



**Celebrating 35 years of
preservation research**

Dear IPI community,

I hope this newsletter finds you safe, healthy, and staying connected to colleagues and loved ones.

Given New York State (NYS) and [Rochester Institute of Technology \(RIT\) directives related to COVID-19](#), in late March IPI suspended all on-campus operations and activities requiring travel until further notice. IPI staff are working remotely on continuing data analysis and interpretation for research projects, providing remote consulting, facilitating remote working meetings for our ongoing assessment work, enhancing IPI web resources, preparing a new series of environmental monitoring webinars, grant writing, and developing new efficiencies for our business operations.

While we anticipate remote work will continue for many IPI staff members in the months ahead, we are planning for how best to allow limited staff to safely return to campus and restart laboratory research activities, testing services, and physical product sales when RIT receives NYS approval to reopen research laboratories. We also continue to monitor health and safety guidelines to inform future event planning. Additional information about events that have been impacted is provided in this newsletter. Updates about IPI operations and events will be posted on [our website](#).

Our staff and online resources continue to be accessible in support of your good work. As you monitor collections remotely and plan for reopening I encourage you to [contact us](#) if we can be of assistance.

On behalf of all of us at IPI, best wishes!

Jae Gutierrez

Executive Director



New Partnership and Online Resources for PEM2 Services

IPI is pleased to announce a new partnership with [REDCOM Electronics Manufacturing Services](#), a highly regarded local firm, in delivering PEM2 recalibration and repair services. To accompany this new partnership, IPI and REDCOM have created several online enhancements for customers including:

1. A new PEM2 online service request form [available from our support page](#)
2. A PEM2 service order status page for tracking in-progress orders
3. A comprehensive [PEM2 support portal](#) to assist with addressing common issues in the field

PEM2 recalibration and repair services are currently suspended, but we look forward to resuming those services soon and thank you for your patience at this time. Information about service availability will be posted on [our website](#), but feel free to contact us at ipitech@rit.edu with questions. We hope our PEM2 users find these updates valuable!



Environmental Monitoring Survey

As part of our ongoing assessment work to inform strategic planning for 2021-2026 we will be distributing a targeted online survey about datalogger preferences and environmental monitoring software next week. Your feedback will inform planning related to eClimateNotebook development and IPI's related environmental monitoring activities. The survey will be administered by Graham-Pelton, our non-profit management consultant partners in this project. We look forward to hearing from you and are grateful to [The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation](#) for its support of these activities!



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**Protecting Cultural
Heritage**

***Held in Trust: A National Convening
on Conservation and Preservation***

Held in Trust Advisory Council

The [Foundation for Advancement in Conservation \(FAIC\)](#) has been awarded a three-year cooperative agreement totaling \$500,000 from the [National Endowment for the Humanities \(NEH\)](#) to evaluate current national infrastructure in conservation and make recommendations to strengthen preservation of cultural heritage for present and future generations. The *Held in Trust* project will assess the current state of, and challenges facing, the preservation of the cultural heritage of our nation as it approaches its 250th anniversary in 2026. The Image Permanence Institute is pleased to be a participant and member of the Advisory Council for the project.

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2020 Vision:
*Current and Future Research
in Cultural Heritage Preservation*

October Symposium Planning Update

Given the current uncertainty of future travel guidelines and events that would assemble large gatherings of people, we have modified our symposium planning schedule. We will continue to monitor the situation and make a decision on how to proceed in June. If you have any questions regarding our symposium planning, please feel free to contact Lauren Parish, IPI Web & Publications Manager at lmppph@rit.edu.

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Advanced Inkjet Preservation Workshop

In collaboration with the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC), IPI arranged to host two workshops on advanced inkjet preservation in conjunction with our 2020 Vision symposium in October. These workshops are part of the [Collaborative Workshops in Photograph Conservation series](#) and will be co-taught by Daniel Burge, Senior Research Scientist at IPI and Ryan Boatright, Founder and Owner, Atelier Boba. Applications are currently being accepted, and FAIC and IPI will assess in June how best to proceed with workshop planning prior to notifications being made to applicants.

[Read More and Apply](#)

Upcoming Events

Environmental Data Analysis Webinars

Our 2020 series of Environmental Data Analysis webinars has been rescheduled. This series of three webinars will teach participants how to analyze and interpret meaning from environmental data, and respond to data interpretation by creating appropriate action plans. The new dates and times are as follows:

- **Understanding Fluctuations and Equilibrations**
May 14, 2020 – 2:00pm - 3:00pm EDT
- **Setting Appropriate Parameters**
June 11, 2020 – 2:00pm - 3:00pm EDT
- **Responding to Issues**
July 9, 2020 – 2:00pm - 3:00pm EDT

[Learn More and Register](#)

Training Sustainable Environmental Management Teams for Cultural Institutions Workshops

The IPI in-person environmental management workshops previously scheduled for April to September 2020 have been canceled in response to the current health crisis. We are actively revising our approach and hope to offer the same number of workshops as originally planned online, instead of in-person, later this year. Previous applicants will be given first priority for acceptance into the rescheduled workshops, and registration will remain free given the generous support of this project from the [National Endowment for the Humanities \(NEH\)](#). Additional information about workshop content and learning goals is available on [IPI's Sustainable Preservation Practices website](#), and will be updated to include the revised workshop schedule and application information when available.

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