

# Advisory Committee Election Candidates 2016-2019

## Candidates for the elections 2016-2019 of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the ICOM Advisory Committee

The elections for the Chairperson of the ICOM Advisory Committee 2016-2019 will be held on 4 and 5 July 2016 at ICOM's General Assembly, which will take place in Milan, Italy, during the 24<sup>th</sup> General Conference (3 - 9 July 2016).

The elections for the Vice-Chairperson of the ICOM Advisory Committee 2016-2019 will be held on 9 July 2016, 15:00 - 17:00.

As per Article 4.4 Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee of the ICOM Internal Rules and Regulations:

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Position of Chairperson of the Advisory Committee:

- Nazan Olcer, Turkey
- Regine Schulz, Germany

Position of Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee:

- Luisa De Peña Díaz, Dominican Republic
- Gustavo Adolfo Ortiz Serrano, Colombia

Advisory Committee  
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Candidate for the position of Chairperson



Nazan Olcer  
Turkey

**Current and previous positions within ICOM**

- ICOM member (since 1978)
- ICAMT member (since 1992)
- Board memberships ICAMT (1992-2001; 2007-2013)

**Current and previous professional positions**

- Director of Sabancı University Sakıp Sabancı

Museum, Istanbul, Turkey (2003-present)

- Curator (1972-1978) and Director (1978-2003), Turkish and Islamic Arts Museum, Istanbul, Turkey

**Academic Background**

- M.A., Ph.D. History of Art, Ancient History, Ethnology, Oriental Studies, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany

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**Objectives**

Shouldering the responsibilities of the ultimately gratifying challenges faced by museums today requires being well-versed in the ever-changing geographical, political and social circumstances within a region.

Today, the troubling circumstances encircling the human artistic production that is the sole remainder of a centuries-long, rich history are perhaps more urgent and worrisome than in the past. As we, museum professionals, continually try to produce our best work in establishing cultural bonds and build on past traditions, we are simultaneously witnessing a dramatic shift in the world. We are seeing an unprecedented number of people being uprooted from their cultures and lands; generations of artistic production is facing grave danger of being lost forever.

When museums preserve, promote and interpret the natural and cultural heritage of humanity, a dire need for initiatives arises in ensuring that this heritage is not the insurmountable price paid as a result of international political and social strife. As expanding global reach translates into receiving immediate news or worse yet, footage of ancient masterpieces being destroyed for ideological gain, ICOM's practices should best be equipped to confront the changing circumstances surrounding our international cultural and artistic heritage.

Positioning ourselves on the right side of history seems rather straightforward as far as art and culture is concerned; those who have protected and stood by art ultimately thrive and prevail. We need to underscore the importance of museums as cultural hubs that have the power to change and transform intercultural bonds, as harbingers of understanding and empathy regarding the "other", whether the "other" in question is in faraway geographical regions or merely a visitor in our home countries. Museums should indeed not merely be regarded as ethnocentric institutions enveloped in state-of-the-art buildings designed by leading architects; they are living, breathing vessels of light in constant dialogue with their surroundings.

I fully subscribe to the notion that maintaining and promoting museums that foster intercultural dialogue and understanding remains one of the great challenges regarding museology today; we are continually striving to achieve more in ensuring that the remarkable artistic production not only survives the hardships of the present period, but is able to function and coexist with the very culture that produced it.

**Advisory Committee  
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Candidate for the position of Chairperson



**Regine Schulz**  
Germany

**Current and previous positions within ICOM**

- Member of the Executive Council (since 2010)
- EC representative in the Working group/ Committees on Governance, Strategic Planning, and Ethics Member of the Ethics Committee (2005-2011)
- Chairperson of the Resolution Committee (2006)
- Former board member, secretary and chairperson of the International Committee of Egyptology (CIPEG)

**Current and previous professional positions**

- Director/CEO, Roemer and Pelizaeus Museum as well as City Museum Hildesheim
  - Associate Professor of Egyptology, Institute of Egyptology – Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich (since 2001)
- Member of the Advisory Council on Scientific University Collections, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany (since 2015)
  - Member of the University Council – University of Applied Science and Art, Hildesheim/Holzminden/

Goettingen (since 2013)

- Visiting, later Adjunct Professor, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore (2004-2011)
- Curator (Ancient Art; Islamic art), Chief Curator, The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore (2001-2011)
- Assistant Professor, Institute for Egyptology, Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich (1991-2000)
- Research Assistant/Associate: Roemer and Pelizaeus Museum, Hildesheim (1984-1990), German Archaeological Institute - Department Cairo (1983-1984), State Museum of Egyptian Art, Munich (1980-1983)

**Academic Background**

- Studies in Egyptology, Near Eastern Studies, Classical Archaeology, Languages of the Christian Orient and Journalism, Free University Berlin and Ludwig Maximilians University Munich (Ph.D. 1985, Habilitation 1995)

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**Objectives**

ICOM is a membership organisation and therefore, ongoing communication and information exchange is necessary between the elected governing body and the members. Therefore the Advisory Committee (AC) is essential to build constructive dialogue and assist the President, the Executive Council (EC) and the staff to understand current or upcoming needs, problems and wishes. With the General Assembly, it is an effective tool for the members to be informed, make requests or influence the decisions of the governing body when necessary.

As chair of the Advisory Committee, hand in hand with the members, I would like to strengthen:

- cooperation and communication between the AC, the EC and the Secretariat
- the ongoing dialogue between the National and International Committees as well as the Affiliated Organisations
- the transparency of the decision-making processes
- the information and discussions on the work by the standing committees, working groups, and task forces
- the information on special programmes of the Secretariat (e.g. ICOM's Red Lists or the DRTF)
- understanding of the work, objectives and results of ICOM's different cooperating partners

In addition, I would like to act as the contact, advisor or mediator for issues between members, committees and the governing body or the Secretariat.



## Luisa De Peña Díaz Dominican Republic

### Current and previous positions within ICOM

- Chair of the National Dominican Committee (2007-2010)
- Board Member of ICMEMO (2007-2010)
- Member of the Permanent Legal Affairs Committee (2008-2011; 2011-2013)
- Member of the Executive Council (2010-2013; 2013-2016)

### Current and previous professional positions

- Director General of the Memorial Museum of the Dominican Resistance and Hermanas Mirabal House Museum (since 2008)
- Secretary of State for Culture, Director General of Museums (2004)
- Deputy Secretary of Cultural Heritage, Regional Coordinator of Museums (2000)

- National Coordinator of Museums (1999)
- Faro a Colón Museum, Museum and Exhibitions Director (1992)
- Naval Museum of the Atarazanas Reales, Museography Supervisor (1990)

### Academic Background

- B.A. in Interior Design
- Specialty in Management, Economics and Culture Funding in the Museum Sector
- Postgraduate Studies in Museology and M.A. in Museography, Ph.D. in Museology
- Specialty in Funding Strategies for Museums
- Specialty in Recovery of Repression Archives and Historical Memory
- Diploma in Memory Pedagogy and Human Rights

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### Objectives

ICOM, as an international organisation, has the promotion and development of museums and the museum profession as a goal, through excellence and professional ethics, cultural cooperation and the preservation of heritage in all of its representations.

If I am elected, I intend to promote the development of museums as entities responsible for contributing to the development of society, acknowledging their role as encouragers of human values and cultural heritage. My wish is to contribute to dialogue and active participation for the development of museums in society worldwide, and I intend to bring my experience in the conservation and promotion of heritage as a social asset.

I aspire to make efforts to enlarge the presence of ICOM and the principles that it promotes, to contribute to the development and knowledge of museums and the museum profession. I also find it advantageous to promote intercultural dialogue based on diversity, as it is our responsibility to promote values that contribute to the establishment of a society based on peace, tolerance, and respect of cultural and human rights.

Finally, I hope to continue to contribute to our organisation and collaborate in the development of ICOM to make it a more global, diverse, and open organisation.



## Gustavo Adolfo Ortiz Serrano Colombia

### Current and previous positions within ICOM

- President of ICOM Colombia (2008-2011)
- Vice-President of ICOM-LAC (2011-2013)

### Current and previous professional positions

- President of the Council of Arts Bogotá (2003-2005)
- Member of the Council of Culture (2003-2005)
- Member of the Advisory board, Master of Museology at the National University of Colombia
- Director of Museum of Contemporary Art Bogota (2002-present)

Over 100 curatorial projects including: Thesis, Project SA, Festival of Contemporary Arts Electronic FACE, Figuration and Representation in Colombia, Abstraction in Colombia; Curator for Colombia at the IX and X Biennial of Cuenca. Duties as director include management, planning, marketing, public relations, resource management and national and international representation of the museum

- Order of Civil Merit José Acevedo y Gómez, Bogotá Council
- Best Blog Award given by the Colombian Chamber of Informatics and Technology CCIT 2006, winner of five Academy Awards at Digital Arts in Ottawa, Canada
- Author of books: *Digital Studio*, 2000; *Contemporaneity in Colombia*, 2006; *Culture with Social meaning*, 2011
- Author for magazines specialising in arts, culture and digital media in Colombia, Spain, the US and Ecuador, and maintains a blog on contemporary art (<http://digitalconcept.blogspot.com>) and on technology (<http://Gutech.wordpress.com>)

### Academic Background

- B.F.A. in Visual Arts, National University of Colombia
- M.A. in Museology, University of Valladolid, Spain

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### Objectives

As Vice-Chairperson I would like to work to achieve high standards of quality in the various processes, promote a positive working environment and team motivation with leadership enabling the organisation to consolidate its position as a key player in the preservation, research and dissemination of tangible and intangible cultural assets. The trust of international institutions as UNESCO, Blue Shield and national governments, museums and individual members is an incentive to generate initiatives to strengthen our organisation.

## **ICOM Internal Rules and Regulations, Article 4**

The Advisory Committee is an advisory body of ICOM.

### **4.1. Advisory Committee's composition**

The Members of the Advisory Committee are:

- i. the Chairpersons of the National Committees or their appointed representatives;
- ii. the Chairpersons of the International Committees or their appointed representatives;
- iii. the Chairpersons of Affiliated Organisations or their appointed representatives;
- iv. the Chairpersons of Regional Alliances or their appointed representatives.

Members of the Executive Council, all National Correspondents and members of ICOM's technical committees may attend Advisory Committee meetings as observers. They do not have the right to participate in the vote.

The status of Member of the Advisory Committee shall be forfeited in the case of:

- suspension of the function of Chairperson of a National Committee, an International Committee, a Regional Alliance or of an Affiliated Organisation of ICOM;
- unexpected obstacle to, loss or withdrawal of ICOM membership, or resignation transmitted by a formal written note addressed to the Director General.

### **4.2. Duties of the Advisory Committee**

The duties of the Advisory Committee shall be to:

- advise the Executive Council and the General Assembly on issues relating to ICOM's policies, programmes, procedures and finances;
- give its opinion on issues and actions in ICOM's general interest;
- propose modifications or amendments to be made to the Statutes.

The Advisory Committee reports its proceedings in an annual report to be submitted to the President and the Director General of ICOM.

This report is to be presented by the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee to the Executive Council.

### **4.3. Advisory Committee Meetings**

The Advisory Committee shall hold an ordinary meeting at least once a year, simultaneously with a session of the Executive Council.

Its Chairperson shall give the notice of meeting.

The meetings shall be held on the dates designated by the President of ICOM and the Director General. An extraordinary Advisory Committee meeting may be held at the request of the Executive Council. The Advisory Committee Chairperson must ask the participants to attend the meeting within a reasonable time limit.

The extraordinary session must be held within three (3) months after receipt of the request from the Executive Council, in the city where the ICOM Secretariat is based.

### **4.4. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee**

The Chairpersons of National and International Committees and Affiliated Organisations shall elect the Chairperson, then the Vice-Chairperson during the General Conference.

Regional Alliances do not have the right to vote.

The Chairperson's and Vice-Chairperson's terms of office will last three (3) years, shall expire upon the election of their successors and can be renewed for another 3 years term once.

At least five (5) months prior to the expiry of the current terms of office, the Director General shall write a letter to the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee, to Chairpersons of all the National and International Committees, calling for candidacies for the offices of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

The Director General must receive the candidacies no later than three (3) months before the election date as set forth in the call for candidacies.

The Director General shall submit the names of the candidates, together with any biographical profiles, to the Members of the Advisory Committee at least two (2) months before the election is to be held.

As an exception to the previous provisions, candidates wishing to run in the election for Vice-Chairperson shall also be able to come forward during the General Conference, at the close of the result announcements for the elections of the Executive Council and of Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

The candidate for each office having received the largest number of votes shall be declared elected, provided that he or she obtains more than 50% of the votes in the first voting round.

If no candidate obtains more than 50% of the votes, a second voting round is to be organized between only the two candidates having received the highest number of votes in the first voting round. At the conclusion of the second voting round, the candidate having received the majority shall be declared elected.

The elected Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall take office once the results of their election have been declared.

#### **4.5. Duties of the Advisory Committee**

##### **Chairperson**

The Advisory Committee Chairperson carries out the following tasks:

- convene and preside over the Committee meetings;
- represent the Advisory Committee at Executive Council meetings without voting rights ;
- ensure that ICOM's election procedures are enforced.

#### **4.6. Duties of the Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee**

The Vice-Chairperson assists the Chairperson in overseeing the Advisory Committee and may represent it at Executive Council or Bureau meetings in case of absence of the Chairperson or unforeseen obstacles. The Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Committee carries out the following duties:

- performance of all duties conferred upon him or her by the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee;
- in the case of absence of the Chairperson or of unforeseen obstacles, the Vice-Chairperson presides at the Advisory Committee meeting and carries out the duties and responsibilities incumbent upon the Chairperson.

#### **4.7. Vacancies**

If the office of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson becomes vacant, during its next meeting, the Committee shall elect one of its Members to be Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson to deputise the former Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson for the duration of his or her remaining term of office.

#### **4.8. Voting at Advisory Committee meetings**

The Chairperson of the Advisory Committee and the Chairmen of the National and International Committees, and Affiliated Organisations shall each have one (1) vote. Regional Alliances do not have the right to vote. All individuals holding several positions of Chairperson concurrently may vote on behalf of each Committee or Organisation at which it presides.

Resolutions are adopted by a single majority vote of the Members present in person or represented by proxy.

A Member of the Advisory Committee may designate another Member of his or her Committee or Organisation to represent him by proxy at Committee meetings but no one Member may hold more than one proxy.

Only proxy forms established by the ICOM Secretariat and published on ICOM's Internet site shall be accepted at the time of voting.