

Call for Contributions

Climate for Collections: Standards and Uncertainties

A conference to be held in Munich, 7th-9th of November 2012, as part of the EC funded [Climate for Culture](#) research project, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the [Doerner Institut](#). The climate conference is co-organised by [VDR](#) and supported by [WTA](#).

In recent years heritage professionals have been engaged in animated debate about appropriate climatic conditions for collections held in museums, galleries and historic buildings. The emotive issues in this debate have included inflexible standards, unsuitable modern architecture, unreasonable loan conditions, predicted climate change and rising energy costs. Scientific attempts to measure and predict changes to art objects have been challenged as they do not relate to the ways that art objects are perceived and valued.

The aim of the conference is not only to consolidate up-to-date knowledge about object-environment interactions but also to promote radical new strategies that will be needed for the preservation of cultural heritage given the constraints of climate, architecture, equipment, economy and ecology.

Critical contributions are invited on:

- Heritage professionals' observations of the interaction between objects' materials with their local environment,
- The determination of damage functions,
- A critical review of standards and their future development,
- The interaction between old, new and renovated buildings (such as museums, libraries, archives, churches, and historic buildings) and their local climate conditions,
- The influence of predicted climate change on cultural heritage, and
- The sustainability of our preservation mission

Contributions about uncertainties are as welcome as those on standards, so long as they are based on critical object observations, theoretical scientific reflections or analytical measurements. Proposals that give a historical view of the climate management strategies and "low-tech" building solutions of former times are encouraged. The organisers welcome contributions from all climate zones reaching from the Arctic to the Antarctic, from America to Asia.

Prospective authors are invited to send abstracts (up to 1.000 words) via [email](#) (climateconference@doernerinstitut.de) by 31st of October 2011. Please include your CV (250 words) and state whether this is a proposal for a paper or a poster. Abstracts will be reviewed by a technical committee of international experts. Accepted contributions will be published on the internet as pdf. To save the world's resources, the paper edition will be available as print on demand only.