, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.