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FOREWORD

The idea of this Special Issue was born during the organization of the biannual international Conference of YOCOCU Association (Youth in COnservation of Cultural Heritage), held in AGSU, Azerbaijan, 28-30 May, 2014) thanks to MIRAS (Social Organization in Support of Studying of Cultural Heritage) in collaboration with several YOCOCU members. More than 100 attendants from twenty different countries participated in YOCOCU 2014, which made the Conference a vector for development of youth professionals, a bridge between cultures and between different levels of expertise. For more precise information on YOCOCU, we invite you to visit our website www.yococu.com.

Oral presentations and posters were focused on the different fields of diagnostic, conservation and restoration of the Cultural Heritage, distinct cultural materials and techniques, and were mainly made by researchers belonging to different universities, public research institutes, museums and small-medium enterprises. The articles published in this Special Issue were selected among the scientific contributions submitted to the Conference, and deal with the above reported topics, which are of great interest in the field of Cultural Heritage.

In the last years, the Periodico di Mineralogia focuses its field of interest also on research related to Diagnostic, Conservation and Preservation of the Cultural Heritage representing an essential tool to disseminate novel research, data and case studies useful to improve the level of knowledge in this research area.

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