

Minutes of the 74th Session of the Advisory Committee, ICOM General Conference in Shanghai, China on 12 November, 2010

The session opened with an address by Knut Wik, newly elected Advisory Committee Chair. He confirmed his commitment to improving the communication between the Executive Council, the Secretariat and the members of the Advisory Committee, and his aim to help uphold and develop membership participation in shaping and executing organisational policy, while ensuring a high degree of transparency.

Before moving on to the agenda, the Advisory Committee Chair wished to draw attention to the following matters:

- The duration of the meeting would be one hour only due to the Executive Council meeting at 4pm
- Several new members of the Advisory Committee who were not present on 7 November were welcomed and congratulated

Item 1: Presentation of the candidates for the election of ADCOM Vice-Chair and voting procedure

Three candidates for the position of Vice-Chair were named:

Lucia Astudillo (ICOM Ecuador)
Kwame Sarpong (ICOM Ghana)
Vladimir Tolstoy (ICOM Russia)

The candidates were asked to introduce themselves briefly.

Item 2: Election of ADCOM Vice-Chair

ICOM Secretariat provided information on the voting procedure.
The voting took place by secret ballot.

Item 3: Presentation of *International Journal of Intangible Heritage*

The *International Journal of Intangible Heritage* was presented by Amareswar Galla, Editor in Chief, and Yi Kiwon, Deputy Head of the Cultural Exchange and Education Division, National Folk Museum of Korea.

The Journal, which is funded by the National Folk Museum of Korea, aims to expand the discourse of intangible heritage beyond museums. The journal is available free of charge and is present in several museums and libraries. Since July 2010, PDF files of the articles are available on the website. All texts submitted are examined by the Editor in Chief and editorial board members to ensure maximum global coverage.

Item 4: Adoption of the International Museum Day theme

The Director of Communications and Network Promotion at ICOM Secretariat, Nadine Amorim, gave a presentation on the International Museum Day theme. She recalled the four themes proposed for this year's International Museum Day:

- ICOM Israel – Museums: accessibility
- ICOM Namibia – Museums: connecting continents
- ICOM NATHIST – Museums in a changing world
- ICOM Italy, ICOM South Africa and ICLM – Museums: get connected!

She confirmed that a slogan would be necessary from now on for the International Museum Day theme, as was the case for the 2011 theme, Museum and Memory: "Objects tell your story". Voting took place by a show of hands, and the theme "Museums in a changing world" was selected and declared the recommended theme from the Advisory Committee for 2012.

Item 5: Results of the election of the ADCOM Vice-Chair

The ADCOM Chair explained that for a candidate to be elected as Vice-Chair, he or she would need to receive 50% of the votes plus one. The total amount of voting members present was 96. A candidate would therefore need to receive 49 valid votes to be elected.

At the first ballot, the two finalists were Lucia Astudillo and Kwame Sarpong. The ballots were distributed for the second round and voting took place.

Item 6: Next meeting of the Advisory Committee

It was announced that the next meeting of the Advisory Committee would take place during the period 6 - 8 June 2011 in Paris, France.

Item 7: Other matters

- Regarding the point that was raised during the meeting on 7 November in relation to the role of the Advisory Committee, it was announced that from now until June, a small Working Group would be created on the subject, and would be linked to the Secretariat.
- With regard to the membership database, it was requested that clarifications on its usage be given in the next few months, in particular for the National Committees. The Director General confirmed that this point would be followed up with the Executive Council.

Item 8: Closing remarks

The ADCOM Chair confirmed that the nomination of new members of the Elections and Nominations Committee and the Peer Jury would take place in 2011.

Before closing the meeting, the election of the Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee was announced: Kwame Sarpong received the majority of the vote and was therefore elected Vice-Chair of the Advisory Committee.

The ADCOM Chair finished by thanking the other candidates for Vice-Chair, all participants, the ICOM Secretariat and the interpreters.