

Disaster response Web site

The National Task Force on Emergency Response has created a Web site, which features information about salvaging water-damaged cultural materials. It has links to organizations that can assist during a disaster and includes a list of ten tips for homeowners facing the aftermath of a disaster. This is the same task force that developed and distributed the Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel free of charge to thousands of libraries and cultural institutions. The URL is <http://www.heritagepreservation.org/PROGRAMS/taskfer.htm>.

ISO 9706 reappraised

The International Organization for Standardization has reappraised its standard for permanent paper, ISO 9706: 1994: Information and Documentation—Paper for Documents—Requirements for Permanence. ISO standards must be reviewed every five years and either reappraised, withdrawn completely, or withdrawn for technical revision.

Fourteen countries voted, ten for reappraisal (Australia, Denmark, Czech Republic, France, Italy, Japan, Norway, South Africa, Sweden, and the United States), three for technical revision (Canada, Finland and Germany), and one abstained (the Netherlands).

There was no agreement among the three countries voting for revision on what those revisions should be. Canada and Germany commented that the results of the new research on lignin in paper should be incorporated into the standard, making it less restrictive. Finland commented that the standard does not include criteria for folding endurance and that ISO 9706 should be combined with ISO 11108, which sets the standard for archival paper.

For more information, see three reports on the Web:

- “The Rationale of Permanent Paper” by Rolf Dahlo, chair of the committee ISO/TC 46/SC 10 Information and documentation/Physical keeping of documents, at <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla64/044-114e.htm>,

- “Standards for Permanent Paper” by Ivar A. L. Hoel of Denmark at <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla64/115-114e.htm>, and

- “A Papermaker’s View of the Standard for Permanent Paper ISO 9706” by Inga-Lisa Svensson and Ylwa Alwarsdotter of Sweden at <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla64/045-114e.htm>.

NPS exhibit guidelines

The Division of Conservation of the National Park Service (NPS) has produced a new document, “Exhibit Conservation Guidelines,” in CD-ROM format. This e-publication provides strategies and techniques for incorporating conservation principles into the design of exhibits to afford adequate protection for the objects on exhibition. The CD-ROM is 35MB (the equivalent of 370 printed pages) and includes guidelines, technical notes, and illustrations.

This title is available for \$49.95 from the Harpers Ferry Historical Association, P.O. Box 197, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425; phone: (800) 821-5206; fax: (304) 535-6749; e-mail: hfhah@intrepid.net. For more information, consult the Web description of the guidelines at <http://www.nps.gov/hfc/conservation/exhibit/>.

NEDCC manual in Spanish

A Spanish translation of the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) publication “Preservation of Library & Archival Materials: A Manual,” has been mounted on the Web. The National Library of Venezuela provided the translation, with support from the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR). The manual contains numerous short leaflets about preservation planning, the environment, emergency management, storage and handling, reformatting, and conservation procedures. Both the Spanish and English versions are available at <http://www.nedcc.org>. ■

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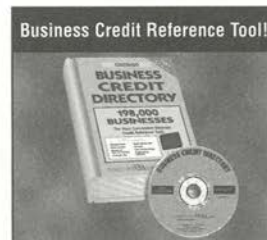
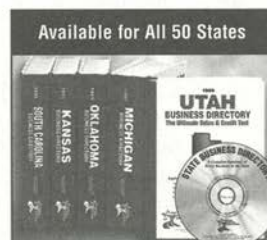
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