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Chairman

To the  
Chairpersons of the National Committees  
The Members of the Board  
The President of ICOM  
The Chair of the Advisory  
The Former Chair of ICOM Europe

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## Minutes

### ICOM Europe General Meeting

Saturday, August 18th, 2007

9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

University of Vienna

Attendance: 30, of these 15 chairpersons of National Committees

#### Item 1

The Chairman, Mr. Udo Gößwald, welcomes the participants and opens the General Meeting with his speech about “Connecting people” in which he gives an overview of the international activities in the last two years. He refers to achievements and goals that are also listed in “Views and Activities”, Vol. 1, the ICOM Europe image brochure titled “The New Face of Europe in Its Museums”. Then the aims and the mission of ICOM Europe were discussed. Merete Ipsen, Chair of ICOM Denmark, suggests to change the order of the points concerning external activities to: contribute, support, promote, the most important one coming first. This was agreed. Jack Lohman, Chair of ICOM United Kingdom compliments the aims and mission statement to be tangible and realistic. The aims and mission statement was accepted.

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## Item 2

Moving to ICOM Europe's financial perspectives Mr. Gößwald points out that the only possibility for ICOM Europe to finance itself is to apply for project funds (ICOM, the EU, National Cultural Departments, Foundations, Sponsors) Giving examples of the past. Mr. Gößwald hopes to get support from other national committees of ICOM, for example via buying copies of brochure "Views and Activities" for its members. He wishes to discuss strategies of financing with the new to be elected board. According to the opinion of one participant of the meeting this was judged as being rather optimistic and is asking for a more stable plan. Mr. Lohman calls himself chairman of a Foundation and proposed it as a possible organisation to turn to, although it mainly supports Jewish museum projects.

## Item 3

Mr. Gößwald reads out a complementary passage to § 7 in the statutes of ICOM Europe. The new passage (7.6.) reads: "The Chairperson or his/her substitute, as elected by the Board, represents ICOM-Europe in all external public affairs and legal matters. He may additionally designate an Executive Officer to fulfill financial transactions."

The passage is accepted by the participants and added to the rules. York Langenstein, Chair of ICOM Germany, comments on the compulsory membership which to his opinion should not exist. As Chair of ICOM Germany he nevertheless assures his active participation in ICOM Europe. All aspects concerning the new rules will be discussed at the next General Meeting of ICOM Europe that is proposed to be in Paris 2008, together with the Advisory Meeting.

## Item 4

The election follows for which Mr. Gößwald hands over to Barbara Woroncow, as chair of the election process. The attending candidates (Damodar Frlan, ICOM Croatia; Jari Harju, ICOM Finland; Margriet de Jong, ICOM Netherlands; Janja Rebolj, ICOM Slovenia) introduce themselves. The presentation of Isabelle Benoit, ICOM Switzerland, was shown as a video. The candidates Denis-Michel Boell, ICOM France, and Alexander Kalbaska, ICOM Belarus, were not present. Mrs. Woroncow presents the results. Udo Gößwald is unanimously reelected as Chairman for the next term. The new Board Members are Isabelle Benoit, Margriet de Jong, Damodar Frlan, Alexander Kalabska, Janja Rebolj and Jari Harju. Udo Gößwald thanks the old Board Members for their work and hands out scarves as presents calling them ambassadors of ICOM Europe.

## Item 5

Referring to pages 58 and 59 of the ICOM Europe brochure the Chair points out the major points of the Agenda 2007 – 2010. Mr. Langenstein points out that the International Museum

Day should not be forgotten. He also argues – referring to Field 3 – that he sees a problem in moving collections and rather wishes to move people. The Chair then speaks about the necessity of joint activities on a European level, such as the European Digital Library, EDL, that is in due course of creating European cultural heritage sources, where libraries, museums and archives could in this respect work together. He introduces Monika Hagedorn-Saupe, General Secretary of CIDOC, who will, as agreed upon by the attenders, represent ICOM Europe for the EDL. The Chairperson of ICOM Latvia gives a hint to the upcoming birthday celebration of the National Committee in January and February 2008, where the general issue will be the code of ethics.

The meeting is closed.



Udo Gößwald

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