

International Museum Day 2014

For the 37th year in a row, the international museum community will celebrate International Museum Day (IMD) on and around 18 May, 2014. Events and activities have been organised in thousands of museums all over the world to celebrate this festive day for the museum community. This year, more than 35,000 museums are getting ready to celebrate the event in more than 100 countries on the five continents.



The theme: Museum collections make connections

In 2014, the theme for International Museum Day will be: [Museum collections make connections](#). By telling a story about the cultural heritage of a community and its shared memory, museums contribute to the development of their society by creating bonds between visitors and objects in their collections. The theme for this year aims to rejuvenate the traditional methods museums use to involve their communities and keep up with their public.

Activities around the world

Museums take advantage of International Museum Day to meet their public and organise original activities. For instance:

- In **Afghanistan**, International Museum Day is being celebrated for the first time this year at the National Museum of Afghanistan with a seminar focused on the IMD theme, as well as guided tours for students from Afghan schools.
- In **Zambia**, ICOM President, Prof. Dr. Hans-Martin Hinz, is participating in a seminar on this year's theme and in meetings about the museums in Africa.
- In **Greece**, the Museum of Greek Children's Art is organising an exhibition on the connections between Japanese, Norwegian and Greek collections. Collaboration between three children's art museums in these countries helps current and future generations understand their origin and world history in a more creative way through art.

Partners

Since 2011, ICOM has patronised the European Night of Museums, which is held every year on the Saturday closest to International Museum Day. This year the events will coincide, as the European Night of Museums will take place on the night of 17 May.

Since September 2013, ICOM has collaborated with the European Museum Forum (EMF), an association that presents awards to European museums each year. The Annual Assembly of the European Museum Forum will be held from 14 to 17 May at the Kumu Art Museum in Tallinn, Estonia this year.