

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES IN SCIENCE CONSERVATION:
EXPLORING X-RAY TECHNOLOGY



ICONS-X 2026 CONFERENCE
23-24 APRIL 2026

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
NATIONAL MUSEUM CONSERVATION AND STORAGE CENTRE (OMRRK)
Detailed programme and registration: <https://www.mfab.hu/icons-x-2026/>

Conference venue:
OMRRK - BRÓDY ZSIGMOND AND ADÉL EVENT HALL (BUILDING C),
H-1135 Budapest, Vágány utca 4.
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The first ICONS – International Conservation and Science professional conference, held in 2022, introduced the potential in the OMRRK to foreign researchers. Over the past four years, new instruments have been used achieve results that make it timely to summarise the research processes and present the directions of research and restoration processes with the involvement of international speakers.

As part of the **ICONS-X 2026 conference planned for 23-24 April 2026**, we will present the results of projects carried out by experts from the Getty Museum, the Rijksmuseum, the Kunsthistorisches Museum and the University of Antwerp, as well as other international researchers and OMRRK staff, will present the current results and future development directions of art diagnostics and research restoration through their projects.

There will be a presentation on the analysis of the brown tones in Rembrandt's painting *Night Watch* (1642) using macro and micro X-ray diffraction techniques, which is part of a comprehensive research and conservation project "*Night Watch Operation*" launched by the Rijksmuseum in July 2019. Conservators from the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna will also give a presentation on the *APPEAR* project, reporting on research carried out on the museum's mummy portraits. The conference programme also includes the presentation of a new *artificial intelligence* (AI)-supported framework that assists museum professionals preserve cultural heritage artefacts and monuments.

Best regards,

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