

ICOM EUROPE

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1ST BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE 2011

5.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Place: Room XV, Ground Floor, UNESCO Miollis building
UNESCO House, 1, rue Miollis, Paris, France

• Welcome by the Chairman and introduction of Board members

The 1st Board Meeting of ICOM – Europe took place on Wednesday, 8th June 2011 at the UNESCO premises in Paris.

The Chair opened the Meeting, welcomed the guests and introduced the Board members.

Four (4) out of a total of seven (7) Board members of ICOM – Europe were present in the meeting. They are the following:

1. Mr. Damodar Frlan, Croatia, Chair
2. Mr Bernard Blache, France
3. Mrs. Teti Hadjinicolaou, Greece
4. Mrs. Janja Rebolj, Slovenia

The other three members who did not attend the meeting are:

- 5 Mrs. Isabelle Benoit, Switzerland
6. Mrs. Dr. Karen E. Brown, Ireland
7. Mr. Dr. Luis Raposo, Portugal

Mr Per Rekdal (former member of the Executive Council of ICOM), Mrs Mila Popovic-Zivancevic (Chair of ICOM-SEE) and a representative of AFRICOM were also present.

Before moving on to the Agenda the Chair read to the board an e-mail sent by Mrs Isabelle Benoit regretting not being able to attend the Meeting due to the fact that the notice for the meeting from June 2nd was too short for her to arrange her schedule .

• Review and confirmation of the agenda.

The Chair presented the agenda which was adopted by the members present (attachment Agenda).

- **Minutes of the last Board Meeting.**

The Chair referred to the last board meeting which took place in Shanghai 2010 during which the present board of ICOM - Europe was elected.

- **Introduction and brief report by the Chair.**

Per Rekdal posted a document referring to the relations among regional organisations.

The Chair urged the members of the board to pay attention and comment on Rekdal's document.

- **ICOM- Europe Tour 2010 (Zhenzhou, Xian, Loyang, China).**

The Chair referred to the ICOM - Europe Tour 2010, which took place before the General Assembly of ICOM in Shanghai. The Tour was a great success thanks to the involvement of Mr Udo Gößwald, former president of ICOM – Europe, who acted as a mediator between ICOM - Europe and Chinese museum people responsible for the pre-conference tour. The help of the local organizers is also greatly appreciated.

Mr Bernard Blache (France), member of ICOM - Europe, posed the following question: “ *What has happened with the contacts with the chinese museums?*” Mrs. Janja Rebolj from Slovenia, also a member of ICOM – Europe, answered that it is important to have communication and follow ups so that the contacts will obtain added value. She also suggested that the 8th Hands On Europe Conference, that will take place in Slovenia in 2011, is perhaps an opportunity to invite Chinese professionals.

- **ICOM-Europe Brochure “Views and Activities” Nr. 2, plans for the future.**

The members of the board decided that the publication of the Brochure will be continued. Mrs. Isabelle Benoit sent her suggestions about the issue via mail. More specifically she suggested that the subject of the next edition of the brochure would be: “*innovative museums design,*” or “*amazing scenography,*”. The aim of the booklet would be to show how museums are now able to delight visitors by displaying complicated content. The Chair of the Board Mr Damodar Frlan formulated the opinion that these subjects would not facilitate the participation of a large number of museums.

The members also suggested subjects for the brochure such as : intangible heritage as common heritage and cultural diversity in european museums but no decision was made. The members also noted that it is important for the National Committees of ICOM to be

involved in the publication of the Brochure. Previous publications will be sent in Croatia (as an archive).

- **Communication with President and Director General of ICOM**

The Chair announced to the Board that he had fruitful discussions with the Director General of ICOM Mrs Julien Anfruns as well as with the President Mr Hans-Martin Hinz, who will be supporting ICOM-Europe's activities.

- **Second Regional Conference “Risk Assessment for Cultural and Natural Heritage in the region of South East Europe”, Zagreb – Belgrade, February 2012. (ICOM SEE, ICOM-Europe, ICOM-Croatia, ICOM - Serbia).**

The second Regional Conference of ICOM-SEE, ICOM- Europe, ICOM-Croatia, ICOM - Serbia will take place in February 2012. The subject will be “Risk Assessment for Cultural and Natural Heritage in the region of South Europe”.

Mrs Mila Popovic-Zivancevic, Chair of ICOM-SEE gave further details for the upcoming meeting and asked ICOM-Europe to notify its members aiming at the bigger participation in the meeting.

- **Conference “Participatory Strategies in Capturing the Changing Urban World” Berlin, 31 October – 3 November 2011 (CAMOC – COMCOL – ICOM Europe).**

The International Committee on Collecting (COMCOL) is the newest ICOM inter-national committee. The first annual Conference will be dedicated to “participative strategies”. It will be held in Berlin, 31st Oct.-3rd Nov. 2011 and is expected to be extremely interesting. ICOM Europe will participate in organization of this conference.

- **Cooperation with “The Best in Heritage”, Dubrovnik**

As it is well known the Conference “*Best in Heritage*” takes place in Dubrovnik every year in September. Professor Tomislav Sola who is responsible of organizing the conference wishes for a collaboration with ICOM – Europe, which would result in the bigger participation in the meeting. President of ICOM Europe will give an introductory speech at Master Class “Difficult Heritage” session.

- **Cooperation with European Museum Forum.**

The cooperation of ICOM- Europe with EMYA (European Museum of the Year Award) was discussed. The possible establishment of an award by ICOM- Europe was also something the board discussed.

- **Cooperation with “The House of European History” project in Brussels.**

The possible cooperation with “The House of European History” project is being considered. The project has the support of the European Parliament. The creation of a network of european museums will prove useful for this project. ICOM Europe was invited to participate in this project.

- **Financial Situation of ICOM - Europe**

The Chair referred to the financial situation of ICOM – Europe and informed the members that it is being financially supported by Ministry of Culture of Croatia. Additional financial support will have to be secured from other sources, e.g. European funds, ICOM for specific projects, etc.

- **Miscellaneous**

The next ICOM – Europe Tour is scheduled for 2012 (Spain, Portugal, Morocco). The Chair assumed the task to address letters to the National Committees of Spain, Portugal and Morocco. ICOM – Europe member Mrs Janja Rebolj suggested that a specific topic must be set before the next tour.

Before closing the session details concerning the next board meeting which could be combined with the annual meeting of the “Hands On Europe Conference” were discussed.