Annual general meeting 2004 of ICOM-Europe in Seoul

Confirmation of the recent elected board of ICOM-Europe for the period 2005 – 2007

Due to the historical situation of ICOM-Europe, the recent board was not elected during a General Conference of ICOM, but at the end of 2002. When the new elected board started its work in early 2003 it was clear from the beginning, that the term will last for a full three-year-period. As one of the results of the first board meeting, which was held together with the Secretary General of ICOM in spring 2003 in Berlin, there was the “agreement” to work out a three-year-program, because it makes no sense to have a year and a half elected board. The newly elected board wanted to make sure that the regional organisation could revitalise during the years to come, before any changes will happen. To realise conception in international fields takes always a certain time. Therefore the board worked out a three year program (see activity reports 2003 and 2004), and should not be re-elected or newly elected before 2006 (meeting of the Advisory Committee).

In order to come into the rhythm of board elections during General Conferences, the recent board of ICOM-Europe recommends a confirmation during the Seoul-conference for the next three years. This is what the chairman already asked you in his last letter and what was accepted by almost all of you. Thank your for your co-operation. There is a Scandinavian voice to let the board confirmed during the General Conference in Seoul.

All members of the board, besides Nick Merriman from the UK, are willing to finish the three-year-term as they are elected for – no matter what position they will have inside ICOM during that time. The recent board members would also accept to serve for an additional year until the General Conference in Vienna 2007.

Nick has recommended to delegate a representative of ICOM-UK into the board, who will continue with his part of the work for ICOM-Europe. But the General Meeting 2004 in Seoul is free to vote for an other person.

The recent members of the board of ICOM-Europe do represent the policy of this term and they all should finish their work in order to make ICOM-Europe a long lasting successful part of ICOM.

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