



International Committee for the Conservation of Mosaics

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Dear ICCM Members, Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The past twelve months have been a busy time, transferring responsibilities from the previous to the new president and trying to achieve the promised goals for the future of ICCM.

One year after the nomination of the new Board in Alghero, I am glad to share with you the results of this year of work.

1. ICCM Status: last December 2014 a process aimed at turning ICCM into a Foundation was initiated. The Foundation is a non-political and non-governmental body; it is established as a non-profit corporation, with the primary objective of public utility. On November 2015 the Italian Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Culture officially recognized the new status of ICCM. The Foundation is governed by a president and a board, but it is not exclusively linked to them: this means that the president and the board may change, and the Foundation will stay as an independent legal entity. Another positive aspect is that a foundation is a non-profit organization: this may facilitate access to financial support and grants. The new seat of the Foundation is Convento di San Nicola in Belmonte in Sabina, Rieti.

2. Web-Page: thanks to the efforts of the Vice-President, today we have a new web page and a new dominion: www.iccm-mosaics.org. The page is completely re-designed and it is suitable to accept remote payment, such as conference inscriptions, book selling or donations. We invite all of you to send pictures or documents related to past conferences, especially in relation to the pre-digital era, to illustrate the life of the Committee in the past.

3. Face-book Page: a page on Facebook is available at <https://www.facebook.com/friendsoficc/>. We hope that this tool will facilitate contacts between ICCM members, that it will increase the consensus and interest around ICCM activities and will allow a greater diffusion of information.

4. ICCM Archive: until last July, the archive of ICCM had been divided between Rome (ICCROM) and Cyprus (University of Cyprus). The archive contains administrative documents related to the activities of the Committee, correspondence, reports and publications. Thanks to the availability of ICCROM, all documents were moved from Cyprus to Rome. This way they were merged into a single archive dating from 1978 until today.

5. Old proceedings and newsletters: due to lack of space in the archive of ICCROM, one and half cubic meter of ICCM publications previously stored at the University of Cyprus was moved to Convento di San Nicola in Belmonte in Sabina, Rieti, the new location of the ICCM Foundation in Italy.



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6. *Proceedings of Palermo*: the proceedings of the 2008 Palermo ICCM Conference printed by Centro per la Documentazione e il Restauro in Palermo were finally transferred to Belmonte and distributed to all the persons entitled to receive it. The process is now complete.

7. *ICCM mailing list*: various old mailing lists have been reviewed and updated into one single new list. This will help to reach everyone interested in ICCM. We invite everybody on the list to help ICCM maintaining it updated and enlarging it to all colleagues interested in mosaic conservation.

8. *2017 ICCM Triennial Conference*: I am very glad to announce that, in reply to the invitation of the local Municipality, the Board of ICCM recently nominated Barcellona as venue for the 2017 Triennial International Conference. Barcellona is very rich in mosaic tradition, with special reference to “modernism”, which facilitated the use of various materials and techniques. This topic will surely add interest and novelty to the topics that ICCM traditionally covers in its triennial meetings. Another piece of news related to the coming conference is the opening of a session dedicated to videos related to mosaic technology and conservation. At the same time we are already working at preparing candidatures for the 2020 Conference, with the intent of announcing the next hosting country at the end of the Barcellona meeting.

9. *Board meeting*: The new board will meet in Rome next January 22nd, 2016 to ratify the new statute of the Foundation and to decide the title of the Barcellona Conference. A call for papers will be diffused in this occasion.

The above results are the achievements of this year. The program for the next year will be involving young conservators in active participation to the life of ICCM, publishing the proceedings of the Marocco and Alghero conferences and to promote the coming conference in Barcellona.

Please give us a hand in diffusing this letter to friends and colleagues in order to help ICCM growing and do not hesitate to contact us with suggestions and proposals.

With my best wishes for a Happy 2016,

Roberto Nardi