

Dear ENCoRE members,

We are pleased to announce that the 5th Ulrich Schiessl Ph.D. Colloquium will be held at Academy of Fine Arts and Design Bratislava AFA&D (Bratislava, Slovakia) on February 19th - 20th, 2026.

BACKGROUND

ENCoRE's PhD Colloquiums have been held since 2008 and were first known as *The Oranienbaum Colloquium*. After the sudden and unexpected death of Prof. Ulrich Schiessl (one of ENCoRE's founding members) in summer 2011, the Board of ENCoRE decided to rename the colloquium -in honour of its initiator-, to Ulrich Schiessl PhD Colloquium.

The aim of the colloquium is to give postgraduate research conservation students the opportunity to present and discuss their current research with their peers and programme faculty, and to benefit from such an exchange. It will allow sharing of ideas and information amongst PhD candidates and programme faculties in an informal environment. The colloquium seeks to create a European forum for debate and exchange of ideas in research with relevance to the conservation/restoration of cultural heritage. Furthermore, it provides a venue for PhD students to meet, interact and form future collaborations with their peers. The colloquium is open only to current PhD candidates of all specializations in conservation, their supervisors and other academic staff involved in research training in the European conservation programmes of member institutions.

Up to three PhD candidates per ENCoRE's member institution could be selected.

Those who have attended in previous years are encouraged to present an update of their PhD research.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Member institutions must collect and send a prioritized list of proposals for PhD abstracts to: communication@encore-edu.org

Abstracts must count on supervisor(s)'s approval and contain the following info:

- TITLE OF THE CONTRIBUTION
- TITLE OF THESIS
- KEY WORDS (up to 7)
- ABSTRACT : 500 words in English and in word format
- PARTICIPANT'S FULL NAME
- SUPERVISOR(S) FULL NAME
- PhD PROGRAM
- UNIVERSITY
- CONTACT E-MAIL
- TELEPHONE NUMBER

Based on the abstracts received contributions will be selected by the Board of ENCoRE.

The language of the colloquium will be English, according to the working language of ENCoRE.

The abstract should be proof read by an English native speaker before submission.

Abstracts will be compiled in a dossier and circulated among participants in order to provide for discussion of presentations.

PhD candidates whose abstract has been accepted must:

- Attend the venue in person.
- Give an oral presentation in English (15 min.) of the progress in their current PhD research.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission of abstracts: October 15th, 2025
- Acceptance/Rejection of Abstracts: November 15st, 2025
- Submission to Journal: Spring, 2026

VENUE

Academy of Fine Arts and Design Bratislava AFA&D

Drotárska cesta 44

811 02 Bratislava (Slovakia)

<https://www.vsvu.sk/en/departments/department-of-conservation-and-restoration/?v=LRJ8jJO2>

GRANTS

The Board of ENCoRE has decided that the participating PhD candidates are entitled to receive a grant to cover travel expenses.

This grant is limited up to 300€ for each candidate, and may cover transport and accommodation, with payment following submission of tickets/receipts.

PUBLICATION

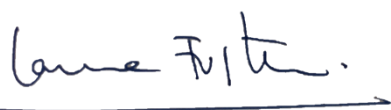
Following the colloquium the Board of ENCoRE offers the presenters the opportunity to submit an academic paper on their PhD research to a special issue in an indexed journal.

All papers will undergo the standard peer review process according to the journal's guidelines.

The program with the detailed distribution of the different sessions and related academic activities to be held during the venue at UPV will be released early in 2026.

We are looking forward to meeting you and your PhD candidates next February in Bratislava!

Warm regards,



Prof. Dr. Laura Fuster-López

Chair (on behalf of the Board)