



CONSERVATION IN AUSTRALIA: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

2011 National Conference • Canberra 19–21 October

The very first AICCM Conference, “Conservation in Australia”, was held in Canberra in 1976. The intervening 35 years have seen many changes in the organisation and the profession.

The 2011 National Conference will be a chance to look at those changes and to consider where they have brought us. We will also look to the future: one significant aim of the conference will be to reposition the AICCM and the profession to ensure they are prepared to take on the challenges of the future.

It will be a forum for new ideas, forward thinking, broadening scope and building partnerships and will challenge members to revisit their basic perceptions of the AICCM, the profession and the definition of “conservator”. From this a stronger, more focused, more outward looking and more cohesive organisation will result.

The National Conference will present and promote a range of events and activities that will raise the profile of conservation in the national consciousness and engage society in supporting the professionals who preserve cultural heritage.

There will also be sessions on conservation research, conservation practice and conservation treatment, with an emphasis on subjects of broad interest.

The organising committee now welcomes abstracts (maximum 300 words) for papers on these themes.

To submit an abstract, or for further information, please contact:

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