VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
ICCROM – ROME
CONSERVATION RESEARCH SPECIALIST

ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property) is seeking to appoint a conservation research specialist who will help co-ordinate ICCROM’s research functions.

The position
ICCROM is an intergovernmental organization (created by UNESCO in 1956) with a mandate to raise the level of conservation of cultural heritage worldwide. It has currently 127 Member States. One of its statutory functions is to co-ordinate and to stimulate research in conservation. To this end, ICCROM draws upon a network of research institutes and laboratories in its Member States and the resources of its own specialized Library to stimulate, monitor, and diffuse new research in conservation. The post-holder will help promote and implement this function, using existing means of diffusion and developing new ones. He/she will contribute to ICCROM education and training programmes, for which a scientific laboratory and the library at ICCROM provides support; and will provide scientific and technical advice on conservation issues at the request of Member States. He/she will work closely with ICCROM Professional Staff and report to one of its Unit Directors.

Knowledge, skills and experience required
Either a Master's or a Ph.D. degree in one of the natural sciences and at least seven years experience of working in conservation, or a Master’s in conservation with strong qualifications in the sciences and at least seven years of conservation practice. General knowledge of, and the ability to provide advice on, the conservation of a broad range of cultural heritage materials is essential. Experience in teaching and in project management is desirable. The conservation research specialist must have excellent teamwork, managerial and communication skills, preferably with experience in an international, multicultural environment. Excellent knowledge of one of ICCROM official languages (English and French) and knowledge of the other is desirable. Knowledge of Italian and other languages is an advantage.

Terms and benefits
The conservation research specialist will be appointed for an initial period of two years, with the first year being probationary, and will be resident in Rome. The post carries a yearly salary correlated with the United Nations personnel system level P2/01, currently (January 2010) corresponding, after post adjustment for Rome, at net €53,341 (without dependents) and net €56,869 (with dependents) per year. In addition, there are various allowances such as annual family allowances for eligible children and, for internationally recruited employees only, annual education grants, reimbursement for the cost of shipment of personal effects, home leave for staff members and dependents every three years and a repatriation grant at the end of the contract. The salary and allowances are net of taxes but subject to various deductions such as for medical insurance and contributions to the United Nations Pension Fund.

Applications/further information
Applications, consisting of a current curriculum vitae, proof of proficiency in the two official languages of ICCROM, a personal statement, not exceeding two pages, addressing the candidate’s qualifications for this position, and the names and addresses of three persons who have direct knowledge of the candidate’s work and qualifications, should be sent, marked CONFIDENTIAL, to the:
Manager, Finance and Administration
ICCROM
Via di San Michele, 13 - 00153 Rome, Italy

Final date for receipt of applications is Friday 5 March, 2010. Email applications will be accepted, addressed to recruitment@iccrom.org. For more information on ICCROM please consult our Website at www.iccrom.org. Please note that we cannot accept telephone enquiries.