

FOREWORD

The third volume of *Postprints* to be published by the Objects Specialty Group consists of the papers presented during three differing sessions from the OSG session of the 1995 AIC Annual Meeting in St. Paul. The topics chosen for the OSG session included: structural treatments, the desalination of ceramics, and new materials and techniques.

All fourteen of the presentations delivered in St. Paul are represented in this publication. The paper scheduled to be given by Terri Schindel was not presented and is not included in this volume. The papers are organized in the order in which they were given at the 23rd Annual Meeting. Both ethical and logistical problems were addressed regarding the structural treatment of materials as diverse as leather, reed, bronze and stone. Papers dealing with the desalination of ceramics focussed on the practical, the theoretical and the experimental issues involved in desalination. The afternoon session, intended to be less formal than the morning, included a wide range of short presentations in which I hoped to provide an opportunity for people to share ideas and materials used in their treatments without the necessity of preparing a formal paper. These presentations varied in the degree of formality; this is reflected in the length and style of the papers included in the *Postprints*.

I would like to thank Virginia Greene for her exhaustive and dedicated work on formatting and editing this volume. The *OSG Postprints* is a non-juried compilation. Only minor editing was done by the compilers. Authors are encouraged to submit papers presented here for publication in the *Journal of the American Institute for Conservation*, or in other juried publications. Individual authors retain all rights to their papers.

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