



ICOM-CC Working Group Programmes 2011-2014

Name of Working Group: Wet Organic Archaeological Materials Working Group

Coordinator: Tara Grant

Projects:

The Working Group plans to:

- Publish the newsletter 3-4 times per year.
- Digitalise out-of-print Wet Organic Archaeological Materials Working Group Conference Proceedings into PDF for uploading on the ICOM-CC website
- Organize an interim meeting in Istanbul, Turkey in May 2013

Specific themes of research /investigations:

The Wet Organic Archaeological Materials Working Group has decided to focus on the subjects listed below. The list is not inclusive and all topics of relevance to the analysis, treatment and care of wet organics are welcome. The primary contact person(s) follow each topic. Contributions to any of these groups are synchronized by the coordinator.

- A. Pre-conservation storage (Sarah Watkins-Kenney, North Carolina)
- B. In-situ preservation and reburial (Michel Vorenhout, The Netherlands)
- C. New materials for the conservation of organic materials (Hartmut Kutzke, Norway)
- D. Retreatment of artifacts with particular reference to alum in wood (Susan Braovac, Norway)
- E. Acids (sulfur and iron) formation in organic materials (Vicki Richards, Western Australia)
- F. Categorization of materials, wood degradation and analysis (Ian Godfrey, Western Australia; Katerina Malea, Greece; David Gregory, Denmark)
- G. Post-conservation display and storage (Emily Williams)
- H. Review of the samples from the 1987 International Comparative Wood Treatment Study (Elizabeth Peacock, Norway; Ingrid Wiesner, Germany; Knud Botfeldt, Denmark)
- I. Reports on ongoing conservation projects and case studies (Tara Grant, Canada)