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Each major category is identified by a specific number to facilitate indexing and cross-referencing.

Each treatment category (13-31) is broken down into six subheadings: Purpose, Factors to Consider, Materials and Equipment, Treatment Variations, Bibliography and Special Considerations. Each of these subheadings can be further outlined as show for 1.4 below, i.e. with treatment variations numbered 1.4.1, 1.4.2, 1.4.3, etc.

1. Major Treatment Category

Definition:

1.1 Purpose

1.2 Factors to Consider

1.3. Materials and Equipment

1.4. Treatment Variations

1.4.1.

1.4.2.

A.

B.

1.

2.

a. (etc.)

1.5. Bibliography

1.6. Special Considerations

Bibliography can be annotated to the extent that the subject dictates.

Special considerations can take many forms. It may include extended essays relating to the material in the preceding outline. It can offer a critical review of the existing literature. It can evolve into a dialogue between conservators with complementary or dissenting viewpoints.

Special considerations material is segregated from the broader body of outlined information in an effort to keep the outline simple enough for easy reference.

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- *23. Consolidation/Fixing/Facing (1988)
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Liaison: Timothy Vitale
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- *28. Drying and Flattening (1984)
Compilers: D. Hamburg, T. Vitale
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- *29. Lining (1988)
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Additional information is sought for and can be contributed to any existing outline at any time by contacting the compiler or a member of the catalog committee. Miscellaneous brief contributions will be printed and added to the end of existing outlines until sufficient changes and additions have been made to warrant incorporating this information into the body of the outline and reprinting it.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this project is to compile a catalog of conservation treatments for art on paper. The intention is to record a variety of treatment procedures in current use or with a history of use. It is not intended to establish definitive procedures nor to provide step-by-step recipes for the untrained. An attempt will be made to include a variety of techniques used by AIC Book and Paper Group members and divergent opinions about particular techniques. The catalog is designed for practicing paper conservators and is intended as an aid in the decision-making process. It is understood that the individual conservator is solely responsible for determining the safety and adequacy of a treatment for a given project and must understand the effect of his or her treatment. Inclusion in the catalog does not constitute an endorsement or approval of the procedure described.

The catalog is to be redistributed to BPG members in looseleaf format to permit additions, revisions and updates as necessary. The project is a collective volunteer effort of the BPG, with members compiling catalog entries, and making long or short contributions to these entries. A list of categories and a standard outline format have been developed. Treatment outlines are divided into six sections: Purpose, Factors to Consider, Materials and Equipment, Treatment Variations, Bibliography, and Special Considerations.

The 1984 pilot committee drafted three prototype outlines in the standard format to serve as examples. In 1985, 1986, 1987, and 1988 nine additional outlines were completed. Conservators who know of or use other variants to outlined treatments are asked to contribute to new treatment categories. The format is intended to be simple and flexible enough to encourage paper conservators to contribute any specialized techniques or innovations, however broad or narrow in their application.

The catalog can be thought of as a goal but the "doing" will offer unlimited opportunities to exchange large and small amounts of information with our associates. The quality of this information should be similar to that learned while visiting or working with a colleague and discussing specifics.

The BPG membership has always expressed interest in contributing or exchanging small amounts of information, but there has never been a convenient format available. It is hoped that the Paper Conservation Catalog will prove to be an attractive vehicle while also performing the professionally necessary task of recording our body of knowledge.

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