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The **19th International Course**

**on Wood Conservation Technology - ICWCT 2020** will be held between 14 April and 16 June 2020. The course includes an **online distance learning segment** (14 April - 26 May) and a **workshop** that will take place at Riksantikvaren - the Directorate for Cultural Heritage, Oslo, Norway (2-26 June). ICWCT 2020 is organised by the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property - ICCROM, Riksantikvaren - The Directorate for Cultural Heritage in Norway, and the Norwegian University of Science and Technology - NTNU.

## Background

The ICWCT was initiated as a response to a recommendation by UNESCO and **has been organised in Norway every second year since 1984**. It is directed towards **professionals who have been working for some years within the field of wood conservation**. The ICWCT covers a wide range of interdisciplinary topics relating to both buildings and objects made of

wood. **Theoretical and practical aspects of wood conservation** are given equal consideration. Relevant cultural heritage sites constructed in wood will be visited during the course.

## Aims and objectives

The aim of the course is to **promote cultural understanding and research in the field of wood conservation**, and to **be a valuable resource for the work of the individual participants in their respective countries**. The main objectives of the course are:

- to **establish a basic knowledge of wood**, and the processing and use of wood, both structurally and decoratively;
- to **give participants the theoretical and practical knowledge essential for diagnosing the causes of deterioration**, and for selecting the most appropriate methods of conservation and restoration of wood;
- to **extend the knowledge of participants beyond their own professions** for a broader understanding of different aspects and approaches to wood conservation;
- to **bring people with various professions from different countries and cultures together** for a mutual learning experience, drawing on different experiences, practices and approaches to wood conservation and use of wooden materials.

## Course programme

The ICWCT 2020 course programme will be divided into **two main components**:

- A **6-week compulsory on-line introductory section** where participants will have access to a digital platform from their respective home countries. Participants should allow for at least 5 hours per week of interactive preparatory study with various exercises and papers to be submitted.
- A **4-week full-time course in Oslo**. The course includes lectures, practical conservation exercises, field studies, museum visits and excursions.

The curriculum includes distinct but interconnected units covering aspects of: properties of wood; factors affecting the decay of wood; principles of conservation, preventive conservation; paint and surface treatment, conservation of wooden objects and furniture as well as the conservation of wooden buildings and structures. The course includes an **onsite practical workshop** with an introduction to the use of traditional tools and

a **4-day study tour to selected wooden heritage sites** in Norway.

**Lecturers from Norway and other countries** will be contributing to the course. All are recognised experts within the field of conservation and with various backgrounds and professional experience.

## Criteria and conditions for participation

The number of participants in ICWCT 2020 is limited to 20. Applicants should be **mid-career professionals with a minimum of three years' work experience in wood conservation**. It is of great importance for the success of the course that the participants have relevant experience to contribute with, and benefit from, the mutual exchange of ideas. The **working language of the course is English**. A good knowledge of English is essential for the benefit of the individual participant and for the course as a whole and must therefore be documented in the application. A certificate of language is required for non-native speakers. Course participation is **free of charge** for the selected participants. However, participants should take into account the following aspects:

- **Participants will be responsible for their own round-trip travel costs** to Oslo, Norway.
- **Student accommodation** for the period of the course in Oslo **will be provided free of charge** by the course organisers.
- To cover **living expenses, food and transport within Oslo** during the course, **participants should plan for a minimum allowance of approx. NOK5000 (about 600 USD)** for the 4 weeks.

Depending on availability of funding, and a stringent application process proving financial need, **a limited number of partial scholarships may be available in special circumstances**.

## Application and further information

Applications should reach ICCROM **by 30 September 2019** to ensure inclusion in the selection process. All applicants will be notified before 1 December 2019. It is also important to note that the **implementation of the course is subject to the approval of the ICCROM Programme and Budget 2019-2020** by the General Assembly of ICCROM to be held in November 2019. For **additional information and applications**, please visit <https://www.iccrom.org/courses/19th-international-course-wood-conservation-technology-icwct-2020>

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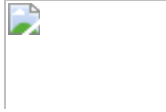
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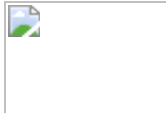
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