

Past General Conferences

2016

Milan, Italy

3 - 9 July 2016

Twenty-fourth General Conference

Theme: **Museums and Cultural Landscapes**

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2013

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

10 - 17 August 2013

Twenty-third General Conference

Theme: **Museums (memory + creativity) = social change**

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2010

Shanghai, China

7-12 November 2010

Twenty-second General Conference

Theme: **Museums for Social Harmony**

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2007

Vienna, Austria

19-24 August 2007

Twenty-first General Conference

Theme: **Museums and Universal Heritage**

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2004

Seoul, Korea

2-8 October 2004

Twentieth General Conference

Theme: **Museums and Intangible Heritage**

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[ICOM 2004 Seoul and Development of Museums in Korea; an Asian Perspective](#)



2001

Barcelona, Spain

1-6 July 2001

Nineteenth General Conference

Theme: **Managing Change: museums facing economic and social challenges**

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1998

Melbourne, Australia

9-16 October 1998

Eighteenth General Conference

Theme: **Museums and cultural diversity: ancient cultures, new worlds**

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1995

Stavanger, Norway

2-7 July 1995

Seventeenth General Conference

Theme: **Museum and communities**



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1992

Québec, Canada

19 September-26 September 1992

Sixteenth General Conference

Theme: **Museums: re-thinking the boundaries?**



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1989

The Hague, Netherlands

27 August-6 September 1989

Fifteenth General Conference

Theme: **Museums: generators of culture**



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1986

Buenos Aires, Argentina

26 October-4 November 1986

Fourteenth General Conference

Theme:

Museums and the future of our heritage: emergency call



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1983

London, England

24 July-2 August 1983

Thirteenth General Conference

Theme: **Museums for a developing world**

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1980

Mexico City, Mexico

25 October-4 November 1980

Twelfth General Conference

Theme:

The world's heritage - the museum's responsibilities

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1977

Moscow, USSR

23-29 May 1977

Eleventh General Conference

Theme: **Museums and cultural exchanges**

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1974

Copenhagen, Denmark

3-14 June 1974

Tenth General Conference

Theme: **The museum and the modern world**

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1971

Paris, Grenoble, France

29 August-10 September 1971

Ninth General Conference

Theme: **The museum in the service of man, today and tomorrow: the museum's educational and cultural role**

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1968

Cologne, Munich, Federal Republic of Germany

27 July-9 August 1968

Eighth General Conference

Theme: **Museum and research**

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1965

New York, U.S.A

22 September-3 October 1965

Seventh General Conference

Theme: **Training of museum personnel**

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1962

The Hague, Netherlands

4-11 July 1962

Sixth General Conference

Theme: **Precautions against theft of art works; conservation of cultural property; the role of history and folklore museums in a changing world; observations on the museum profession; the objectives of the museum: research centres or exhibition hall?; the educational role of museums**

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1959

Stockholm, Sweden

1-8 July 1959

Fifth General Conference

Theme: **Museums as mirrors: their potentialities and limitations**

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1956

Basle, Zurich, Geneva, Switzerland

2-9 July 1956

Fourth General Conference

Theme: **The museum in our time; the natural history museum in the modern world; the problem of history museums in our times; the planning and organization of the modern technical museum;**

Babel's Tower

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1953

Genoa, Milan and Bergamo, Italy

6-12 July 1953

Third General Conference

Theme: **Problems of museums located outside; problems of museums in undeveloped areas; the architecture of museums and museums in modern town-planning**

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1950

London, England

17-22 July 1950

Second General Biennial Conference

Theme: **Exchange of collections and conservation personnel;**

**inventory of scientific instruments; museums and education;
problems of professional training**

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1948

Paris, France

June 28-July 3 1948

First General Biennial Conference

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