

## PAC Centre Annual Report – July 2016- June 2017 – Regional Centre for Russia, Eastern Europe and the CIS.

### Year of report

2017

**International Cooperation** (highlight activities and work the PAC Centre has done in the international preservation and conservation network and where your PAC Centre has provided support on an international level)

We've organized and carried out the following events:

- International Theoretical and Practical Seminar “Preservation methods of leather and parchment bindings” co-organized with the University of Graz Library, May 23-25, 2013, Moscow, Russia. The seminar was held under the guidance of expert restorer Manfred Mayer, Special Collections Section, University of Graz Library (Austria). Issues discussed at the seminar were related to care and cleaning of bindings, parchment manuscripts handling, leather and parchment toning and other questions regarding the care and restoration of leather and parchment. 65 experts participated in the seminar – bookbinders, research associates, librarians, specialists, engineers, bookbinders-restorers, collections custodians, artists-restorers from different cities of Russia: Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Rostov-on-Don, Perm, Nizhni Novgorod, Vladimir.

**Local Cooperation** (highlight activities and work your PAC Centre has done in the local preservation and conservation network and where your PAC Centre has provided support on a local level)

The Center organized and conducted the following events:

- Interregional seminar “Preservation of library collections. Core document binding technologies”, co-organized with the National Library of the Chuvash Republic, Oct. 11-13, 2016, Cheboksary, Russia. Seminar was held in the framework of the implementation of the project “Organization and conducting events aimed at improving the professional competence of the regional library and PAC experts” of the federal target program “Culture of Russia 2012-2018”. There were reviewed such themes as main principles of restoration, organization of a work place, preventive activities aimed at conservation of books and journals collections, workshops on the paper restoration and producing and restoration of book bindings and protective cardboard cases for books etc. More than 30 experts from 9 libraries and archives of Chuvash Republic, Republic of Tatarstan and Republic of Mari El took part in the seminar.
- Scientific and Practical Seminar “Problems of conserving rare books and editions of particular cultural value. Restoration paperwork” was co-organized with the Bakhchisaray Historical, Cultural and Archaeological Museum-Reserve with support from the Republic of Crimea Ministry of Culture, Oct. 18-20, 2016, Bakhchisaray, Russia.

There were discussed following issues: problems of conserving rare books and editions of particular cultural value, restoration paperwork, workshop on preparation of restoration documents and producing a safety storage case for documents.

Restorers, library experts and museum custodians participated in the seminar.

- Scientific and Practical Seminar “Methods of preventive preservation of rare books”, Oct.31 – Nov.3, 2016, organized under support of Ministry of Culture of Russian Federation, M.I.Rudomino All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature, Moscow, Russia, Noncommercial Fund of Support of Book Publishing, Education and New Information Technologies “Pushkin Library”. The seminar venue - M.I.Rudomino All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature, Moscow, Russia.

At the seminar there were reviewed following questions: characteristics of rare books storage, historical overview, examination of documents state and storage conditions, and other aspects regarding preservation of rare books.

The seminar was attended by 57 experts: climatologists, artists-restorers, bookbinders, librarians, bibliographers, custodians of library collections, custodians of museum collections, laboratory assistants, research scientists, educators from different cities of Russian Federation: Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Irkutsk, Ryazan, Belgorod, Penza, Voronezh, Korolev.

- Scientific and Practical Seminar “Identification and conservation of photographic documents”, Nov. 7-11, 2016. The Venue of the seminar - Educational Center “Valentinovka”, the Library for Foreign Literature, Korolev, Russia.  
A number of questions were reviewed at the seminar, such as history of photography, study of the various photographic techniques, examination of documentation state and storage conditions, overview and analysis of restoration of photographic documents and other aspects, regarding identification and conservation of the photographic documents. The seminar was attended by 19 experts: custodians, restorers, artists-restorers, science researchers, deputy directors and heads of different restoration centers form different cities of Russian Federation: Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Tula, Arkhangelsk.
- International Scientific and Practical Seminar “Cultural heritage as a source of intercultural dialogue. Strategies of preservation in Russia and Bulgaria”, June 12-18, 2017, co-organized by the Cyril and Methodius National Library of Bulgaria, the Prof. Ivan Dujčev Centre for Slavo-Byzantine Studies at the St. Kliment Ohridski Sofia University, the National Historical Museum of Bulgaria, the Ivan Vazov Library in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, Sofia, Plovdiv.

Members of the PAC Center participated in:

- All-Russia Library Congress: XXII Annual Conference of the Russian Library Association organized by Russian Library Association (RLA), which was held in Krasnoyarsk with support of the Government of Krasnoyarsk on May 14-19, 2017, Krasnoyarsk, Russia. Congress theme “The Role of Libraries in the Cultural Policy of Russia”.  
The programme of the Congress included 2 plenary meetings, 13 joint meeting of the sections, 30 section meetings and round tables of RLA by principal modality of action and by types of libraries, 11 special events, 2 pre-sessional working groups (“School of an Acquisitions Librarian” and “School of a Library Blogger”), as well as XVIII Krasnoyarsk Fair of printed matter, new information technologies, products and services, 2 RLA Board meetings, seminars for heads of the sections and round tables and professional visits to Krasnoyarsk libraries.  
Over 1350 specialists from more than 60 regions of Russia took part in the conference: scholars and practitioners from libraries – executives and experts from libraries of different types and territorial levels, professors of the leading universities, public authorities, publishers, bookselling and book marketing organizations, archives, museums,

companies that produce technical equipment for libraries, representatives of civil society associations and press, writers etc.

- VIII International Scientific and Practical Conference “Warfare and weapons. New research and materials”, organized by the Military Historical Museum of Artillery, Engineers and Signal Corps, May 17-19, 2017, Saint Petersburg, Russia.

The conference was carried out within three sections: “Military history: modern studies experience” (section 1); “Weapon. New research in the field of weapon” (section 2); “Preservation, restoration and exhibiting of monuments of military history” (section 3).

- Participation in the professional workshop on establishing the International School of Restoration within the framework of the strategic session of Russian university libraries “Collect a New Library”, organized by the National Research Tomsk State University, June 27-28, 2017, Tomsk, Russia.

The professional platform to discuss organizational matters brought together many international and Russian experts - from Germany, Moscow, Novosibirsk, Omsk, Tyumen, Barnaul, Tomsk.

The working group was aimed at modelling the School by stating common objectives, priorities, areas of change and the mechanisms of implementation.

**Workshops/trainings/events** (what workshops/trainings/events have the PAC Centre organised? Which workshops/trainings/events did the PAC Centre participate in, both on international and national level?)

The Center arranged internships for the experts from different cities of Russia.

Experts from following organizations participated in following internships:

- The National Library of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia);
- Vladimir Dahl Russian State Literary History Museum;
- The State Museum-Preserve “The Kulikovo Field”;
- The State Historical, Architectural and Fine Arts Museum-Preserve “Ostrovgrad Sviyazhsk”

**Involvement of the PAC Centre with the IFLA Risk Register (e.g. promotion etc.)**

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**Suggestions to IFLA HQ on improvements to the PAC Centre network (e.g. gaps in expertise covered by the current PAC Centre network, communication issues, and support requests (non-financial etc.)**

- Within the framework of the strategic session of Russian university libraries “Collect a New Library” (June 27-28, 2017, Tomsk, Russia) were considered possibilities for establishing an International School of Restoration.

While the existing formal specialist training for artists-restorers such as professional staff development or internships at globally recognized institutions is mainly practically oriented, it provides no required systematized knowledge in the fields of restoration chemistry, microbiology, history, writing. However, the level of implementation achieved in restoration projects is often critically dependent on scientific and methodological

training of restorers, competencies and skills necessary for dealing with latest scientific research data, technologies, materials, instruments.

The foundation of the International School of Restoration is aimed at competence development of experts by creating a global system of cooperation for sharing knowledge, experiences and best practices on creation of an institution for the continuing professional restoration education.

Currently the following specific objectives have been pursued:

- development of a long-term international partnerships for sharing experience and latest scientific research data of in the field of cultural heritage preservation institutions (restoration workshops, libraries, museums, archives) and highly qualified experts;
- preparation of training material and the delivery of training programmes in levels (modules) in line with the criteria of restorers degree;
- formation of an awareness about modern development state of theoretical and practical restoration, up-to-date methodological ethical and aesthetic practices;
- organization and carrying out of educational School activities in various formats: on site, distance training, strategic sessions, conferences, scientific and practical seminars, internships, workshops etc.

Regional center PAC is a Partner of the project therefore we enquire about the possible participation of counselors on behalf of PAC IFLA.

- PAC conducts seminars, conferences, workshops, lectures, training sessions internationally. We would be happy to welcome the representatives of foreign organizations among our speakers, coaches as well as among participants.
- The most relevant issues today are emergency intervention, preservation of electronic documents, preventive conservation methods.
- The Center lacks literature on preservation and conservation, we would like to be informed about the newest literature of such kind.

**New standards/ guidelines/ best practices which should be shared with the community.**

**Any other comments**

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Any questions can be sent to [Julia.brungs@ifla.org](mailto:Julia.brungs@ifla.org)

**Photos:**

- **The International Theoretical and Practical Seminar “Preservation methods of leather and parchment bindings”, May 23-25, 2013, All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature, Moscow, Russia.**



Cleaning of the parchment surface.



Participants of the seminar during the theoretical part of the workshop.



Stabilization of the binding after reattaching the covers to the book with ripped off hinge.





Manfred Mayer with the participants of the seminar.

- **Interregional seminar “Preservation of library collections. Core binding technologies for documents”, National Library of the Chuvash Republic, Oct. 11-13, 2016, Cheboksary, Russia.**



Theoretical part of the seminar. Presentation by Dmitry Borzov.



The seminar moderators (from left to right), document conservation experts: Anastasia Lynkova, Irina Lyunyakina, restorer – Dmitry Borzov.



A workshop conducted by Anastasia Lynkova, document conservation expert.



- The Scientific and Practical Seminar “Problems of conserving rare books and editions of particular cultural value. Restoration paperwork”, Bakhchisaray Historical, Cultural and Archaeological Museum-Reserve, Oct. 18-20, 2016, Bakhchisaray, Russia.



The seminar moderators – restorers Elena Shandareva (on the left) and Irina Zhandarovich (on the right).



Preparing a protective case presented by artist-restorer Irina Zhandarovich.



Preparing a protective case presented by artist-restorer Irina Zhandarovich (fitting the case).

- **The Scientific and Practical Seminar “Methods of preventive preservation of rare books”, Oct. 31 – Nov. 3, 2016, M.I.Rudomino All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature, Moscow, Russia.**





The seminar opening – Head of Conservation and Restoration Department,  
Director, IFLA/PAC Regional Centre, Roza Salnikova.



Presentation by the Head of Rare Book Research Department, Karina Dmitrieva, and the Head of Center for International Cooperation, Svetlana Gorokhova.



Theoretical part. Presentation by Ivan Pyskunov, restorer-bookbinder.

- The Scientific and Practical Seminar “Identification and conservation of documentary photographs”, November 7-11, 2016. The Venue of the seminar is Educational Center “Valentinovka”, the Library for Foreign Literature, Korolev, Russia.



Theoretical part of the seminar. Presentation by Irina Melikhova, Head of Restoration Workshop (Moscow).





Theoretical part of the seminar. Presentation by Natalia Chernova, artist-restorer (Saint Petersburg).



Participants of the seminar analyzing methodological materials.





Participants of the seminar conducting research under the microscope.



Participants of the seminar in the process of cleaning documentary photographs.

- VIII International scientific-practical conference “Warfare and weapons. New researches and materials”, May 17-19, 2017, the Military Historical Museum of Artillery, Engineers and Signal Corps (Saint Petersburg, Russia).



Presentation by Natalia Tvorogova.



Presentation by Manfred Mayer.

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Speakers of the seminar.



Participants in the seminar.



- **“Collect a New Library”**: strategic session of the Russian university libraries, Tomsk State University, June 27-28, 2017, Tomsk, Russia.



**Participants in the session discussing opportunities of creating an International School of Restoration.**