



## I.C.O.M. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

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RECOMMENDATION (March 5th, 2009)

### Context:

Several requests have been brought to the attention of the Elections and Nominations Committee Chair, as well as to the Election Officer and the ICOM's Director General regarding the need for more time for the development of candidacies for the Executive Council. Those requests have been considered to be in full compliance with ICOM's goal of "inclusiveness", which has been repeatedly expressed in all of the sessions of ICOM's bodies.

Besides, closing the nomination of candidates almost two years before the actual election has been considered by the Committee as a significant limitation in the definition of "inclusiveness".

Moreover, the Elections and Nominations Committee has noted that the previous calendar dedicated too much time to strictly administrative aspects, in particular the time given for the information gathering related to the elections brochure (7 months). Additionally, the Committee has taken into consideration that the next General Conference shall take place 4 months later in the year as compared to the last General Conference, which took place in August. Such time would be better used in the preparation of nominations for future candidates.

For those reasons, the Committee, in full agreement with the Election Officer and the General Secretariat, has considered giving more time for the electoral process *per se* and less for its purely administrative aspects. As a result, a postponement of the deadline has been recommended until the end of December 2009 in order to permit more time for the preparation of the candidates in a spirit of inclusion, geographically and professionally.

**Recommendation:**

WHEREAS the Committee of Nominations and Elections has received several requests by National and International Committees to consider the postponement of the deadline for candidacy submission;

WHEREAS the former deadline (March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009) would have implied that the nomination process would end the selection process for new candidates almost 2 years before the actual elections;

WHEREAS the Strategic Plan 2008-2010 strives for more inclusiveness in several items of, namely, its objective 1 and objective 3;

WHEREAS the 109<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council in Paris (June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006) underlined the necessity to develop new inclusive approaches, cultural diversity and participation as well as the development of inclusive membership;

WHEREAS the former election calendar dedicated 7 months to an administrative process between June 2009 and December 2009, and considering this time should be better allocated to the nomination of candidacies;

WHEREAS the General Conference in Shanghai will take place in November, which is later in the year in comparison with the former General Conference in Vienna, which took place in August;

**Therefore, the Nominations and Elections Committee recommends the extension of the deadline for the submission of candidacies to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.**