

## Program 2005-2008 Textiles Working Group

A. The next Triennial Meeting of the ICOM-Conservation Committee is scheduled for Delhi, India in the fall of 2008. For this meeting, a theme will be developed soon to evoke an aspect of the cultural patrimony of India and its parallel forms in other countries. However, we should keep in mind that the general assembly of ICOM has already chosen the theme “Museums—the foundation of understanding” to focus on how museums inform visitors and also act as the repository for the history of a region, period, or culture. Textile conservators often see interesting examples of the object as a documentation of past life, so this ICOM theme seems natural to us!

B. The membership of the working group needs to be expanded to include more colleagues active in textile conservation. We are grateful to training programs that promote ICOM-CC to their students and urge them to participate, to independent conservators that join, and to museums that support their conservators in attending the meetings.

C. Two excellent Assistant coordinators have come forward to help organize the activities of the Working Group. Elsje Janssen, coördinator of collection management and head of conservation for the city of Antwerp, assists with the program activities of the Working Group. Now Christine Mueller-Radloff, textile conservator at SES-Museum für Völkerkunde, Leipzig, has joined us to help organize a directory of members. We are concerned that we reach colleagues everywhere adequately and effectively.

D. The *Textile Conservation Working Group Newsletter* is being published twice a year under the co-editorship of Jan Vuori (Canadian Conservation Institute), Pia Christensson (Helsborg Castle, Sweden), and Tracey Wedge (private conservator, New Zealand). We would like to have summaries of interesting projects, ongoing problems, and upcoming studies in your area, city, region, and nation. This is an opportunity to report in a few paragraphs on a major development to colleagues around the world—in English, French, or Spanish.

E. An interim meeting is in the planning stages for May, 2007. We hope to join the Leather Working group and the Wood, Furniture and Lacquer for a meeting in Krakow, Poland. The focus of the interim meeting will be on Upholstery (but tangential issues are fine too).