

Suay Aksoy

Turkey - Nominated by CAMOC

→ POSITION OF PRESIDENT



POSITIONS

- ◆ Lecturer in Museum Studies at Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University and in Cultural Heritage and Museums at Boğaziçi University (retired 2017)
- ◆ Founding Chair of the Association of Museum Professionals, Turkey (2011-2013)
- ◆ Director of Cultural Heritage and Museums, İstanbul 2010 European Capital of Culture Agency (2008-2010)
- ◆ Vice-President (2008-2013) and Board Member (2001-2008) of the History Foundation of Turkey
- ◆ Head of Museum Projects, History Foundation of Turkey (2001-2008)
- ◆ Editorial Consultant and Coordinator of museum projects (1995-2001)
- ◆ Lecturer in Political Science at İstanbul University (1976-1982)

Museums serve society... ICOM has been tackling the question 'how relevant in the 21st century are we and are museums for their communities?'

ICOM provides a unique professional network and a forum for its members. It is of the utmost importance that ICOM's collective voice is heard at an international level through active involvement and cooperation with the international organisations that work to protect our common heritage and build our shared future. Hence our support for the role of museums in society – be it in local development, wellness or disaster risk management. We will continue with the projects that serve this end, such as adapting to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Our training activities and the sharing of expertise should remain a core activity. ICOM will extend help to equip museums and professionals to advance education and democratisation in the development of society.

ICOM will continue to advocate for diversity and collaboration from East and West, North and South, and help develop common codes in order to learn from and understand each other better. We have the capacity to contribute to the shaping of history, helping to make the world a just and peaceful place.

FUNCTIONS WITHIN ICOM

- ◆ President of ICOM (2016-present)
- ◆ Chair of Advisory Committee (2013-2016)
- ◆ Chair of CAMOC (2010-2014)
- ◆ Board Member of CAMOC (2007-2010)
- ◆ Member and *ex-officio* of FIREC (2014-present)
- ◆ Member and *ex-officio* of SAREC (2013-present)
- ◆ Member of NEC (2013; 2015)
- ◆ Member and *ex-officio* of the Strategic Plan Committee (2011-2013; 2016-present)

- ◆ Member of Working Group on Statutes (2011-2013)

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- ◆ Postgraduate Diploma in Museum Studies, University of Leicester (2004)
- ◆ MA in Political Science, J.W. Goethe University Frankfurt (1976)
- ◆ BA in Economics, Boğaziçi University (1972)