

ACTIVITY REPORT

NAME OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE:
 INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF MUSEUMS OF ETHNOGRAPHY
 (ICME)

I. 2012 ACTIVITIES

1) ANNUAL MEETING	
DATE	12 -14 SEPTEMBER 2012
LOCATION (CITY AND COUNTRY)	WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA
HOST INSTITUTION OR ORGANISATION <i>(if applicable)</i>	ICOM NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR NAMIBIA, THE MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION OF NAMIBIA
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICOM - Non-ICOM 	APPROXIMATELY 60 PARTICIPANTS
APPROACHED THEMES	COMMODYING CULTURE? CULTURAL VILLAGES AND LIVING MUSEUMS
PARTICIPATION OF OTHER ICOM COMMITTEES	ICOM NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR NAMIBIA

OTHER MEETINGS <i>(if applicable)</i>	
N/A	

2) PUBLICATIONS	
TITLE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FORTHCOMING, MONOGRAPH FROM ICME/2011/BANZ 2. FORTHCOMING, MUSEUMS AND TRUTH, SELECTED PAPERS FROM ICME/2010/SHANGHAI AND ICME/2009/SEOUL 3. ICMENEWS NOS. 63, 64, 65
DATE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FORTHCOMING, TO BE PUBLISHED EARLY IN 2013 BY THE EUROPEAN ETHNOGRAPHY DEPT, UNIVERSITY OF BAMBERG 2. FORTHCOMING, HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARS PRESS 3. ICMENEWS 63 – MARCH 2012 ICMENEWS 64 – JULY 2012 ICMENEWS 65 –DECEMBER 2012
PUBLISHING LANGUAGE	ICME PUBLICATIONS ARE PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH
ELECTRONIC VERSION	YES: ICMENEWS ON ICME WEBSITE - HTTP://ICME.ICOM.MUSEUM/INDEX.PHP?ID=8 NO: TWO BOOKS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN PRINT ONLY
NUMBER OF PRINTED COPIES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – TO BE DETERMINED 2 - TO BE DETERMINED 3 – N/A

3) TRAINING	
DATE	ICME DID NOT OFFER NOR PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING IN 2012
LOCATION (CITY AND COUNTRY)	
HOST INSTITUTION OR ORGANISATION (<i>if applicable</i>)	
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS - ICOM - Non-ICOM	
APPROACHED THEMES	
PARTICIPATION OF OTHER ICOM COMMITTEES	

PROFILE OF THE TRAINERS	
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4) RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

ICME DID NOT CONDUCT ANY RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN 2012

5) / ACTIONS WHERE EXPERTISE WAS PROVIDED

6) ACTIONS ALLOWING AN INCLUSIVE APPROACH

Participation. Participants from a number of developing nations attended the ICME annual meeting in Namibia. Funding for seven (7) of these individuals was provided by fellowships from ICME (see below). In addition, three (3) Museum Studies students from the University of Namibia attended the ICME/2012 conference.

Participants in ICME/2012 Namibia represented museums in :

Australia	Canada	Croatia
Denmark	Finland	Great Britain
Israel	Italy	Kenya
Lesotho	Mozambique	Namibia
Norway	Republic of Korea	South Africa
Uganda	USA	Zimbabwe

ICME Fellows. The International Committee of Museums of Ethnography has established the practice of offering a limited number of fellowships to youth members and members from developing nations to enable them to attend the annual ICME conference.

Seven (7) Fellows were awarded for the ICME/2012/Namibia conference. Two (2) 2012 ICME Fellows are youth members from European museums (Croatia and Germany). Seven (7), ICME Fellowships were given to museum ethnographers from museums in Africa – Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Uganda and Zimbabwe. See ICMENews 65 for reports written by most of the 2012 ICME Fellows.

An emergency in the family of one Fellow necessitated the purchase of a return air ticket (reflected on annual budget)

Reduced Registration Fees. In addition, a reduced conference registration fee was offered to individuals from developing nations or youth members.

7) SYNTHESIS OF THE ACTIVITIES AND OBTAINED RESULTS

Annual Conference. ICME/2012/Namibia met at the Safari Court Hotel and Banz Monastery Conference Center. The conference was held in collaboration with ICOM Namibia and the Museums Association of Namibia. The conference opened with welcomes by the Chairperson of the Museums Association of Namibia, Aaron Nambadi; Windhoek Deputy Mayor, Councillor Gerson H. Makatuka; and ICME Chair, Annette B. Fromm. The conference was comprised of eight (8) paper sessions, daily excursions to cultural sights in Windhoek and a banquet. In the eight (8) paper sessions, twenty (20) scientific papers were presented. Lively discussions followed each session. Of the individuals represented for the conference, eighteen (18) countries were represented, (see above).

Daily excursions introduced participants to the cultural fibre of Windhoek. The first afternoon the group visited the Owela Display Centre of the National Museum of Namibia then relaxed at the National Institute of Culinary Excellence. The second afternoon, the excursion was to Heroe's Acre, the official war memorial overlooking the city. The final day of the conference ended with a tour of Katatura Township, Penduka, a women's craft cooperative, and a closing Braai (barbeque). Bus transport for the daily excursions was provided in-kind by the City of Windhoek (not reflected on the annual budget).

The customary ICME post-conference tour introduced participants to the cultural and natural diversity of northern Namibia with an emphasis placed on visiting community-based museums. Sites visited on the four-day tour included Omaruru, a colonial German town, the Damara Living Museum (topic of one of the conference papers), Twyfelfontein, Namibia's only world Heritage Site, a location of renowned rock art, Etosha National Game Park, Namutomi and Oshikoto Lake, the Helvi Mpingana Kondombolo Cultural Village and Tsumeb Museum and the Cheetah Conservation Fund.

Both the ICME website - <http://icme.icom.museum/> - and ICME newsletter serve to share information about the annual conference. Photos have been posted on the website; in addition, a number of papers by participants who were prevented from attending the conference for a variety of reasons will be published on the ICME website. Conference reports, including reports by the 2012 ICME Fellows, ICME Post Conference tour, and two side tours by members were published in the ICME News - no. 65, December 2012.

Conference notices and the Call for Papers for ICME/2012/Namibia were sent to and appeared in the following web outlets:

AAMG---L, listserve of the Association of Academic Museums & Galleries

IMA - News, (info@irishmuseums.org)

ICME newsletter

ICME Website

icme@yahoogroups.com

H---Net Network for Museums and Museum Studies

ICOM---L---icom---l@home.ease.lsoft.com

icom---cc---ethno@yahoogroups.com

ICOM Namibia

AFRICOM

Museum Anthro blog --- chip.c---c@dmns.org

JISCMail Helpline - helpline@jiscmail.ac.uk

All Conferences.net --- jjf@allconferences.com

<http://thearchaeologicalbox.com/en/events>,

info@thearchaeologicalbox.com

American Folklore Society, director@afsnet.org

ExpoPromoter

Affiliate Network (www.expopromoter.org).

Museodata(www.museodata.com),

Web portal of Museums, Cultural Heritage, Conservation and Restoration

Other:

Website. The ICME website --- <http://icme.icom.museum/> --- continues to be the main source of communications with ICME members and others. Work continues to archive programs, proceedings and other materials from previous ICME conferences on the website.

Yahoo group. ICME continues to communicate news and ethnography museum related events via a group facilitated by Yahoo --- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/icme/>. This group was founded in 2001 and has nearly 900 members. In the past year, postings on the list-serve have doubled in many months.

Other participation. Annette B. Fromm, chair, participated in a panel titled, Creative Ideas from Small Museums Outside the U.S.A. at the annual meeting of the American Association of Museums (AAM), in Minneapolis, Minnesota, organized by ICR, the ICOM Regional Museums Committee.

Dr. Fromm, in her capacity of chair of ICME, was invited to speak at a Symposium associated with the opening of the National Museum of Contemporary History in Seoul, Korea, in November.

International Journal of Intangible Heritage In the capacity of ICME chair, Dr. Fromm, continued to serve on to the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Intangible Heritage, published by the National Folk Museum of Korea.

II. 2013 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

1) ANNUAL MEETING	
DATE	ICME/2013/RIO DE JANEIRO
LOCATION (CITY AND COUNTRY)	RIO DE JANEIRO, BRASIL
HOST INSTITUTION OR ORGANISATION <i>(if applicable)</i>	ICOM BRASIL
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS - ICOM - NON-ICOM	40 ICME MEMBERS ANTICIPATED; 40 EACH FROM COMCOL AND ICMAH 20 ANTICIPATED
APPROACHED THEMES	Theme 1. Focus on Collecting: Contemporary Collecting for Reinterpreting (Older) Collections (joint sessions with COMCOL, ICMAH, & ICME) Theme 2. The dialectic of creating memory in Ethnographic museums; whose personality is reflected in the curatorial work in ethnographic museums?
EXPECTED PARTICIPATION OF OTHER ICOM COMMITTEES	ICME HAS PLANNED TO HOLD A DAY-LONG JOINT SESSIONS WITH COMCOL AND ICMAH IN RIO

OTHER MEETINGS <i>(if applicable)</i>	
ICME PLANS NO OTHER MEETINGS IN 2013	

2) PLANNED/PROPOSED PUBLICATIONS	
TITLE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FORTHCOMING, TO BE PUBLISHED EARLY IN 2013 BY THE EUROPEAN ETHNOGRAPHY DEPT, UNIVERSITY OF BAMBERG 2. FORTHCOMING, HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARS PRESS
DATE	NO DATE IN 2013 PROJECTED, NO. 1 IS IN PRESS; NO 2 IS BEING PREPARED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRESS
PUBLISHING LANGUAGE	ENGLISH
ELECTRONIC VERSION	YES: NO: NEITHER VOLUMES WILL APPEAR IN DIGITAL FORMAT
EXPECTED NUMBER OF PRINTED COPIES	NO 1 – 500 NO 2 – DEPENDS UPON THE PRESS

3) SCHEDULED TRAINING	
DATE	ICME HAS NOT PLANNED ANY TRAINING IN 2013
LOCATION (CITY AND COUNTRY)	
HOST INSTITUTION OR ORGANISATION (<i>if applicable</i>)	
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS - ICOM - Non-ICOM	
PLANNED THEMES	
EXPECTED PARTICIPATION OF OTHER ICOM COMMITTEES	

PROFILE OF THE TRAINERS

4) PLANNED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

ICME DOES NOT PLAN ANY RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN 2013

5) PLANNED ACTIONS ALLOWING AN INCLUSIVE APPROACH

ICME WILL AGAIN FUND A LIMITED NUMBER OF ICME FELLOWS TO ATTEND THE ICME/2013/RIO DE JANEIRO MEETING. THREE (3) FELLOWS WILL BE FUNDED UP TO 2000 EUROS TO PAY FOR REGISTRATION, TRANSPORT, AND HOUSING. TWO (2) FELLOWS WILL BE EITHER YOUTH MEMBERS OR MEMBERS FROM DEVELOPING NATIONS. A THIRD FELLOWSHIP WILL BE OFFERED TO A MUSEUM ETHNOGRAPHER FROM SOUTH AMERICA OR THE CARIBBEAN.

6) OTHER PLANNED ACTIVITIES