
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES 2023

SEPARATE MEETING

15 May 2023

1) IC acronyms: (follow up on recommendation 4, 2022)

Proposed by ICOM-CC



A majority of the ICs use an acronym to identify themselves. The acronyms do not necessarily explain the core activity and work of the committee and is sometimes only recognized by its members or closely related partners or organisations.

In order to meet the outspoken needs for better internal and external communication, improved visibility of the ICs and promote clarity and inclusion, we recommend to investigate advantages and disadvantages of changing the acronyms of the IC's into names reflecting the core activity / field of interest of the committees (for example: ICOM Conservation instead of ICOM-CC, ICOM Collecting instead of ICOM-COMCOL). The investigation should be carried out by the ICs as well as by ICOM communication, as re-branding and new logos could become necessary.

This is not a new recommendation as it was first proposed in 2019 by the ICWG and some ICs have begun the process of review. We are recommending that the Executive Board requests all IC's to survey members on this matter and work with the communications department at the Secretariat to launch any name change. Any name change should not be compulsory, and can be implemented as a phased approach.

Update:

While some IC's have not started to consider name changes to avoid use of acronyms, others have. Here is a summary:

ICOFOM is against changing their name. They have a well-established branding which dates back many decades, as a committee and for sub-groups ICOFOM LAC and ASPAC. They also have a peer reviewed publication [Study Series](#) with their name associated with it.

ICFA has decided to make a name change in 2019 and is in the process of doing so. Their new name (awaiting approval of the Executive Board) will be ICOM- IC Fine Arts. Their acronym remains the same – ICFA.

ICOM-IC COSTUME has had a name change to ICOM International Committee for Museums and Collections of Costume, Fashion and Textiles. Their acronym remains COSTUME.

Centralised guidelines outlining the process to review / change IC names should be provided to those IC's who do wish to make a name change.

2) IC Governance

Proposed by ICR

To foster the development of International and National Committees of ICOM, to achieve ICOM strategic goals and to maintain the sustainability within the organization, we recommend that the ICOM headquarters in its legal framework may include the applicable provision for all ICs in the following case: if any of the Board members are constantly absent from the meeting, not actively participating in the general Board activities, and not taking any interest in performing a task/role/responsibility for a period of five months, the Board may allow conducting the new elections for the post to find a replacement.

3) Membership renewal :

Proposed by CECA, Support from ICDAD, COSTUME & ICR

In order to have the most up to date data possible, we recommend that membership renewals are systematically harmonised each year between NCs and the Secretariat. NCs should ensure that members fill in a form specifying their email address and their International Committee membership. NC's should be strongly encouraged to submit membership data to the Secretariat on time so that IC membership lists can be updated within the first quarter of the year.

4) Additional attendance at the Advisory Council

Proposed by ICOM-CC, Support from ICDAD, COMCOL, COSTUME

In order to increase inclusive actions and transparency, it is recommended that additional members of the IC board may attend the Advisory Council sessions as observers.

5) Recommendations of the External Steering Committee Review report.

Proposed by DEMHIST, support from ICOM-CC, ICMEMO, NATHIST, COSTUME, MPR, ICDAD

In order to ensure the implementation of the recommendations of the External Steering Committee Review report, we recommend that a clear time schedule and action plan be provided.