National Blue Shield Committees

**mission**

focus on the protection of their country’s cultural heritage against the threats caused by man-made and natural disasters, and on the coordination of national and international help
Blue Shield Member

Main characteristics

He/she

- knows the ‘ins and outs’ of cultural heritage
- is able to handle oneself in an emergency situation.
Blue Shield Member

desired profile depends on

• gravity of the emergency situation
• nature of the emergency situation
Desired Profile

- knowledge
- skills
- experience
- physical health
- mental health
Desired Profile

Knowledge

• General - professional knowledge
• Specific - preventive conservation
Desired Profile

Professional knowledge

- **Horizontal** more than one discipline
- **Vertical** from hands-on to management
Desired Profile

preventive conservation

important disciplines (in terms of disaster)

• archeology
• book and paper
• ceramics
• monuments
• paintings
Desired Profile

skills

• communication
• political sensitive
• sense of proportion
• practical-minded and creative
  ▪ think outside own framework
  ▪ local problems, local solutions
• foreign languages
Desired Profile

**experience**

- professional experience
- management experience
- institutional experience
- other
Desired Profile

professional experience
Desired Profile

management experience

• collection management
• emergency management (plan)
• leadership
  – take instant action
  – assign tasks
  – coordination
Desired Profile

institutional experience

• museum
• library
• archives
• heritage institution
Desired Profile

other

- safety and security
- training experience (sustainability)
Desired Profile

Physical health

- work under extreme difficult circumstances
- be flexible
- work long hours
Desired Profile

Mental health

• perform under a lot of pressure
  • dissociate oneself
  • estimate risk
Desired Profile

• knowledge
• skills
• experience
• physical health
• mental health
Desired Profile

are we looking for
the impossible?
Desired Profile

NO!

everything is possible
Desired Profile

Thank you for your attention.
I hope it was not too boring.