

Hornemann Institut Newsletter, November 2003

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

with this newsletter, we would like to call your attention to our latest undertakings:

- 1) New: the educational video "Bücher in Ausstellungen" (books in exhibitions)
- 2) Database of university theses and dissertations
- 3) hericare - documentation software has been extended
- 4) First Results of the Pilot Phase of the Online Course "Microbic Infestation of Objects of Art and Cultural Heritage"

1) New: the educational video "Bücher in Ausstellungen, Empfehlungen für eine sorgsame Präsentation" (books in exhibitions, recommendations for careful presentation).

This our second video on the care of books was produced in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Restoration of the Herzog August (Duke August) Library Wolfenbüttel, the Dommuseum (Cathedral Library) Hildesheim and the Hamburg Kunsthalle. The ten-minute VHS video deals with the dilemma of presenting books in a visitor-friendly manner without risking damage yet doing the books themselves justice.

Based on conservators' and librarians' long years of experience, the video suggests how to present books with care. Using examples from the Herzog August Library Wolfenbüttel, it explains the climatic and environmental requirements including lighting exhibitions should meet, taking into consideration specific needs of individual books. Various types of book supports as well as showcases are presented. Practical tips are given on easy to make book cradles and electronic environment monitoring.

The video is only available in German.

2) Database of university theses and dissertations

Meanwhile the theses database contains abstracts and further information on over 500 theses and dissertations by restorers.

A new German-language thesis can now be downloaded: Katharina Heiling worked on "Der Einfluss ausgewählter Reinigungsmaterialien auf den mikrobiellen Befall und die physikalischen Eigenschaften des mineralischen Untergrundes" (the influence of selected cleaning materials on microbic attack and on the physical properties of the mineral ground) at the University of Applied Sciences and Art Hildesheim/Holzminden/Göttingen. Direct access to the database at <http://www.hornemann-institut.de/german/diplom.html>.

3) *hericare* - documentation software has been extended

An important component has been added to *hericare*-docu: it is now possible to export documentations directly to Microsoft Word. The complete text can be worked on there, e.g. own letterhead and layout added, in order to send a printed version of a documentation to a commissioner. All supplementary materials such as illustrations and tests, etc. are presented in a clear, organized a manner in the appendix.

With the new component, *hericare*-docu is now better equipped to serve the daily needs of object documentation. The new component has been integrated in *hericare*-docu at no additional cost and is available as an upgrade to previous users.

4) First Results of the Pilot Phase of the Online Course "Microbic Infestation of Objects of Art and Cultural Heritage"

September saw the launching of the first further training course for non-university students. A total of twenty-nine students from five countries evaluated the contents and manner of presentation positively. First reservations because of lack of internet experience soon vanished. The contents were evaluated as easy to follow. Many students appreciated the multimedia components which helped them understand the sometimes very complicated subject matter. A number of students also took advantage of the course's internet forum. The next course will start in March 2004. Presently it is only available in German.

On the basis of this positive feedback, the Hornemann Institute is planning to create a public internet forum in which conservation experts will be able to exchange experiences and discuss problems in dealing with microbic attack.

5) Internal Matters: the Hornemann Institute has been integrated in the university

The Hornemann Institute was integrated in the University of Applied Sciences and Art Hildesheim/Holzminden/Göttingen on September 1, 2003 and is now part of the Conservation and Restoration Department. The previous administrating organization, the "Verein zur Bewahrung und Erhaltung des Weltkulturerbes e.V." (Society for the Preservation and Conservation of World Cultural Heritage) founded by the City of Hildesheim, the University of Applied Sciences and Art Hildesheim/Holzminden/Göttingen and the University of Hildesheim has changed its bylaws and is now a sponsoring association.

This change will ensure that the Hornemann Institute's work will carry on in the future. The scope of the work will not be curtailed in any manner. Furthermore, the change will also ensure retaining our non-profit status.

We are very happy that the future of the Institute is safe!

As this is the last newsletter of the year, we wish to take the opportunity to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Best regards,
the team of the Hornemann Institute

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