

Annual Report ACAWA-Gr **March 2017 - March 2018**

ACAWA Elections-Committee members

In 22th April 2017, ACAWA-GR had an election which resulted in the following 7 member committee:

President: Chatziyiannis Dimitrios

Vice President: Siatou Amalia

Secretary: Lagouda Eleni

Treasurer: Sakki Zoe

Members: Vouzatou Anna
Kardara Evagelia
Mandrou Kassiani

In March 2018 ACAWA counted 581 members, out of which 12 new and 39 having fulfilled the financial requirements.

Throughout the year the associations committee followed and handled different subject regarding the profession, legislation, education and dissemination of results both in the public and private sector. The main subjects were:

Professional rights

A significant part of the committees work is to follow all job announcements (mostly from the public sector) that are employing Conservators – Restorers and check if the required qualifications are correct in accordance with the national legislation.

To this extent the association intervened in more than 10 cases to clarify the professional rights, the need of expertise in conservation works and the importance of the C-Rs in renovation of listed buildings. Additionally, ACAWA is trying to raise awareness to local and national bodies on the need to protect our Cultural Heritage.

Within the same scope the committee members are always on stand-by to give clarifications and recommendations to any authority, public or private, that wishes to hire C-Rs or request tendering for C-R treatments or planning.

As part of the professional rights of C-R in Greece ACAWA-Gr, in collaboration with the Association of short-term employees in the ministry of Culture, is trying to register-include the profession of C-R in the list of dangerous-unhealthy professions.

One-day Conference

ACAWA-Gr is organising an one-day conference entitled "Conservators at Risk: By protecting our Cultural Heritage, are we destroying our environment?". It is the continuation of the one-day conference that was held in 2014 entitled "Conservators at Risk: By protecting our cultural

heritage, are we protecting ourselves?".

This conference is enlisted in the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 and is taking place in Athens in 9th June 2018, in celebration of the day dedicated to the environment (6th June).

The scope of the conference is to inform C-Rs and related professions on the proper disposal of the chemical substances that are used in outdoor monuments, archaeological sites and conservation laboratories. More specifically, we are aiming:

- To enlist the chemicals that need special treatment and the measures that are taken for their disposal in the public sector.
- To inform about the existing legislation on the disposal of chemical waste and the obligations of the public and/or private C-R sectors
- To advise on the consequences of the disposal of chemical waste to the environment
- To guide on the potential of the proper disposal of chemical waste
- To raise awareness to the C-R professionals and lead them to proper disposal or even replacing chemicals with other less harmful substances.

Participation to the one-day conference of the Association of permanent C-R employees of the Ministry of Culture -2017

ACAWA -Gr was invited to participate in one-day conference that is held every year by the Association of permanent C-R employees of the ministry of culture. The scope was to present our perspective regarding the up-coming ministerial decision regarding the "need to institutionalise the C-R work and C-R planning" that is part of the Greek Archaeological law (N.3028/20002) pending to be clarified.