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# The Conservation Forum

## UK Organisation in Partnership with The Conservation Unit of the Museums & Galleries Commission

Grant bid and proposal to the Conservation Advisory Committee of the Conservation Unit from the Conservation Forum for administration of UK conference grants.

The forum is very grateful for the opportunity to manage the grants funds which the Conservation Unit of the Museums and Galleries Commission propose to make available to the Forum to administer. These individuals will be members of one or more of the conservation professional bodies comprising the Conservation Forum.

The Conservation Forum proposes that for this first financial year of the transfer of the administration of these funds from the Conservation Unit to the Conservation Forum, that the grant is divided among the membership currently making up the forum, as follows: Each body is to be allocated a sum equal to five percent (one twentieth) of the overall amount, with the remaining fifty percent available to all the bodies according to pressure of need. This would afford the flexibility to meet greater need in particular areas where there might for example be a conference, symposium, or workshop of special importance. In this way we would hope to provide the maximum possible support without the risk of having moneys unspent in areas where the need has not been great during the year.

The forum will undertake to submit a retrospective account at the year end, and it is proposed that the beneficiaries of grants produce a report to be disseminated appropriately. For the bridging period of 1997/8 it is proposed that each Forum body will have 5% of the overall amount to disperse to members of the Forum organisations to attend conferences which it has organised. Where a body is not hosting any conferences, this money will be used to sponsor its own members to attend conferences run by other Forum organisations.

The remaining 50% of the overall amount will be allocated as seems most appropriate to all Forum members as soon as the CAC approval for this post is granted.

The Forum membership has seen and approved the Guidance notes for the administration of UK Conference Grants drawn up by Val King, Training Development Officer for the Conservation Unit.

A calendar of UK conferences already arranged for the financial year of 1997/98 is attached. It is likely that there will be additions to this programme before the beginning of the financial year.

The Conservation Forum Requests a total sum of £5000 to disperse as grants to individuals via the professional bodies for the financial year of 1997/8 plus £500 administration fee.

Tom Caley/Carol Procter 19/11/1996 and approved by all Forum representatives.

## Conservation Forum - Insurance Seminar 29th September 1997

One day conference to be held in London, organised by The Conservation Forum with the support of the Museums and Galleries Commission. It will be of interest to conservators and freelancers in other fields. Speakers will include representatives from the main client bodies: National Trust, English Heritage etc. There will also be presentations from experts in the insurance field on loss adjustment, litigation and professional indemnity and from conservators with practical experience in this area. For further details contact: Valerie W. Munday, Conservation Forum Co-ordinator, 16, Queen Anne's Gate London SW1H 9AA  
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## BCG Trip to the Paris Natural History Museum (November)

Well done Kathie Way for a well-organised trip to the Paris Natural History Museum! Le Eurostar whisked our group of curators, conservators, collection managers and hangers-on neatly under the Channel without kipping us (that occurred the week after our return!), although we did not enjoy being herded altogether onto the train through a very crowded waiting area! The Metro in the Gard du nord treated us to a 'suspect package' incident so that many of our group showed true British grit and initiative by walking the 700 metres to the Hotel Orange in the Rue de Trevisé (just off Lafayette).