

# Laishun An

China – Nominated by ICOM China



## Current Position

- Vice-President and Secretary General, Chinese Museums Association (2008-present)
- Deputy Director, Luxun Museum (New Cultural Movement Museum of Beijing) (2012-present)

## Other Functions

- Deputy Director, International Friendship Museum of China (2007-2012)
- Director, Department of Planning & Development, China Agricultural Museum (2002-2007)
- Guest Professor of Heritage and Museum Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai (2012-present)
- Guest Professor of Museum Studies, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China (2011-present)
- Coordinator, Ecomuseums in Guizhou Province, China (1996-2002)
- Executive Editor-in-Chief, CHINESE MUSEUM (2003-present)

## Functions within ICOM

- Member, ICOM Executive Council (2010-present)
- Vice Chairperson, ICOM China (2010-present)
- Founder-Member and Executive Committee Member, ICOM International Training Centre for Museum Studies (ICOM-ITC), Beijing (2010-2013; 2013-present)
- Academic Chief Coordinator, Organising Committee of ICOM 2010 Shanghai General Conference (2008-2010)
- Board Member and Vice-President, ICOFOM (1998-2004; 2007-2010)

## Objectives

*The rapid social changes faced by today's museums make the role of a global organisation like ICOM all the more important, and put pressure on ICOM to ensure that its value systems and the services it offers to its members directly address such challenges. This approach will reinforce the essence of ICOM, dedicated to the development of museums and the museum profession, and to social development – concerns at the heart of ICOM's definition of museums and underpinning its global mission. I have been actively involved for 30 years in ICOM China, the ICOM Asia-Pacific Alliance and many of the International Committees. During this time, I have worked on the first ecomuseums in China, taught in university museum studies programmes and served*

- Board Member and Chief Coordinator, ICOM China (2004-2010)
- Project Coordinator, ICOM China (1995-2004)
- Member, ICOM Cross Cultural Task Force (2005-2010)

## Academic Background

- Ph.D in Chinese History, Nankai University, China (2005)
- M.A. in Museology, Reinwardt Academy, Amsterdam School of the Arts, the Netherlands (2001)
- B.A. in History and Museology, Nankai University, China (1984)

*in management positions. I am particularly proud of my involvement as a co-founder and executive member of the ICOM International Training Centre (ICOM-ITC) in the last six years. I have, over the years, put in place an extensive international network of museum professionals and colleagues with whom I continually interact. I am currently serving my second term as a member the Executive Council. If elected as Vice-President for the 2016-2019 term, I will continue my commitment to a genuinely inclusive and globally representative ICOM, through the fulfillment of ICOM's mission, the open implementation of the policy decisions of the Executive Council, and the collaborative realisation of ICOM's strategic objectives and programmes.*