Call for Papers: ICDAD Annual Conference 2021

The 2021 Annual Conference and General Assembly of the International Committee for Museums and Collections of Decorative Arts and Design (ICDAD) will take place virtually, from 21 October to 23 October 2021.*

REVIVALS. Reconsidering the Past in Decorative Arts and Design

Revivals are socio-cultural phenomena that have occurred many times over history, seeking to revisit principles and traditions of times gone by. In this conference we approach the idea of revivals through the lens of decorative arts and design.

We welcome presentations on revivals within the decorative and applied arts and design practices throughout centuries and worldwide regions. We also include the retro design and material culture of the 20th and 21st centuries, referring to the resurgence of old yet relatively recent decorative arts and design phenomena.

How is heritage used, valued, and reconsidered, from the perspective of artists, designers, or society? We are interested in the examples, phenomena, and notions that reflect upon the present’s relation to the past, treating it with both unsentimental and sentimental nostalgia, or introducing ways of dealing with the recent past from different periods in history.
How to apply

Papers should be 20 minutes in length and include a visual presentation component (Powerpoint, Google Slides, etc.). Presenters will also have the opportunity to publish their papers in a post-conference publication organized by ICDAD.

Please send an abstract of 250-300 words, including your name, title, institution and ICOM membership number to: icdad.secretariat@gmail.com

Deadline for paper proposition: 1 May 2021
Final notification for acceptance: 30 June 2021

Please note: ICDAD welcomes abstracts from museum professionals worldwide, members and non-members. However, all participants must be individual members or representatives of institutional members of ICDAD at the time of the conference.

Please find more information about how to become a member of ICOM and ICDAD here: https://icom.museum/en/get-involved/. If you are already a member of ICOM, please log in to the IRIS memberspace and choose ICDAD as your primary International Committee: https://icom-museum.force.com/login
Sincerely,
the ICDAD Board

*This CFP is a reissued version of the 2020 CfP, which had been scheduled for Lisbon, Portugal but was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you submitted a paper for that conference, you should have received an email asking if you would like your proposal to be considered for this conference.