

AACS: Banner year in 2013 begets even bigger things in 2014

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The Art, Archaeology and Conservation Science Division (AACS) had a very busy year in 2013—updating the division rules established in the 1950s, developing a dynamic website, and adding our first-ever treasurer.

We also were able to organize a well-received workshop at SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory and the Cantor Center for the Visual Arts at Stanford University. Held in collaboration with the Basic Science Division, the workshop, entitled “Using X-rays to Analyze Cultural Heritage,” gave participants an opportunity to learn about solving artwork problems with synchrotrons.

AACS capped off 2013 by holding a business meeting—our first—at MS&T’13 in Montreal, where many great ideas for future divisional activities were presented and discussed.

It was a productive year, but we’re not done, and we enter 2014 full speed ahead.

At MS&T’14, there will be a symposium dedicated to the interface of art, science, and engineering—the first of its kind—titled “Understanding the Engineering Design of Art Objects and Cultural Heritage.”

Planning is also well underway for our second workshop, which will be held in conjunction with the GOMD Annual Meeting in Miami, FL. in May 2015.

Though 2013 was a banner year for our division, which grew from 55 members to 111 members, our future depends on your continued participation and that of your colleagues. If your membership has expired or is about to expire, please take a moment now to renew your AACS membership for the coming year. If you became a member through the free membership offered in 2013, please consider renewing for 2014. Dues are only \$10 per year.

The division’s main strength lies in the fact that we exist at the intersection of art, culture, and science—and, as a result, can relate these disciplines to the general public with a multitude of perspectives. Our goal is to attract individuals like you who value such connections.

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