



**“Sustainable Cultural Heritage”  
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Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR) of Italy, this conference brings together Italian and American experts to explore sustainable strategies for the care of tangible cultural heritage. Speakers will discuss the impact of climate change on cultural heritage, methodologies for assessing the condition of collections and monuments, and strategic approaches to managing collection environments. The conference will be held in Room M-09 of the Old Post Office Pavilion at 12th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. It is free and open to the public.

Questions about the conference may be directed by e-mail to [preservation@neh.gov](mailto:preservation@neh.gov) or by phone to 202-606-8570.

**Opening Remarks (9:00–9:30 a.m.):**

Carole M. Watson, Acting Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities

Michael McDonald, Acting Deputy Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities

Roberto de Mattei, Vice President, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche

**Session One (9:30–10:45 a.m.):  
Cultural Heritage and Climate Change**

*Sustainable Stewardship: preventive conservation in a changing world*

Jerry Podany, Senior Conservator of Antiquities, J. Paul Getty Museum and President of the International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works

*Overview of research about the impact of climate change on cultural heritage*

Cristina Sabbioni, Research Director at CNR’s Institute of Atmospheric Sciences and Climate

**Session Two (11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.):  
The Impact of Environmental Factors on Cultural Heritage**

*Preventive conservation as a sustainable strategy*

Mara Camaiti, Researcher at CNR’s Institute for Conservation and Enhancement of Cultural Heritage

*Challenges and accomplishments—National emergency preparedness, response & recovery*

Debra Hess Norris, Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Education and Chairperson, Art Conservation Department at the University of Delaware

**Session Three (1:30–2:45 p.m.):  
Environmental Monitoring and Preservation Metrics and Paintings**

*Overview of research applied to sustainable preservation strategies and management of indoor environments*

Adriana Bernardi, Senior Researcher at CNR's Institute of Atmospheric Sciences and Climate

*Using preservation metrics to achieve sustainable collection environments*

James M. Reilly, Director of the Image Permanence Institute and Professor in the Rochester Institute of Technology's College of Imaging Arts & Sciences

**Session Four (3:15–4:30 p.m.):  
Combined Actions and Coordinated Efforts in Pursuit of Sustainable Preservation**

*Scientific and cultural requirements for sustainable conservation of historic monuments*

Luciano Cessari, Senior Researcher at CNR's Institute for Technologies Applied to Cultural Heritage

*To everything there is a season: strategic thinking for sustainable environmental management for collections conservation*

Michael C. Henry, Principal Engineer/Architect with Watson & Henry Associates and Adjunct Professor of Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania

**Closing Remarks (4:30–4:45 p.m.):**

Nadina Y. Gardner, Director, Division of Preservation and Access, National Endowment for the Humanities