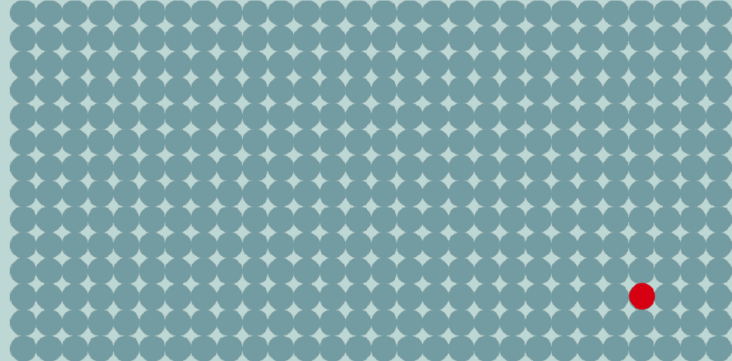




IADA Congress 2027 – Call for Papers

Date: 23-27 August 2027

Venue: uptownHall Arlesheim (Basel), Switzerland

Abstract submission deadline: 15 October 2026

Submit abstracts here: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=iada2027>

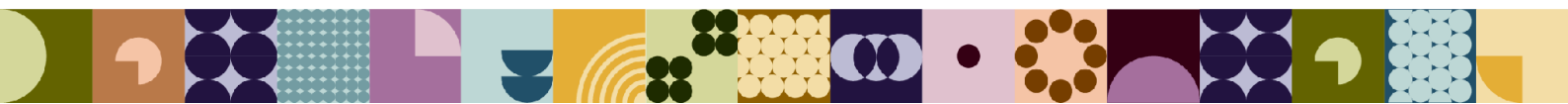
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Join us for IADA's historic milestone in Basel, Switzerland, as we celebrate 70 years of IADA at the XVI International Congress, 23-27 August 2027.

The International Association of Book and Paper Conservators (IADA) Congress founded in 1957 as AdA has served as a quadrennial forum for research and development in paper and book conservation since 1967. Each Congress strives to offer diverse, comprehensive, and cross-disciplinary presentations spanning preservation, conservation, collections care, and the research and analysis of the world's documentary heritage and related disciplines.

Submitted papers may cover a wide range of topics, from broad conceptual perspectives to detailed practical guides, to address the most recent developments in the field. We are particularly interested in contributions that highlight the latest research, innovative conservation techniques, and perspectives from emerging and established conservators, for example:

- Cultural significance and ethics: for whom are we conserving? Perspectives on agency, ownership, and the care of collections from diverse cultures.
- Skills, training, and the practice gap: sustaining manual skills across a career and navigating the boundaries of practice.
- Seventy years of IADA: how has the field changed, and where will it be in another seventy years?
- Sustainability and resilience: considering storage conditions, collections care, the environmental impact of materials, and crisis response to climate and political disruption.
- Innovation in research and practice: how does scientific and technical progress—new materials, methods, imaging, and digital approaches—inform everyday conservation decisions?



Submissions

Authors interested in presenting a paper should submit an abstract in English (up to 250 words maximum) by 15 October 2026. We invite authors to submit papers for the following formats:

- 15-minute presentations
- 10-minute presentations (work-in-progress or practical tips and guidelines)
- Posters (poster authors may self-record a video presentation [up to 15 minutes] that will be published on the IADA YouTube channel, and also give a 2-minute presentation at the Congress during the lightning poster round session)

15-minute presentations will be followed by 5 minutes of Q&A immediately afterwards, for a total of 20 minutes per presentation. For 10-minute presentations, all questions will be held at the end of the session.

An International Technical Committee will guide and oversee the peer review of all abstracts. Please ensure that the submitted paper adheres to the chosen format and length. Papers presenting a specific method or product should include an unbiased description and discuss both the pros and cons.

Please submit abstracts at <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=iada2027>. For any questions regarding the call for papers, email abstracts@iada-home.org. For questions regarding the organisation of the congress, write to: congress@iada-home.org.

Authors are requested to select the format of their paper (15-minute, 10-minute, Poster).

Provide the following information:

- Name, email and/or postal address of the author(s), clearly indicating the corresponding author;
- Profession and affiliation of the author(s);
- Title and subtitle of the presentation;
- Type of presentation format (choose one): 15-minute, 10-minute, poster;
- Abstract (250-word maximum) of the presentation with references to included figures. The results, conclusions, and recommendations should be included in the abstract;
- Up to two figures (horizontal orientation, 300 dpi) with captions, including copyright ©. The image files need to be uploaded as SEPARATE files;
- Portrait photos (300 dpi) of the primary author(s), uploaded as SEPARATE file(s).

Please note that the conference will be held in German and English with simultaneous translation for all sessions. The preferred presentation language is English.

Journal of Paper Conservation (JPC)

Presenters whose submissions are accepted for the Congress are encouraged to submit their papers to the *Journal of Paper Conservation* (<https://tandfonline.com/toc/yjpc20/current>). Authors who submit a publishable research paper, ready for peer review by 15 August 2027, will receive full reimbursement of the conference fee, at the editors' discretion, after online publication. For multiple authors, reimbursement will be valid only for the corresponding author.

Please refer to JPC's submission guidelines at <https://iada-home.org/journal-of-paper-conservation/submit-papers/>.

To submit a paper, follow the instructions at the following link:

<https://rp.tandfonline.com/submission/create?journalCode=yjpc> (state *IADA2027* as the special issue tag).

Papers can be submitted in German (or other languages), and JPC will cover the cost of a professional translation. Inquiries should be emailed to jpc.submission@iada-home.org.

