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DECISIONS

After paying a tribute to members of ICOM who had passed away since the 70th session held in August 2007 (Vienna, Austria), members of the Advisory Committee took the following decisions during their 71st session:

1. Adoption of the Draft Agenda

Members of the Advisory Committee adopted the draft agenda with the following additions:

- Presentation of a report on the damage caused by the earthquake that occurred in Sichuan (People's Republic of China).
- Hans Manneby's Memorial Fund For Museum Development;
- Report of the National Committee of Korea on the "International Journal of Intangible Heritage", Korea.
- ICOM South Africa Declaration regarding the xenophobic, ethnic and criminal violence in South Africa.
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2. Appointment of Chairpersons for the Separate Meetings of National Committees and International Committees

Following a vote, the two members below were elected as chairpersons of the separate meetings up to 2009.

- National Committees: York Langestein (Germany)
- International Committees: Marie-Paule Jungeblut (ICMAH)

The two Chairpersons will represent the Advisory Committee at the Executive Council's Working Group on the General Conference of 2010. Members who served as scrutineers for this vote will also be requested to carry out the same duties for the General Assembly that will be held on Tuesday, 3 June 2008: Ossama El Meguid (Egypt) – Diana Pardue (United States) – Gerard Winter (NATHIST) – InKyung Chang (ASPAC).

3. Minutes

3.1. *Minutes of the Advisory Committee*

69th Session, 17 August 2007: minutes adopted, after completing the list of participants.
70th Session, 24 August 2007: minutes adopted, after completing the list of participants.

3.2. *Minutes of the Executive Council*

Members of the Advisory Committee duly noted the decisions taken by the Executive Council at the following sessions, without adding any comments:

- 18 August 2007: 111st Session of the Executive Council, Vienna (Austria)
- 1st to 3 December 2007: 112th Session of the Executive Council, Paris (France)

4. Report of the Working Group on the Meetings of the Advisory Committee

The following members were appointed to be part of the Working Group on the Advisory Committee:

- Dominique Ferriot: ICOM-France
- Carlos Roberto Brandao: ICOM-Brazil

A basic document will be drafted by the Group to serve as a starting point for discussions with all members of the Committee.

5. Financial Report

Following the presentation of the Report by Nancy Hushion, Treasurer of ICOM, members of the Advisory Committee:

- commented on the presentation of the Triennial Budget 2008-2010, declaring that the distinction between general expenses and salaries was not clear enough;
- expressed their wish that decisions concerning membership fees should be taken at the General Assembly;
- expressed their concern about the decision to produce a deficit budget in 2008 and 2009;
- concurred with the recommendation to proceed with a specific budget for 2009, as soon as possible, with an appendix explaining the different items (The President of ICOM informed the Advisory Committee that the draft budget would be ready within three months; and,
- requested that priority be given in 2009 to the data base, as well as the platform that will be set up for the network.

6. MuseDoma: Report and Recommendations

Following the report presented by Alissandra Cummins, members of the Advisory Committee requested the submission of a written report. Furthermore, on a suggestion made by the Treasurer, members approved the principle of suspending payments of funds to MuseDoma until the said report is submitted.

7. Network Support Project

Members of the Advisory Committee duly noted the report presented by Carlos Roberto F. Brandao. They felt that for 2009:

- the criteria should be circulated well ahead of time;
- that the same deadline should be fixed every year (1st October, for example) for submission of the various projects.

8. Strategic Plan for 2008-2010

8.1. Implementation of the Strategic Plan for 2008-2010

8.1.1. Report of the Secretary General

Members of the Advisory Committee took due note of the Report presented by Piet Pouw, Secretary General ad interim. They deplored the low membership level of Latin America (about 4%) and insisted on:

- the importance of the data base;
- the need to reorganise the Organisation's Web site.

8.1.2. Reports of the Standing Committees of the Executive Council

8.1.2.a. Standing Committee on Finance and Resources

Following the Report presented by Robert Spickler, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Finance and Resources, members duly noted the various Recommendations submitted to the Executive Council:

- adoption of a policy on the use to the Reserve Funds as revised;
- adoption of a policy on approval of expenses; introduced by the Sub-Committee on Investments (sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on Finance and Resources);
- gradual liquidation of ICOM's US dollar account;
- drafting of a document explaining ICOM's budgetary cycle to members, and organisation of a workshop on this theme; possibly in 2009;
- recruitment of a professional fund-raising firm, to act on behalf of ICOM;
- the need to improve internal and external communications within the Organisation.

8.1.2.b. Ethics Committee

Following the Report presented by Bernice Murphy, Chairperson of the Ethics Committee, members of the Advisory Committee took note of the theme for the special session to be organised on Tuesday, 3 June 2008: *"Ethics in Action: Mobilisation of the ICOM Code of Ethics"*. This interactive method was established in consultation with Eva Maehre Lauritzen (Norway). The Advisory Committee was invited to put forward names of members who could serve on the Ethics Committee.

8.1.3. Report of the Standing Committee on Candidatures and Elections of the Advisory Committee

Diana Pardue, Chairperson ad interim, informed the Advisory Committee of the renewal of the Committee's membership:

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| - Representative of National Committees: | Ossama El Meguid (Egypt) |
| - Representative of International Committees: | Gerard Winter (NATHIST) |
| - Representative of Regional Alliances: | InKyung Chang (ASPAC) |
| - Representative of Affiliated International Organisations: | Ana M. Stoffel Fernandes (MINOM) |
| - <i>Ex officio</i> : Responsible for Elections: | Knut Wik, Chairperson of the Advisory Committee |
| - One member of the General Secretariat: | Eloisa Zell, Membership Service Officer |

8.2. Evaluation of the 2008-2010 Strategic Plan

Following the session chaired by Nancy Hushion on the evaluation of the Strategy Plan for 2008-2010, members of the Advisory Committee:

- agreed with the recommendation that the Executive Council cannot be responsible for both the implementation and evaluation of the Plan and therefore queried who would be responsible for this evaluation
- asked for mechanisms to be introduced to facilitate the evaluation of the Strategic Plan ;
- decided to discuss the evaluation of the Strategic Plan during the separate meetings of the National Committees and International Committees.

9. General Conferences

9.1. *Report of the 21st General Conference of ICOM (August 2007, Vienna, Austria)*

Members of the Advisory Committee approved in principle the Final Report of the 21st General Conference, presented by Carl Aigner, Chairperson of the National Austrian Committee, pending the receipt of further information on some items as requested by members. The proceedings will be published in October 2008.

9.2. *Progress Report on the organisation of the 22nd General Conference to be held in November 2010 (Shanghai, People's Republic of China)*

The Progress Report on the preparations for the 22nd General Conference was approved by members of the Advisory Committee who highly appreciated receiving the list of contact persons responsible for organising the meetings of the International Committees in 2010. The subscription fee will amount to 350 Euro.

9.3. *Presentations by countries wishing to host the 23rd ICOM General Conference in 2013.*

The following countries presented their offers to host the 23rd ICOM General Conference in 2013:

COUNTRY & CITY	THEME	DATES in 2013
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	<i>{Museums (memory + creation = social change)}</i>	2 nd to 8 th June
Italy, Milan	<i>Museums and Cultural Landscapes</i>	22 nd to 30 th August
Russia, Moscow	<i>The Role of Museums in Preserving Cultural Diversity throughout the World and in Fostering Dialogue between Civilizations</i>	14 th to 19 th September

Following these presentations, members of the Advisory Committee stressed that it was important for all participants to be able to obtain visas easily.

A vote will take place in June 2009 to select the host country for the 23rd General Conference of ICOM.

10. Reports of the Separate Meetings of the National Committees and International Committees

Following the presentation of the reports of the separate meetings, members of the Advisory Committee:

- asked to participate in drawing up their agenda;
- asked to participate in the decision-making process relating activities.

11. Theme for the International Museum Day of 2009

After considering the different themes proposed, members of the Advisory Committee chose the following theme for 2009:

- Museums and Tourism

The theme for the International Museum Day of 2010 will be selected in June 2009 at the 72nd Session of the Advisory Committee.

12. Additional Items

12.1. Earthquake in the province of Sichuan (People's Republic of China)

Members of the Advisory Committee unanimously declared their solidarity and expressed their sympathy to the National Committee of the People's Republic of China, following the earthquake that occurred in the province of Sichuan. The President of ICOM proposed to associate the Blue Shield and the International Committees closely in all future operations aimed at preserving cultural heritage in this region.

12.2. Hans Manneby's Memorial Fund For Museum Development

Members of the Advisory Committee duly noted the proposal from the Sweden National Committee, to create a Fund for Museum Development dedicated to Hans Manneby, who sadly passed away in March 2008. Hans Manneby was the chair of ICOM Sweden, (2004-2007, 2007-2008) and has been the Chairperson of the International Committee on Regional Museums (ICOM-ICR).

12.3. Intangible Heritage Journal

Members of the Advisory Committee duly noted the presentation of the "Intangible Heritage Journal". They welcomed this initiative, an outcome of the ICOM General Conference held in Seoul (Korea), in 2004.

12.4. Declaration of the National Committee of South Africa on ethnic xenophobia and criminal violence in South Africa

Henry C. (Jatti) Bredekamp, Chairperson of the National Committee of South Africa, explained the reason for this declaration, which appeals to the international community of cultural heritage institutions and museums. Members of the Advisory Committee approved the declaration by acclamation.

13. Date and Place of the 72nd Session of the Advisory Committee

The 72nd Session of the Advisory Committee will be held from 8 to 10 June 2009 in Paris (France). The venue has not yet been determined.