

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE FOR RENOVATION AND CONSERVATION

THE SCHOOL OF HIGHER VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN NYSA



conservation, research, renovation, expertise, specialists, art, monuments, heritage, **development**,

technologies, **experience**, history, revitalization, paintings, trainings, cooperation

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About us

Research and Development Centre for Renovation and Conservation in Nysa was established by the School of Higher Vocational Education in Nysa in 2004. It has been partly financed from the European Regional Development Fund within the Integrated Operational Programme of Regional Development.

Areas of expertise: CONSERVATORY RESEARCH & ANALYSIS (for historic objects, details and restoration materials), EDUCATION, PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION AND RENOVATION OF HISTORICAL OBJECTS.



Mission of the institution:

- to generate new knowledge by engaging in cutting-edge conservatory and material research
- to popularize sustainable conservation knowledge through a variety of educational and cultural actions and activities
- to coordinate all the actions in antiques safety and to operate for saving cultural heritage
- to contribute to the academic growth by offering state-of-the-art training courses and programmes
- to undertake collaborative projects which offer opportunities for long-term interaction between research and conservation and renovation sector or industry
- to develop international cooperation and exchange of knowledge and experiences by common projects and programmes



high quality

professional service

Facilities and tools

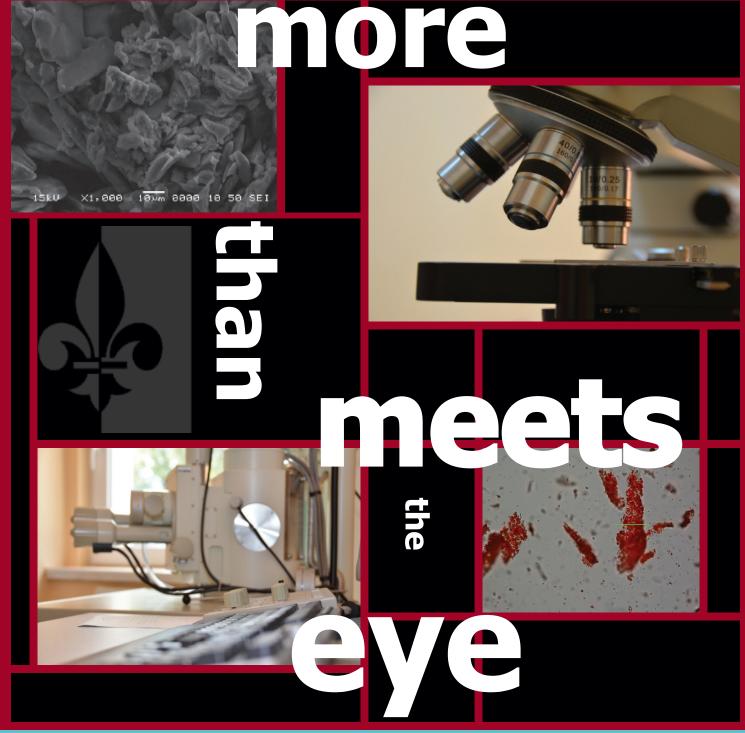
Laboratories:

Analytical, Chemical, Ageing and Photographical Laboratories, Art Restoration Workshops:

- Laboratory of stone sculpture and architectural detail conservation
- Laboratory of easel and wall painting conservation
- Laboratory of wooden sculpture conservation
- Laboratory of ceramic conservation
- Laboratory of metal conservation

RECENT REFERENCES/research:

Auschwitz Museum (metal corrosion), Museum in Nysa (paintings), Cracow Academy of Art (Weiss paintings and other), Wawel Castle in Cracow (Cranachpainting), Parish in Kępnica (elevation), St. Peterand Paul Church in Nysa (elevation and inventory), Parish in Nasiedle (Church painting), Morgner paintings (Germany — private owner), Biprostal Cracow, Fertilizer Research Institute in Puławy (fertilizers), Peterand Paul Church in Równo (polychromes), Paczków City Major (elevations, mortars and pigments, stratigraphy).



Conservatory research & analysis

Non-destructive research (without taking samples):

Documental and research photography / reflecting, passing and raking light / macro photography/ IR reflectography / UV luminescence photography /X-ray photography

Analytical diagnostics (with taking micro samples):

Microscopic and micro chemical composition analysis (e.g. pigments, mortars, salting, fibres, wood) / SEM and high-magnification microscopy microstructure analysis / SEM EDX qualitative and quantitative micro area analysis, structure analysis – stratigraphy, construction composition identification of painting layers, mortars, supports, stone, wood

Materials science research:

performing ageing / standard specification / comparative tests / evaluation of new materials and methods for conservation

Experiments and restoration services

cleaning surfaces with lasers and other methods / non-standard actions and restoration works / organisation of restoration and research works / documentation / evaluation of the intervention treatment / monitoring the environmental conditions for conservation



Educational offer:

Sustainable conservation knowledge popularisation through a variety of actions and activities:

- cooperation with the Institute of Architecture and the renovation specialisation,
- open lectures and conferences,
- training courses, workshops and practical courses,
- international projects,
- assistance in getting funds for the conservation and restoration of historical objects,
- Science Festivals and Heritage Protection Days,
- artistic plain-air workshops (sculpture, painting, drawing, decorative, stained glass),
- counselling and consulting services,
- strategic preservation planning,
- publications.

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Preservation, conservation, restoration of historical objects

- conservation and restoration of movable and architectural monuments
- supervision over renovation works
- photographic, drawing and descriptive documentation
- preservation, conservation and restoration of art and architectural objects in outdoor settings
- laser cleaning

RECENT REFERENCES/conservatory works

Praszka Association (stone statue), **Parish in Kępnica** (wooden altar renovation and gilding), **Fire Station in Nysa** (elevation), **Parish in Nasiedle** (Church painting), **Nysa City Major** (stone tombs)













Projects

Leonardo da Vinci Pilot and Partner Projects - www.reseltam.org

- RESELTAM: Development of web-bases education module for the craftsmen working in restoration sector to receive a vocational training according to European Quality Standardization
- **RESELTAM II:** Sharing knowledge and good practices between the craftsmen in restoration sector

ERASMUS Intensive Programme - www.consarch.pwsz.nysa.pl

• ConsArch, ConsArch2: Conservation in Architecture

EU-Research Project - www.constglass.fraunhofer.de

CONSGLASS: Conservation Materials for Stained Glass Windows

EU-Cultural Project

• **DECORUM:** Inventory of European domestic painted architecture

Networks - www.elia-artschools.org

 ELIA-European League of Institutes of the Arts (ELIA) is an independent membership organisation representing approximately 350 higher arts education institutions from over 45 countries and founded in 1990. ELIA represents all disciplines in the arts, including architecture, dance, design, fine art, media arts, music and theatre.



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Partners

- Municipal and Public authorities
- Cultural heritage protection institutions
- Colleges and universities
- Students
- Town citizens,
- Architectural firms
- Historical societies
- Corporate collections
- Museums
- Churches and other religious institutions
- Individual collectors
- Galleries
- Foreign institutions

Proffessional staff

Paweł Karaszkiewicz, Ph.D., eng.-Scientific director

Anna Opalka, M.Sc.-Administrative and international cooperation director

Renata Szelwach, M.Sc.-Conservatory works

Katarzyna Stefanczyk. Ph.D.-Research

Łukasz Gadomski B.A.-Restorer, laser cleaning

Depending on the work and areas of expertise, cooperating staff, conservators or researches as well as talented interns and assistants are hired to help with the projects, always under the supervision of the professional staff.



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