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Preserving our heritage: where science and art collide

The general public is invited to attend a lecture about the latest methods used to conserve our priceless cultural material at the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) on Thursday, 14 October.

Associate Professor Robyn Sloggett, who is Director and Chief Conservator at the Centre for Cultural Materials Conservation in the University of Melbourne, says cultural material is the basis of the record of what it means to be human – and sciences are critical in preserving this record.

Associate Professor Sloggett will discuss how particular challenges confront the conservation of cultural material and that traditional standards used in Europe and North America are not always appropriate in the Asian-Pacific region. She will also discuss how science is used to authenticate priceless objects.

The free public lecture will be held at ANSTO's AINSE theatre (opposite the café) at Lucas Heights on Thursday, 14 October from 11am.

For media information please call ANSTO, (02) 9717 9208.