

PAC Centre Annual Report 2022-2023

This report covers the period July 2022-June 2023. A mapping of PAC activity will be shared ahead of WLIC 2023. It will be used to highlight activities of PAC Centres to IFLA's network, as well as inform forward planning.

PAC Centre (hosting institution, country and contact information)

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Workshops/trainings/events (What virtual or in-person events did your PAC Centre organise for the period July 2022 - June 2023? What were the outcomes?)

- From December 14, 2022, to January 17, 2023, a video of the 33rd Preservation Forum entitled *Preservation and Handling of Western Antiquarian Books—Focusing on Leather-Bound Books* was available online and viewed by 295 people. The forum featured three speakers who reported on the restoration of Western antiquarian books and how they are used in education. One of the viewers of the forum commented that they also would like to use rare books in their university classes. Another remarked that the forum served to remind them that preserving rare books is not about restoring or rebinding them unnecessarily. Responses from each speaker to the questions received after the forum are posted on the NDL website.
<https://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/event/events/preservationforum33.html>

External Events (Did your PAC Centre participate in workshops/trainings/events organised by external partners? Which partners did you work with? What were the outcomes?)

- On November 22, 2022, we participated in the *3rd Memory of the World Global Policy Forum: Enhancing International Cooperation to Better Safeguard Documentary Heritage at Risk* hosted by UNESCO. We gained new awareness of how discussions on international cooperation and the sharing of knowledge and expertise for protecting documentary heritage that is in danger of being lost due to natural disasters, wars, and conflicts will enable us to better safeguard these materials for future generations.

New material (guidelines, recorded webinars, standards, other tools) which should be shared with the community. (Have you been involved in the creation of any tools that might be useful for others? IFLA is happy to share these! Kindly provide links if possible or contact IFLA HQ to discuss how to promote this material further.)

- In September 2022 we published an English-language manual entitled *Drying Wet Materials 2*.
https://www.ndl.go.jp/en/preservation/pdf/Drying_wet_materials_2.pdf
- In September 2022 we published a Japanese-language, remote-training video entitled 図書館資料の防災対策 (Disaster preparedness for library collections) on the NDL YouTube channel.
https://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/library/training/remote/disaster_p.html
- In March 2023 we published a revised version of an English-language training textbook entitled *Conservation of Paper Materials: Minor Repairs*.
https://www.ndl.go.jp/en/preservation/pdf/1_Whole_text.pdf

Support - International Cooperation (Has your PAC Centre provided preservation and conservation support on an international level? This can include contact with other PAC Centres. Please provide a summary of what you have done).

- Centre Director NAGAI Yoshikazu participated in the IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section (PRESCONS) Standing Committee Zoom meeting.

Support - Regional / National Cooperation (Has your PAC Centre provided preservation and conservation support within your region or country? This can include contact with other PAC Centres. Please provide a summary of what you have done).

- Japanese translations of the following IFLA/PAC FAQs are available on the NDL website.
“In case of disaster...having a disaster plan”
https://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/preservation/iflapac/pdf/pac_faq_bosai_keikaku.pdf
(https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/pac/Documents/faq_disaster_plan_japan.pdf)
“Paper conservation by using Japanese paper, washi”
https://www.ndl.go.jp/jp/preservation/iflapac/pdf/pac_faq_washi_shuhuku.pdf
(https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/pac/Documents/faq_washi_japan.pdf)
- An employee from the NDL Preservation Division participated in a cooperative activity with a preservation and conservation network by attending the Executive Council of Japanese Cultural Heritage Disaster Risk Mitigation Network, which comprises members of the former Cultural Property Rescue Program for areas affected by the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake.
- An employee from the NDL Preservation Division is appointed a member of the Japan Library Association Preservation Committee.
- The NDL replied to inquiries about preservation and conservation.

Involvement of the PAC Centre with the IFLA Initiatives. Has your PAC Centre contributed to any initiatives led by IFLA HQ or IFLA Professional Units?

- We responded to the September 2022 bookbinding survey "Bookbinding practices in libraries" by the IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section (PRESCONS).
- Centre Director NAGAI Yoshikazu participated in the IFLA Preservation and Conservation Section (PRESCONS) Standing Committee Zoom meeting.

Any other information or comments to share?

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