



CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF MOSAIC "CHRIST MONOGRAMME" ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE MEDIANA, NIŠ

During the preparations for the conservation and restoration at the archaeological site Mediana in 2014, insight of the state of mosaic "Christ monogram" was conducted. Mosaic is from the Church I, dimensions 0.59 x 0.51 m. It has been determined that the mosaic can not be conserved in an adequate manner in situ, therefore it was decided that it will be lifted. This step was decided during consultations with team of archaeologists at the site, considering the state of the building and the fact that time of conservation works on the building is unknown. It was also agreed to make identical copy of mosaic, with all its inconsistencies of the backing and that it should be presented in situ after conservation of the "Church I" instead of the original. This way the original will be detached, adequately preserved and available for the public in the museum, and building will continue presentation in its context. Conservation and restoration of original mosaic was conducted by laying it on new bedding made of aluminum honeycomb, and copy of the mosaic was made in reverse clay mold taken from the original.

