

# Newsletter June 2003

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

with this newsletter, we would like to call your attention to some of our activities.

## 1. E-learning program (presently only available in German)

The Hornemann Institute's internet-based learning program offers new possibilities in continued training and education in conservation and restoration. The study conditions are ideal for people with full-time jobs, because the study modules offer custom-tailored studying allowing the student to set time, pace, and place according to his/her needs. The division into single modules lets the student select course contents according to his/her own circumstances and interests. A variety of tests permit the student to check his/her progress him/herself. The proportion of still and moving images is quite large. Moreover, the study material is supplemented with glossaries, bibliographies including links to internet resources. Special emphasis was placed in making the course user friendly. The sole prerequisite is internet access.

## New: pilot microbiology course

The focal point of the "Microbic Infestation of Objects of Art and Cultural Heritage" is presenting different methods of detecting and analyzing microorganisms encountered in objects of cultural heritage. The user is introduced to simple analyzing techniques as well as modern and specific approaches. The different ways of removing samples and of nondestructive testing are described explaining which results obtained using these techniques are of significance for the conservator. Moreover, one module deals with the principles and fundamentals of a discipline, thus enabling a user without any background in the field to gain access to the contents of the course. Course participants can discuss questions concerning the material or how to apply in practice what they learned with the authors (Dipl.-Rest. Barbara Hentschel, Prof. Dr. Karin Petersen) via email, chats or newsgroups, whichever they prefer. The Hornemann Institute's E-learning courses are presently only available in German. A translation of parts into English is planned in 2004.

## 2. Online databank and software *hericare*

Since early this month, an example of a documentation offers the user an opportunity to inform him/herself of the setup and the user surface of the Online databank hericare-database. Kirsten Schröder's documentation concerns the restoration of the sarcophagus of the Egyptian

mummy of Tash pen Khonsu at the Canterbury Museum, Christchurch (Newseeland). The coffin, indicative for the early to the middle Ptolemaic period around 200-100 BC, is probably from Akhim in Egypt. This restorer's documentation was published in the hericare-database using the documentation software hericare-docu . You will find the documentation under <http://www.hericare.de/english/demo.htm>.

### 3. New: cooperation with the German World Heritage Foundation

Since this year the Hornemann Institute co-operates with the German World Heritage Foundation (<http://www.welterbestiftung.de>) It is the aim of the Foundation to contribute to the balance of the World Heritage list and to assist endangered World Heritage sites. In particular, countries with limited financial resources will benefit from the Foundation in their efforts to protect and preserve their cultural and natural heritage for future generations. This cooperation between two non-profit organizations relates predominantly to mutual support. Specific reference to each other will refer interested parties to the other. The first joint project will be to show the Hildesheim EU Exhibition in Stralsund and Wismar and to show the exhibition in Hildesheim as recent addition to UNESCO World Heritage site in Hildesheim.

Best regards,  
your team at the Hornemann Institute