

# Decisions of the 112<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Council

## 3 - 5 December 2007, Paris (France)

### SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

**1. Partners:** The 2008–2010 Strategic Plan is intended to serve as the basis for working relationships with ICOM's partners. With this in mind, a meeting was held with Ms. Françoise Rivière, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Culture, during which the President of ICOM proposed that from now on, the framework agreement should define a genuine long-term academic and financial partnership, notably by promoting interdisciplinarity, by raising the profile of ICOM-UNESCO initiatives and by building in advance preparation of respective General Conferences. The Executive Council also decided to strengthen cooperation between the Scientific Committees of ICOMOS and the International Committees of ICOM. In addition to producing a joint document on Sustainable Cultural Tourism, the WFFM and ICOM will identify other areas in which they can work together. The Executive Council thanked the ICOM Foundation for its pledge to contribute €30,000 a year to ICOM for 2008, 2009 and 2010.

**2. Financial Reports:** Attention has been paid to **transparency and responsibility** in drawing up the financial documents, intended to make it easier to anticipate future expenses, so as to enable the Organisation to make appropriate decisions regarding the management of its finances. The Executive Council adopted: a) the Financial Statement as of 30 September 2007, with estimates through 31 December 2007; b) the 2008 Budget based on the Triennial Budget 2008–2010 [<http://icom.museum/budget/triennialBudget2008-2010.xls>]; c) the Draft Budgets for 2009 and 2010 (adopted in principle, subject to future developments).

**3. Implementation of the 2008–2010 Strategic Plan - Secretariat:** a) **Director General:** The Executive Council entered into negotiations with the candidate selected for the post of Director General and pursued negotiations with the previous Secretary General with a view to reaching an amicable agreement; b) **International Heritage House:** This was a plan to house several international heritage organisations at a single location. Since ICOMOS had been offered premises by the French Ministry of Culture, ICOM would now have to continue its search for premises. The Executive Council requested that the French Ministry of Culture be contacted with a view to obtaining a proposal similar to that of ICOMOS. It remained open to any proposal for cohabitation with ICOMOS.

c) **Plans for the creation of an ICOM Resource Centre** which would house the archives, the UNESCO-ICOM Museum Information Centre and

ICOM publications were presented to the Executive Council. The aim is to make better use of and improve access to the Organisation's resources. The Executive Council authorised the purchase of the software required for the digitisation process; d) **The new database** is in the process of being set up. Members of the Advisory Committee have responded to the message circulated on ADCOM-L by stating their particular needs.

**4. Members:** membership fees from all countries must be paid in euros as of 2009. Committees had been informed that 2008 would be a transition year. The Council also decided to apply the student rate (23 euros) to retired members.

**5. The creation as Affiliated Organisations of Hands on! Europe - Association for Children's Museums** [<http://www.hands-on-europe.net>] and the International Association for Museums Facility Administrators [<http://www.iamfa.org>] was approved, provided they fulfil the conditions defined in the ICOM Statutes.

**6. Standing Committees / Working Groups / Reform Groups:** The Executive Council wishes to encourage ICOM members to participate in the various Standing Committees, Working Groups and Reform Groups. Members will henceforward be able to be considered for selection, in line with their areas of expertise. Forms are available on the website [<http://icom.museum/taskforce.html>] and in this issue of *ICOM News* (pages X-XII). Following the reports submitted by these groups, the main decisions taken by the Executive Council were as follows:

- It approved the **Ethics Committee's** proposals to publish a brochure on the ICOM Code of Ethics, to hold workshops for museum professionals and to organise a seminar on ethical issues during a meeting of the Advisory Committee.

- It formally appointed Sandra Lorimer (Canada) as Acting Chairperson of the **Standing Committee on International Committees [CIC]**, which is reviewing the funding of the International Committees and making various recommendations concerning regular grants to ICs. It is also reviewing the forms used by the ICs to present their annual and triennial financial and activity reports in order to develop new forms.

- It appointed Per Rekdal, member of the Executive Council, as Chairperson of the **Working Group on Regional Alliances**. A meeting of the group will be held in June 2008.

- It decided to review the terms of reference and results achieved by the **DRFM Task Force** and its possible convergence with MEP (Museums Emergency Programme).

**7. The Executive Council, gave approval for the tentative programme of the International Conference on Inclusive Museums (Leiden, Netherlands).** It was noted that this structure could be used as a model for other events including the General Conferences.

**8.** It noted the updated list of Operational Policies and that the work of drafting OPs should continue. Council appointed Gary Edson to continue this task in the capacity of Adviser.

**9. Support for the ICOM network:** The Executive Council approved funding and implementation of three new initiatives as part of the 2008–2010 Strategic Plan and in support of the ICOM network:

- to provide assistance with participation in meetings of the International Committees and Regional Alliances;

- to provide assistance with participation in meetings of the Advisory Committee;

- to assist Committees with implementation of the ICOM 2008–2010 Strategic Plan.

Information about these projects can be found on the ICOM website at:

[[http://icom.museum/advisory\\_committee.html](http://icom.museum/advisory_committee.html)].

**10. General Conference - ICOM 2010:** Mr. An Laishun (ICOM 2010-Beijing Organising Committee, People's Republic of China) presented the different phases of preparation for the GC and explained the workings of the ICOM 2010 Organising Committee to the Executive Council. The Executive Council asked the Organising Committee to ensure that an adequate sum be collected so that as many grant holders as possible would be able to attend.

**11. ICOM 2007:** The Executive Council duly noted the interim report and requested that a detailed financial and technical report be submitted in June 2008.

**12. Meetings:** The Executive Council decided to reorganise its sessions to work more closely with the various parties concerned. From June 2008 onwards, **partners** and **members** will be invited to Executive Council sessions if agenda items warrant their presence. Unless the Executive Council expressly requests otherwise, partners will henceforward be invited to Advisory Committee meetings to enable their remarks to be heard and supported by a wider audience.

The 113<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Council will take place on **5 and 6 June 2008**, in Paris (France). The 114<sup>th</sup> Session is expected to take place from **1 to 3 December 2008**, in Shanghai (People's Republic of China).