

# Going Green; towards sustainability in conservation

Friday 24 April 2009, The British Museum, Clore Education Centre



Conservators and their colleagues are responding to the need to reduce the environmental impact of their professional activities. Such efforts may also anticipate regulatory requirements, given national and international commitments to reduce carbon emissions. This meeting aims to show examples of successful practical adaptation to increase sustainability within the conservation studio as well as in the broader aspects of collections care. The results of work to date in this area will enable best practice in the profession to be shared.

Keynote speakers will include Sarah Staniforth (Historic Properties Director, National Trust), Brian Hayton (of the MA Council and assistant director Bradford cultural services), Nancy Bell (Head of Conservation Research, National Archives, Kew).□

## Call for papers

We invite contributions on the opportunities and challenges offered by a green future, focusing on practical examples of how conservators and others are adapting working methods and sourcing alternative materials whilst safeguarding the integrity of professional practice. Does flexibility in setting standards in stores, displays and loans allow lower-carbon solutions to be adopted? In partnership with the developing world, how may simpler and/or local technological solutions help all those who care for collections? Will present treatments keep objects stable in future changed climatic conditions? Examples of environmental good practice, efficient energy use, waste reduction and recycling are welcomed, as are accounts of how this transition can be made successfully.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 1 October 2008 (max. 250 words). Contact information should include: name, postal and email addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers. Authors of selected papers will be notified by 12 December 2008.

## Registration, Access & Dietary Request

Early booking by 1 March 2009: £70 (full price); £35 (reduced price for students/interns); £50 BM members.

After 1 March 2009: £75/ £40/ £55

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Consistent with the theme of the meeting, food and drink will be locally sourced to ethical standards with minimum carbon emissions.

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As far as possible, communication relating to the meeting will be conducted by email, so please provide an email address when registering interest in the meeting or submitting an abstract.

## Publication

The conference papers will be published online in English with hard copies printable on demand.

## Information for contributors

Presentations will be 20 minutes long and there will be time for questions. PowerPoint presentations to be submitted for loading prior to conference. All speakers will be required to submit the full 'ready for publication' version of their paper by Friday 22 May 2009. The authors are responsible for rights and permissions to publish photographs or graphics. Author guidelines are available at