

## WORKING WITH PLASTICS



*Plastics workshop, 2011 © Inp*

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*March 2012 – 12, 13, 14*

*Paris*

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# CONSERVATION TRAINING PROGRAM

## DAY ONE

March, 12

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- 9h15 – 12h15**            What are plastics?  
Why do museums collect plastics and in which collections?  
Historical development of plastics and rubber.  
Classification of types
- 12h15 – 13h30**            Lunch
- 13h30 – 17h30**            Formulating and producing plastics  
Physical and chemical properties and degradation of plastics and rubber
- Practical work:**  
Solvents and plastics and identification of plastics: session to identify types of plastics using non-destructive and destructive tests

## DAY 2

March, 13

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- 9h15 – 12h45**            Evaluation day 1  
Film Ron Mueck: the making of art works  
Case studies: research into the conservation of art works
- 12h45 – 14h00**            Lunch
- 14h00 – 18h00**            Case studies: research into the conservation of art works
- Practical work:**  
Adhering of plastics

## DAY 3

March, 14

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- 9h15 – 12h45**            Evaluation of day2 / Identification of plastics objects (brought in)  
Case studies: research into the conservation of art works
- 12h45 – 13h45**            Lunch
- 13h45 – 17h45**            **Practical work:**  
Cleaning of plastics and encapsulating rubber objects  
Case studies attendants

*In English with French translation.*

## Case studies for the plastics workshop

1. The conservation of PP tapestries (Anna Laganà, 30 minutes)
2. The conservation of a PVC balloon (Thea van Oosten (30 minutes)
3. The conservation/consolidation of PUR ether flexible foams (Thea van Oosten 1 hour)
4. The conservation of PUR elastomer art works (Thea van Oosten and Anna Laganà 45 minutes)
5. The conservation of transparent plastics (UP and PMMA) (Anna Laganà 30 minutes)
6. The conservation of CA objects (Anna Laganà 30 minutes)

## Place of workshop :

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