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→ POSITION OF MEMBER



POSITIONS

- ◆ Author (2005-present)
- ◆ Director, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, USA (2015-present)
- ◆ Adjunct Professor, University of Pittsburgh, Director (2016-present)
- ◆ Director, Whanganui Regional Museum, New Zealand (2010-2015)
- ◆ Adjunct Lecturer, Victoria University of Wellington (2007-2015)

Museums in 2019 are presented with an enormous opportunity to find new relevance in the face of a rapidly changing world. Today, cultural institutions are beginning to foster mutual understanding and appreciation for our shared past, not only protecting historical objects, but also promulgating museums as microcosms of the world's cultural legacy, where curiosity can thrive and visitors see themselves as part of a broader historical narrative.

ICOM is uniquely placed to lead the conversation examining our core identity in a holistic way, responding to fresh audiences who bring with them new and unfamiliar motivations and skills. Since 2005, I have been involved with ICOM's efforts to support best practice in our sector. My goals as an ICOM Executive Board member would be to:

- *enrich ICOM's governance perspective with the typology of natural history;*
- *champion initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion across the cultural sector;*
- *continue my work consolidating standards of ethics and best practice;*
- *develop and promote initiatives that increase the relevance of museums and support their promotion as essential to societies' health and wellbeing;*
- *build ICOM's capacity and reputation as a service provider to the global cultural sector.*

FUNCTIONS WITHIN ICOM

- ◆ Chair of ICOM NATHIST (2013-present)
- ◆ Deputy Chair of the ICOM Ethics Committee (2016-present)
- ◆ Board member Ex-officio of ICOM-US (2016-present)
- ◆ Member of MDPP (2018-present)
- ◆ Chair of ICOM New Zealand (2010-2015)

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- ◆ PhD in Wildlife Ecology, University of Sydney (1997)
- ◆ MSc in Marine Science California State University, San Jose (1990)
- ◆ BSc in Ecology, Behavior and Evolution, University of California, San Diego (1989)