



President's Words

This final newsletter of 2010 follows the very successful 22nd General Conference and 25th General Assembly of the International Conference which convened in Shanghai in November. The ICOM triennial provided an informative, festive venue for all of the international committees of ICOM to hold their annual meetings under the umbrella of the larger organization and in conjunction with other international committees.

ICME/2010/Shanghai Program.

An outstanding ICME conference in Shanghai was organized and held. The Challenging the Museum/Challenging the Museum working group, convened by former ICME chair Per Rekdal (Norway) met for an entire day with a number of provocative papers and discussions. ICME and ICEE (Exhibition Exchange) organized a one half day joint session in which speakers addressed the topic of Exchanging Meaning. Additional papers delivered brought the total of scientific papers and reports to 28. Speakers came from our host country China, the United States, England, Singapore, Norway, Croatia, and elsewhere – illustrating the wide geographic reach of ICME. Abstracts for the papers are also

posted on the ICME website. Speakers have been requested to send their paper text for publication on the website. (http://icme.icom.museum/fileadmin/user_upload/pdf/2010/ICME_Program_final_setup.pdf).

In addition to the meetings in Shanghai ICME organized a joint evening reception at the Shanghai Museum. After a sumptuous dinner, members were able to tour the museum, seeing treasures of Chinese art as well as a magnificent collection of ethnic minority clothing.

The annual ICME dinner was another literal feast at the Lubolang Restaurant in Yu Gardens. This establishment has also hosted American President Bill Clinton, British monarch Queen Elizabeth, and Cuban President Fidel Castro. I doubt that our photos will join theirs on the walls of the restaurant. The dinner and the tour of the Shikuman (house) Museum afterwards were hosted by The Cultural Palace of Nationalities, State Ethnic Affairs Commission in Beijing. We were joined at dinner by Yong Jirong, Director of the Museum, and Professor An Laishun, Secretary General of the Chinese National Committee of ICOM.



ICME Member Meeting and Board.

At the annual members meeting a power point illustrating the three year achievements of the committee was presented. Three annual conferences were held in this time period – 2008 in Jerusalem, 2009 in Seoul, and 2010 in Shanghai. A number of youth fellowships were awarded to ICME members by ICOM as well as by ICME to attend the 2010/Shanghai conference. In a future newsletter, recipients of these travel fellowships will share their impressions of ICME and how the knowledge gained is impacting their work.

A new ICME board was elected to serve the committee for the next three years. I sincerely thank the membership for expressing their trust in me by re-electing me as chair. I am certain that we have a strong board which will continue to move the committee forward.

You will see some similar names on the board list and a new name as well. With the acceptance of the ICME (revised) Rules, the board is now limited to nine members. Dr. Viv Golding of the University of Leicester has rejoined the board and taken on the responsibilities of the ICME secretary. Zvezdana Antos of the Ethnographic Museum of Zagreb continues as treasurer. Dr. Mihai Fifor of The Regional Museum of Oltenia, Romania, is taking over as the ICME newsletter editor. Matthias Beitzl, Osterreichisches Museum für Volkskunde in Vienna, continues as webmaster. The list of the new board has already been listed on the ICME website (<http://icme.icom.museum/index.php?id=5>).



Post-Conference Tour.

We think the custom of the ICME post-conference tour was established with the memorable sailing tour from Stavanger to Bergen following the 1995 ICOM triennial in Norway. This year’s took an intrepid group of thirty-some from Shanghai to three neighboring towns. After a very busy week in Shanghai we were treated to visits to outstanding national and regional museums and cultural sites. A report of the 2010 ICME Post-Conference tour will appear in a following newsletter.

New ICME Brochure.

At the ICME/2010/Shanghai conference, a new promotional ICME brochure was launched. You will find a copy of this brochure on our website (http://icme.icom.museum/fileadmin/user_upload/pdf/2010/ICME_brochure2.pdf). We invite you to share this brochure with your colleagues to inform them about the committee and encourage involvement.

Request for Photos.

You might have noticed that one area on the ICME website is titled Galleries. Here, conference photos are posted. If you attended the ICME/2010/Shanghai conference (or for that matter, an earlier conference) please send a representative group of photos for posting on the ICME website.

The ICME webmaster has requested that usable photos for the website be dpi 200, 15 x 10 cm photo size. We especially need photos from the 2008/Jerusalem and 2007/Vienna conferences and post conference tours from those two years. Thanks in advance for sharing.

I look forward to three years in which ICME will continue to prosper and grow. We have two working groups – The Challenging Museum and the Wikipedia project. We have two annual conferences to plan – see Call for Proposals below. And we have the work of the ethnographic museum calling daily.

With best wishes for the holiday season –

Annette B. Fromm, Ph.D.
President, ICME

Request for Proposal –ICME/2011

ICME holds an annual meeting – usually hosted and organized by a member - at which topics and issues of concern to ethnography museums worldwide are discussed. You might wonder what the process of organizing an ICME annual meeting is. ICME members with the vision and ability to host such a meeting come forward to the ICME board with proposals to sponsor and organize the conferences.

ICME respectfully requests the submission of proposals for the ICME/2011/Conference. We look forward to a meeting in late summer or early fall. Proposals must contain the following information.

Required of all Proposals:

Conference theme – Propose a theme of relevance to ethnographic museum professionals.

Duration – ICME annual conferences are usually a 3-4 day conference with a separate 2-3 day post conference tour (separate fee).

Venue - Usually, the meeting venue, such as a museum or university classrooms, is donated. No fees are paid for the meeting place.

Fees –

- The conference fee pays for a nice, printed program, lunches, one or two dinners and transport to the meeting venue, if necessary.
- Looking at past meetings, the fee is usually 150-200 Euros.

Funding –

- Limited funds are available to support ICME conferences unless the host can raise them. The ICME/2009/Seoul meeting was not the norm to be followed; The Korean government provided amazingly generous support to the National Folk Museum.
- Modest conference fees pay for expenses.
- A keynote speaker is usually not supported.
- ICME may have the funds to provide a grant for one or two participants - either youth or developing nation.

Hotel - is organized by the host, but paid by each individual. Travel is also paid by each individual.

Post-conference tour – A short 2-3 day tour of sites/museums of ethnographic interest or related to theme of conference is usually organized. The post conference tour fee is about 250 Euros paying for transport, hotel, meals, museum admissions etc.

Collaboration -

- We need to coordinate with the National Committee of the country in which the meeting is held.
- Should we plan a joint meeting, we might be in a better competitive position for a grant from ICOM to assist with the conference.

Editor's words

Another year is about to end. A great year for our organization, a year that culminated with the 2010 ICOM Conference in Shanghai where for three days ICME provided the framework for debates for more than 26 scholars from more than 17 different countries. It was a success of ICME for which we have to thank Annette Fromm, our President and to our Chinese hosts. At the same time, ICOM 2010 represented the end of a three years time period. The old Board of ICME ended its activity and I want to thank them on behalf of our organization and also to congratulate the newly elected Board and wish them good luck for the next three years.

My warm thanks to Peter Bjerregaard for an excellent job he did as the newsletter editor!!!

As far as I am concerned I would like to let you know that starting 2011 the newsletter will be edited four times a year in a PDF

format. The next newsletter will be published on March 31st. Therefore I welcome everybody who wants to send papers, articles, commentaries, call for papers to do it by March 15th 2011.

Happy holidays and A Happy New Year!

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New members

A number of colleagues have joined ICME lately. I would like to welcome them all and to let you know that a revised list of the new members will be available on the next newsletter.

Call for E-Mails and Up-Dates

Dear Colleagues:
Some of our members did not announce their e-mail accounts to our newsletter editor.

Please help us to spread the news of the work of ICME.

If you know of any current ICME members in your country, please send their e-mail addresses to the ICME editor, address above.

IF you should change any of your professional information, please make sure that you inform both ICME and the ICOM Secretariat in Paris of any change of address, phone, e-mail.

Thank you very much for your help.

Call for papers

January 31, 2011, deadline for abstracts/proposals, Sharing Cultures 2011 July 3-6, 2011, – 2nd International Conference on Intangible Heritage, Tomar, Portugal,
<http://sc2011.greenlines-institute.org>

March 2-4, 2011, ‘International Conference Heritage and Development In the Caribbean and Americas’, Cayenne, FRENCH GUIANA, Guyana,
<http://www.colloque-patrimonialisation-guyane.com>

March 14-16, 2011, ‘3rd Global Conference: Digital Memories’, Prague, Czech Republic,
<http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/critical-issues/cyber/digital-memories/call-for-papers/>

April 14-15, 2011, ‘Words and Objects: Writing on, around and about things’, Annual Conference of the Museum Ethnographers Group, Oxford, UK,
http://www.museumethnographersgroup.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5&Itemid=6

May 25-29 2011, ‘Materiality, Memory and Cultural Heritage’, Istanbul, Turkey,
<http://www.materialitymemoryculturalheritage.com>

May 27-30, 2011, Librasia 2011 - The Asian Conference on Literature and Librarianship 2011, Osaka, Japan, <http://librasia.iafor.org/>
 June 29 to July 2, 2011, Fourth International Conference on the Inclusive Museum, Johannesburg, South Africa,
<http://onmuseums.com/conference-2011/>
 July 5-7 2011, MALACCA
 INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE

CONFERENCE 2011, Malacca, Malaysia,
<http://www.malaccaheritage2011.com/>

July 12-14, 2011, 6th Global Conference Visions of Humanity in Cyberculture, Cyberspace and Science Fiction, Mansfield College, Oxford,
<http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/critical-issues/cyber/visions-of-humanity/call-for-papers/>

July 12-14, 2011, 1st Global Conference Images of Whiteness - Exploring Critical Issues, Mansfield College, Oxford, United Kingdom,
<http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/critical-issues/ethos/whiteness/call-for-papers/>

July 20-22, 2011, 4th Global Conference *Forgiveness*, Mansfield College, Oxford, United Kingdom, <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/probing-the-boundaries/persons/forgiveness/call-for-papers/>

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