



115th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 8 AND 11 JUNE 2009

Summary of decisions

The 115th session of the Executive Council, chaired by Alissandra Cummins took place in Paris on 8 and 11 June 2009. Various decisions were taken regarding (1) the audited financial reports for 2008; (2) the operational budget for 2009; (3) membership fees; (4) acceptance of a new National Committee; (5) the 23rd General Conference to be held in 2013; (6) the theme of the 22nd General Conference 2010; (7) the theme of International Museum Day 2011; (8) the extension of the mandate of the Working Group in charge of reviewing the ICOM Statutes and Policies; (9) the allocation of grants to International Committees.

1. Audited Financial Reports for 2008

The Council approved the audited financial statements for 2008 and, in accordance with ICOM Statutes, recommended that they be adopted by the General Assembly.

2. Operating Budget for 2009

The Council approved the balanced operating budget of €3,190,666 for 2009.

3. Membership Fees

Having noted that several National Committees were consulted for the proposed new grid of membership fees and that the grid is fair and better reflects the financial capacity of individual and institutional members in member countries, the Council approved the new membership fee grid for 2010, 2011 and 2012 and, in accordance with the ICOM statutes, recommended its adoption by the General Assembly.

4. Acceptance of a new National Committee

The Council approved the creation of a National Committee for the United Arab Emirates.

5. The 23rd General Conference 2013

Having noted the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, the Council approved the holding of the 23rd ICOM General Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 1 to 8 June 2013.

6. The theme of the 22nd General Conference 2010

The Council approved the theme of the 22nd General Conference in Shanghai: *Museums for Social Harmony*.

7. The theme of International Museum Day 2011

The Council approved the recommendations of the Advisory Committee for the theme of International Museum Day 2011; it asked the Advisory Committee to expand on the chosen theme and explain the reasons behind their recommendation.

8. Extension of the mandate of the Working Group charged with reviewing the ICOM Statutes and Policies

Having noted that the most recent version of the ICOM Statutes, approved by the General Assembly of Members in 2007, does not include any provision relating to the election of the Executive Council, the Council decided to ask the Working Group charged with reviewing the ICOM Statutes and Policies to appraise the election procedure included in the previous Statutes and to make recommendations on the procedure to be followed for the election of the Executive Council.

9. Allocating grants to International Committees

Having taken note of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, the Council asked the Director General to examine as a priority the allocation of grants to International Committees in relation to ICOM's strategic objectives and budget.