

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC  
DATABASE OF THE  
CONSERVATION  
INFORMATION  
NETWORK**



**OPEN  
YOUR LIBRARY  
TO CULTURAL  
HERITAGE'S MOST  
INQUISITIVE  
MINDS**



**BCIN is an essential bibliographic database dedicated to serving the international heritage sector.**

**Relied on by researchers, academics and practitioners in more than 50 countries, it has provided unrivalled access to the catalogues of top conservation libraries for decades, helping thousands of users find specialist resources with ease.**

**Now, as BCIN enters a new era, a unique opportunity exists to promote your library as one of the go-to sources of literature on cultural heritage, cementing its reputation among other leaders in the field.**



## JOIN A TRUSTED NETWORK STEEPED IN HISTORY

A BCIN membership reinforces your library's commitment to the free and open exchange of knowledge and information – a principle that is the bedrock of global efforts to conserve, preserve and restore cultural heritage.

Partner with a group of world-class institutions at the forefront of this mission, namely ICCROM, the Getty Conservation Institute, the Canadian Conservation Institute and ICOMOS, which founded BCIN in the 1980s and remain its primary backers to this day.

**“A mainstay of our sector for nearly 40 years, BCIN has continually proven its worth as a reliable and convenient tool for aiding research and study. That’s why we are committed to its future and to seeing it grow.”**

Daniela Sauer, LEAD LIBRARIAN, ICCROM

1 Buddha carved in stone, Pollonaruwa, Sri Lanka.  
CREDIT: ICCROM

2 Women from Nyala, Darfur, performing traditional songs. Workshop Community Museums of Western Sudan, November 2018, Sudan.  
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## HOW BCIN MEMBERSHIP WORKS

As a member library, your catalogue will be uploaded to the database, meaning relevant books, articles and other materials from your collections will be featured in the search results of BCIN users. These items could end up assisting a student in China or a research fellow in the United States; a professor in France or a conservator in Egypt.

Membership also includes:

- Periodic uploads to ensure the catalogue hosted on BCIN stays up-to-date.
- All technical support related to the upload process.
- Recognition as a contributor on the BCIN homepage, including links to your website and online catalogue.

An annual membership fee applies, as well as a one-off charge to cover the cost of the initial upload.



## ADDITIONAL MEMBER BENEFITS

- Support research and study that contributes directly to the preservation of cultural heritage worldwide and enhances understanding of its potential.
- Bolster your library's credentials as an institution with global links.
- Increase awareness of your collections within a highly specialized community.
- Explore opportunities for collaboration with other BCIN members.
- Invest with confidence, knowing BCIN has a sustainable and secure long-term future.

## HELP US BUILD A MORE DIVERSE BCIN

The international heritage sector is inclusive of many different languages, cultures, geographic regions and conservation practices. Adding your library catalogue to BCIN will help ensure the database better reflects this diversity, increasing its value to a wider range of users.

Cover: Detail of wood carving from a ceremonial Māori war canoe, Waitangi, New Zealand.

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# BECOMING A BCIN MEMBER IS EASY

Simply email [library@iccrom.org](mailto:library@iccrom.org) to let us know your library is interested in joining BCIN. We will ask you for some additional information about your collections and catalogue, before guiding you through the next steps.

**Start browsing the catalogues of other member libraries at [bcin.info](http://bcin.info)**

**“BCIN not only demonstrates the value of knowledge sharing, it is an example of institutions working together in the cause of accessibility and openness. I hope other libraries with significant holdings on cultural heritage will be inspired to make their catalogues available on this important database.”**

Bruno Lemay, CANADIAN CONSERVATION INSTITUTE

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