

Executive Council

24 August 2007 - Vienna (Austria)

Decisions

0. Introduction

Alissandra Cummins, President of the 2007–2010 Executive Council, welcomed participants, especially those new members of the Executive Council who were present. She also greeted Knut Wik (Norway), the Chairperson of the 2007–2010 Advisory Committee, who will be assisted in his duties by Virgil Nitulescu (Romania), the Vice-Chairperson of the 2007–2010 Advisory Committee.

1. Search Committee

Noting the procedure which will be used by Spencer

Two proposals were currently under consideration:

- creating an International Heritage House (IHH) which could house several Organisations: ICOM, ICOMOS, ICOM France and MuseDoma;
- Identifying appropriate premises to house the entire staff, including the Museum Information Centre.

Following this brief presentation, the Executive Council:

- duly noted the document concerning International Heritage House, which will be used as a basis for a brochure presenting the project;

3. Grants for young members

The Executive Council took note of the success of this initiative, which enabled 58 young professionals to attend the General Conference in Vienna (Austria) and various international committee meetings for the first time.

The Executive Council expressed satisfaction and decided:

- to carry out an assessment of the initiative;
- based on the evaluation, to institutionalize a similar programme as an annual operation, setting out selection and nomination criteria;
- to mandate a Group made up of the President of ICOM, the Treasurer and the Director General to work on its criteria.

4. Changes to the Standing Committees / Working Groups / Reform Groups

Reviews and new appointments are to be held for the Standing Committees, Working Groups and Reform Groups in June 2008. The President, noted the need to commence early preparations for this procedure to ensure better geographic and/or linguistic representation in all of these bodies. Following this statement, the Executive Council:

- decided to issue an on-line invitation to members to offer themselves for consideration to serve on one in these bodies through ICOM-L;
 - proposed that a Working Group of members should be established to review these candidates with a view to advising on possible appointments.
- Council also received and took note of the following reports:

5. Report on ICOM 2010 - scheduled to take place from 7 to 13 November 2010, in Shanghai (People's Republic of China).

6. ICOM's participation in the 34th UNESCO General Conference

The President stressed that it was vital ICOM be represented appropriately at this Conference, adding that ICOM must work more closely with UNESCO and involve itself at an earlier stage in the decision-making process on topics which are crucial for the Organisation.

7. New data base prototype

Council members briefly discussed the prototype of the membership database and the other areas for the development of the new database.

8. Report by the World Federation of Friends of Museums

Executive Council members duly noted the tabled report and thanked WFFM for presenting it.

9. Advisory Committee - Knut Wik, the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee, briefly explained that a Working Group will be set up to reflect on the content of the Committee's meetings.

10. 112th Session of the Executive Council

The Executive Council will meet from 3 to 5 December 2007, in Paris (France).



ICOM Executive Council (2007-2010)

From top to bottom, left to right : Alissandra Cummins (President), W. Rick West, Jr. (Vice-President), Martin Schaefer (Vice-President), Nancy Hushion (Treasurer); Re-elected: Per Rekdal, George Akello Obungu, Xiang Li, Michel Van-Praet, Tereza Scheiner, Hans Hinz; and newly-elected Members: Hongam Kim, Claude Faubert, Taher Ghalia, Hanna Pennock, Harmut Pratsch, and *ex officio*, Knut Wik, Chair of the Advisory Committee.



Stuart, the Executive Council decided:

- to alter the composition of the Search Committee to comprise the following members of the Executive Council: Rick West (USA); Martin Schaefer (Switzerland); Alissandra Cummins (President of ICOM); Hongnam Kim (Korea); Teresa Scheiner (Brazil); and the following ICOM members Amareswar Galla (Australia), Tickey Pule (Botswana) and Jack Lohman (UK).
- to make recommendations following the report which will be presented to it at its 112th session in December 2007.

2. Secretariat premises

The Organisation's staff is divided between two sites.

- noted that it will need to decide how to work out the details of this project and how best to present it to the City of Paris in March 2008, after the local elections;
- decided to request the help of Jacques Perot (Past President of ICOM 1998 - 2004) who had kindly offered his assistance; Dominique Ferriot (Chairperson of ICOM-France) and representatives of the partner Organisations to draw up an action plan;
- decided that a Working Group on IHH might be created;
- decided to ask the Secretariat to look into other options to house the Secretariat ;
- decided to seek advice from the Finance and Resources Committee on a possible purchase.