ICOM, in its membership, its work and responsibilities, has grown to become a leading international organisation and a recognised authority in its field. Yet, it cannot function without adequate financial resources and their effective management.

As ICOM’s treasurer over the past three years, I have found it frustrating that we cannot always give our committees and members the full support they deserve for those activities which give meaning to ICOM. If I am re-elected, I will therefore aim, together with our colleagues at the Secretariat, to take the following steps to raise the income we need for our work now and in the future:

1. Membership dues are a very important source of income. Thus, a determined effort to increase individual and institutional membership will be the priority.

2. We have subsidies from a variety of sources. Consider the support we are now receiving for our conference in Kyoto from the Getty Foundation. It is invaluable. We will aim to find more sources, convince more organisations and individuals that we matter, that we are worth supporting.

Each year a treasurer’s report is presented to our General Assembly. I will ensure that it is presented simply and clearly, and open to discussion.