

## Board Public Report

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*The following report is a summary of discussions and decisions made at the 23rd September 2015 Icon Board of Trustees meeting.*

**Main points: launch of website, new publishing agreement, Icon16 conference sponsorship, Conservation Documentation Network, Chantry Library, future internship activity, Task & Finish groups, Trustees' Annual Report and Audit, appointment of Chair.**

### 1 Launch of website

After five months of intensive work involving Icon staff, trustees and volunteers the new website went live on 4<sup>th</sup> August. The site is rich in images, has improved navigation and reaches out to the general public. Its enhanced members' area holds dedicated content, provides access to the latest issues of the Journal and Icon News and provides members with easy ways of changing their contact information and renewing subscriptions.

### 2 New publishing agreement

A new publishing agreement has been signed for the journal with Icon's existing publishers Taylor & Francis. The agreement will run for five years from 1 January 2016. The new agreement means all future issues will be in full colour and there will be a move to three all-discipline issues a year in 2017. The excellent functionality of Taylor and Francis's website will support those members who wish to compile their own virtual issues.

### 3 Icon16 conference sponsorship

Tru Vue has generously agreed to sponsor the Icon16 conference and has renewed its commitment to grant funding for CPD bursaries for mid-career conservators.

A significant sum has also been received from the Clothworkers' Foundation towards bursaries for attendance at the conference. This on-going support to Icon's professional members is extremely welcome.

### 4 Conservation Documentation Network

A pilot 'network' structure, the Conservation Documentation Network has been established as an alternative to setting up a new Icon Group. The network's membership will be open to any Icon member and at least one representative from every other group will be designated to contribute to the network to ensure buy-in and communication.

## **5 Chantry Library**

Icon's Chief Executive, Alison Richmond, updated the meeting on recent discussions relating to the provision of a new home for the Chantry Library. A promising proposal had been received and the Board agreed that this should be taken further.

## **6 Future internship activity**

Susan Bradshaw, Professional Development Manager, joined the meeting and Trustees heard of plans to increase promotion of the Icon Internship Programme (IIP) with the publication of the HLF internship evaluation report and a video highlighting the opportunities to interns and hosts from taking part in the scheme.

## **7 Strategic Task & Finish groups**

There had been a good response to August's call to members to take part in the three strategic task and finish groups: strengthening the support that Icon gives to professional conservators; raising the public and policy profile of Icon; building a wider membership and support base for Icon.

Membership of the groups has now been finalised and group investigating 'building a wider membership and support base' is due to start its work in September.

## **8 Trustees' Annual Report and Audit**

The meeting was joined by a representative of Icon's auditors, Mazars Plc. Trustees received the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2015. There was a presentation on behalf of the auditors and the audit completion report was received.

## **9 Appointment of Chair**

Trustees heard from the Nominations Committee on the recruitment process for the appointment of Icon's next Chair. The Board agreed to the Committee's recommendation that Siobhan Stevenson be co-opted as a trustee and appointed as Chair of the Board of the Institute of Conservation, from the end of the Annual General Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

*The meeting was held at on 23 September 2015 at St Andrews Holborn in London – and attended by Caroline Peach (Interim Co-Chair, who chaired the meeting), Nigel Dacre (Interim Co-Chair) Penny Bendall, Iain Boyd, Sarah Cove, Ylva Dahnsjo, David Howell, Penny Jenkins, Charlotte Lester, Pierrette Squires, Adam Webster, Jenny Williamson, Alison Richmond (Icon CEO), and Simon Green (Icon Business Manager).*

*The next Board of Trustees meeting will be on November 30th 2015.*