

ICME NEWSLETTER

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Dear ICME friends,

As already announced in the last issue of ICME-NEWS, our committee has searched for possibilities to organise an alternative yearly conference in Copenhagen, Denmark. Alternative, because the originally planned autumn meeting in Zimbabwe had unfortunately to be canceled. To compensate for this loss, and also because we feel that yearly meetings are of great importance for the continuity of the work of ICME, we are glad to inform you that this conference will take place this autumn from Friday afternoon, November 16th, until Sunday morning, November 18th.

Thanks to the kind cooperation of Torben Lundbaek, from the National Museum of Copenhagen, our conference can be held in his museum.

Since 1990 the National Museum, which has a.o. large historical and ethnological collections, is working hard on an extensive renovation and modernisation of its buildings, to be followed by completely new presentations, both in Copenhagen and in Orholm, north of Copenhagen, where the Danish Folkmuseum and Frilandsmuseum are situated. This whole project will only be completed in 1999.

Part of the program of our meeting will therefore be devoted to the highly interesting concept of the new presentations of the National Museum. Next to that the important subject "museums and development" will be on the agenda. It is hoped that this part of the meeting will lead to concrete ideas and steps for practical action. The subject itself will be introduced that day by Martin Possler and Peter Bettenhausen, who prepared papers for this occasion. These papers will also be published in the forthcoming issue of ICME-NEWS.

The last (half) day of the meeting will be entirely devoted to business matters, whereby much attention will be paid to the question how to keep ICME not only alive and active but also interesting and worthwhile for its members.

We do hope that many of you will be able to attend. If interested please fill in the attached form and send it directly to the National Museum in Copenhagen. Some further information can be found underneath.

Peter Bettenhausen, secretary

Cover illustration:

Planned for the very near future:
Interactive video documentation in
the National Museum in Copenhagen

GENERAL PROGRAM YEARLY ICME MEETING

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, 16-18 NOVEMBER 1990

FRIDAY 16TH:

- Start of the conference at 2 p.m.
- location: National Museum.
Frederiksholms Kanal 1
1220 Copenhagen K
- subject: museums and developemnt

SATURDAY 17TH:

- Start of the morning session at 10 a.m.
- location: Orholm. 15 km. north of Copenhagen
Stationsvej 5 A-B easily to be reached by train)
- subject: the new concept of the National Museum
- start of the afternoon session at 2.p.m.
- subject: as above

SUNDAY 18TH:

- Start of the morning session at 10 a.m.
- location: National Museum, Copenhagen
- subject: bussiness meeting and summing up
- end of the conference: around 1 p.m.

WHERE TO STAY IN COPENHAGEN?

During autumn, with not many tourists around, it is not hard to find hotelaccommodation in Copenhagen.

The hotel recommanded by the National Museum is:

Hotel Denmark Phone (45) 33 11 48 06

Voldgade 89 Fax: (45) 33 14 36 30

552 Copenhagen V

This hotel charges 485 DKK per night, including breakfast.

1\$ is roughly 6 DKK)

As much cheaper alternative is staying in one of Copenhagens' youthhostels or "vandrerhjemmet". The best situated for this occasion is:

Vandrerhjemmet Sjaellandsbroen

Sjaellandsbroen 55 Phone (45) 32 52 29 08

2300 Copenhagen S Fax (45) 32 52 27 08

Price for individual visitors :DDK 55 for the bed. DKK 23 for linen(if you don't bring your own sheets and towel) and DKK 34 for breakfast. If you are able to come in a group, the price is Dkk 89 per night per person including breakfast.

In both cases a YHA membership card is required (guest membership cards are available for DKK 20 per night, but agroup will only need one card. (NB: Rooms for 2 and rooms for 5)

Sleeping bags are not allowed: the hostel supplies eiderdowns. Bathroom facilities are available, but youth hostels never supply soap).

Copenhagen in November can be quite cool, but the temperature rarely drops below zero. It can be quite rainy and windy though, so it is advisable to bring a warm, weatherproof overcoat and good, all-weather shoes.

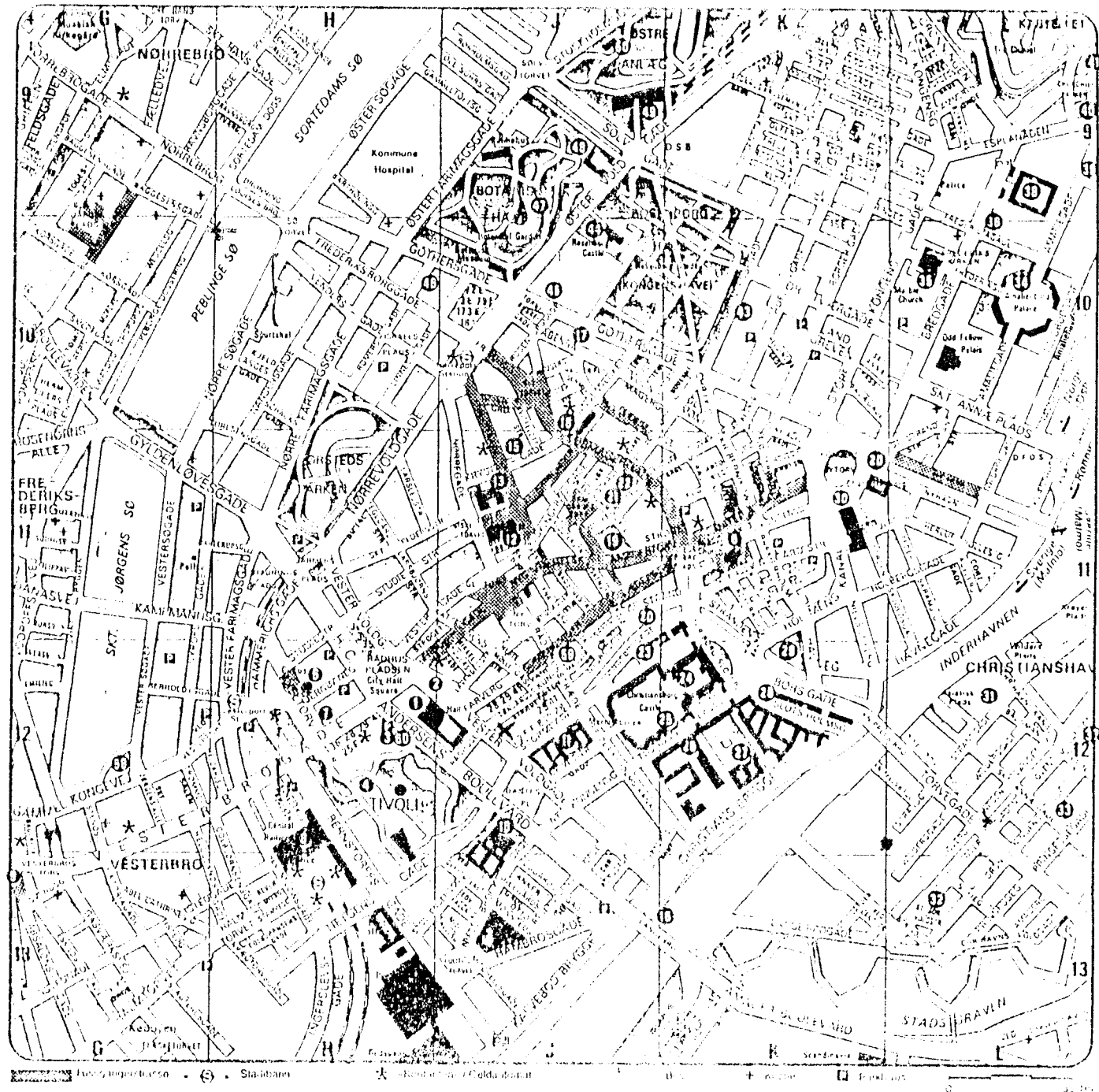
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MUSEEN UND SEHENSWÜRDIGKEITEN

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ICOM MEETING IN PARIS

Some 100 ICOM members met in Paris this summer, to attend the 47th session of the advisory committee, held from 2 - 4 July.

ICOME was represented by its chairman and secretary.

Outside the UNESCO building, where the meeting was held, it was cold and rainy. Inside there was much to talk about and therefore most meetings lasted longer than originally planned. From the discussions, on and outside the floor, a general feeling could be distilled, that there is a need for concrete action, for finishing tasks and projects already started, instead of continuously coming with new plans and ideas. In short, a healthy back to basics mood.

Here follow some of the main points and results of this meeting:

- Relations with Unesco have been strengthened, resulting in a.o. a revitalization of the regional training centres of

- Niamey(Niger) and Jos(Nigeria)

- ICOM's budget still remains problematic, leaving no possibilities for growth or development of activities by a.o. the international committees. Some of these committees (not ICME) have started to request dues from their members. A survey will be carried out on this subject matter.

- Dr. Saroj Ghose, presently in charge of ICOM publications has managed to to achieve savings of some 200.000 FF as the result of publishing ICOM News in Calcutta, India.

- The discussion group on publications, one of the 4 ad-hoc groups formed for this meeting, advised to use this amount saved for a revolving fund for the production of publications of the International Committees.

- Besides there were reports from the discussion groups on the following sectors of ICOM activities: Documentation Centre and computerization, Finances and Regionalization.

- New on the agenda was the fact that two keynote papers were presented, one by Dr. Cray Black on Museums and environment, and one by Dr. Herbert Ganslmayr on Museums and tourism.

Dr. Black (chairman of the National History Committee) spoke of relationship between museums and environmental change and the the responsibility that museums have to maintain the level of professional expertise in order to assist each other and developing parts of the world. Stating that "It's not a question of doing something new, it's a matter of increasing the heat with which we do it", he also spoke of the urgency of educating the public to make changes.

Dr. Herbert Ganslmayer presented positive and negative aspects of cultural tourism and contemporary currents for dealing with these issues. He stated that ICOM should take up the challenge of developing a policy of cultural tourism in relation to museum development. Inasmuch as museums deal also with living culture -dance, music, etc.- visitor attraction schemes need to be reconsidered, alongside the development of visitor awareness of of their heritage. The first Unesco-Icom training workshop, to be held on Barbados in October 1990, will deal with this theme.

REGISTERING FORM

ICME CONFERENCE 16 - 18 NOVEMBER 1990

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

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ADDRESS :

TEL.NR :

- ☐ I INTEND TO ARRANGE MY OWN ACCOMODATION
☐ PLEASE ARRANGE HOTEL ACCOMODATION FOR ME
☐ PLEASE ARRANGE ACCOMODATION IN A YOUTHHOSTEL FOR ME

SIGNATURE:.....

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ACTIVITY REPORT ICME

GENERAL:

Total number of members: 426, of which 224 non-voting.
Working groups: 4

ACTIVITIES BETWEEN 1986 AND 1989: short resumé

Following ICOM's triennial meeting in Argentina, ICME's next important meeting took place in Leiden, The Netherlands, where during the first week of September 1987, a conference was held on one of ICME's basic issues: The Presentation of Culture. Apart from over 20 Dutch participants and 39 non-Dutch colleagues attended this conference, 10 of them coming from developing countries. A total of 13 papers were read, while 3 different workshops were held.

Important proposals made were establishing a Joint Working Group with the World Craft Council and publication by ICOM of a simple manual for small museums.

In October 1988, a workshop was organised in Claki, Greece, by ICME and MINON on "Museums and the development of small Islands". Discussions and papers focused largely on the role of ecomuseums.

The most important event for ICME in the past year was the General Conference of ICOM, held in The Hague, The Netherlands. During four days, ICME-members met to discuss matters relating to the theme of the conference and to matters pertaining the working groups.

Apart from plenary discussions related to the lectures given, there was a special meeting to discuss a number of proposals for resolutions of which the one on the cultural dimension of development was accepted by the General Conference. The combined Leiden and The Hague lectures will be published by the Übersee Museum in Bremen.

In the autumn of 1990, ICME will hold its annual meeting in Copenhagen. Museum anthropology in developing countries will be the theme of a conference to be held in the middle of 1991 in Jakarta, Indonesia. This conference will focus especially on the presentation of the culture of Nias.

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