

What is ICCROM?



ICCROM is the only institution with a worldwide mandate to promote the conservation of all types of cultural heritage.

ICCROM is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to the conservation of cultural heritage. It exists to serve the international community as represented by its Member States (currently 134).

ICCROM fulfils its mandate by

- collecting and disseminating information
- coordinating research
- offering consultation and advice
- providing advanced training to emerging and mid-career professionals
- promoting awareness of the value of preserving cultural heritage

ICCROM was created in 1956 at the 9th UNESCO General Conference in New Delhi, in the aftermath of the Second World War and at a time of mounting interest in the recovery and preservation of cultural heritage.

For over 50 years, we have built a solid reputation for responding swiftly to the needs of our Member States while shining the spotlight on new trends.

We offer technical knowledge and maintain an active, engaged community of professionals and public passionate about heritage.

Thanks to our distinctive international and culturally-diverse approach, we are able to provide tools, methods and new insights into caring both for and about heritage.

“We learned not only to preserve objects but also to build bridges, between countries, cultures and people.”

- Participant, First Aid to Cultural Heritage in Times of Crisis course

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ICCROM in Numbers



conserving culture, promoting diversity

- ✿ 134 Member States
- ✿ 6,600 people trained from all over the world
- ✿ Our library contains the largest collection of conservation literature in the world, with over 100,000 entries in our catalogue in over 60 languages
- ✿ Over 150 publications to date
- ✿ 45,000 monthly visits to our website
- ✿ 13,000 subscribers to monthly e-news
- ✿ 40,000 Facebook followers
- ✿ 8,600 Twitter followers
- ✿ Total budget for the 2014-2015 biennium is € 10,739,621
- ✿ 35 staff members
- ✿ 18,000 conservation professionals in our network

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