SEE Mosaics Meeting III "New perspectives and challenges in mosaic conservation"

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SEE Mosaics project has the objective to create strong network of mosaic conservation professionals, improve conservation practice and promote mosaic heritage of Southeast Europe.

From 2011 to 2017, four professional meetings were held with an increasing number of participants from the region and other European countries.

Starting from the idea to get an overview of regional institutions involved with mosaic conservation and current conservation practice, over the years, meeting themes turned to more specific issues based on contemporary conservation practice.



SEE Mosaics Meeting III "New perspectives and challenges in mosaic conservation" was held from 14th to 17th September 2016 in Ohrid, Macedonia. The meeting was jointly organized by the Central Institute for Conservation in Belgrade and the Local Development Agency in Struga and supported by the Central European Initiative – CEI.





Thirty colleagues from ten countries participated in the meeting. Apart the participants from CEI countries (Albania, Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Serbia and Slovenia), colleagues from France and Spain participated as well.

The program consisted of individual participant presentations, discussions and the round table. The presentations showcased problem solving of conservation challenges regarding investigations and research, mosaic documentation, conservation in situ and in museums. Discussions and the round table touched several topics:

- contribution of the conservation process to gathering information on the object or the context
- possibilities of contemporary documentation technics and their applicability in practice
- impact of the shelters on mosaic conservation/decay
- possibilities for mosaic covering on archaeological sites
- conservation of mosaics in situ
- mosaic presentation in museums.

2017 meeting, held in Pula, focused on presentation of detached mosaics in museums. For more information on past meetings please visit **http://www.seemosaics.org/events/**.



Meetings of mosaic conservation professionals in the region helped creating contacts and exchange of experience between professionals and institutions involved with conservation of mosaic heritage and foster joint work on either regional or international projects.

Collaboration on joint projects has already been established between Slovenia, Croatia and Macedonia, as well as between Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Through these collaborations, conservation of about 200m2 of mosaics both in museums and on archaeological sites had been made possible.





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