

ICAMT 50th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ENCOUNTERING TRANSITION

Reshaping museum architecture, exhibition design and techniques
in response to global/local changes



National Museum of Prehistory

6-10 October, 2024
Taitung & Taipei
Taiwan

About the Conference

ICAMT - International Committee for Architecture and Museum Techniques of ICOM annually organises an important international conference that gathers experts from different areas, namely museography, museum studies, architecture and exhibition design.

ICAMT 50th Annual Conference will be held in Taitung and Taipei, Taiwan, from **6 to 10 of October 2024**, under the main theme **“ENCOUNTERING TRANSITION – Reshaping museum architecture, exhibition design and techniques in response to global/local changes”**.

The National Museum of Prehistory, Taiwan is the main entity responsible for the organization of this on-site event.

Introduction

In the dynamic landscape of the global and local cultural spheres, museums play a pivotal role as repositories of history, culture, and knowledge. As the world undergoes rapid transitions driven by technological advancements, socio-political shifts, and environmental changes, museums must adapt and evolve to remain relevant and effective.

The 50th annual conference of ICAMT will be an opportunity for professionals, students, and experts to meet, share their research and insights, and explore innovative approaches to the transformative forces that museums face in a fast-changing world.

The main theme and sub-themes will offer insights into various aspects of museum architecture, exhibition design, and techniques, highlighting their role in shaping the narrative of cultural institutions in the face of global and local changes.

Main Theme

“ENCOUNTERING TRANSITION - reshaping museum architecture, exhibition design and techniques in response to global/local changes”.

3 Sub-themes of the conference can cover topics listed below, but not only:

Sub-theme #1

Cross-Cultural MUSEUM ARCHITECTURE

- Architectural influences on museum design from Western and Eastern traditions. Innovative approaches and harmonization of diverse cultural elements.
- Dialogue and collaborative approaches between architects, exhibition designers and curators from Western and Eastern backgrounds.

- Evolution of museum architecture/space in the past decade. Renovation projects in different contexts through the investigation of museums' power and future visions. Probing the impact of global changes and cultural trends on reshaping museum architecture/space notions.
- Cultural heritage, digital technology and human interaction – people's perception and engagement with new storytelling mediums (e.g. AI, new media, etc.) in museum space and architecture.

Sub-theme #2

EXHIBITION DESIGN - tangible, intangible and digital: current tendencies

West and East in digital technologies:

- Design projects and ideas that blend Western and Eastern aesthetics in exhibition spaces.
- New tendencies in digital, interactive, sensorial and immersive technologies in exhibition design from Western and Eastern perspectives.
- Case studies on the design and impact of technology on visitor perception and engagement.

Diverse traditions and social/cultural contexts:

- Culturally sensitive exhibition design in representing artefacts from diverse traditions.
- Innovative exhibition design and methodology to create narrative environments/spaces in diverse social/cultural contexts.
- Strategies for adapting exhibitions to different cultural contexts.
- Current challenges in the transmission of intangible heritage.

Inclusivity and accessibility:

- Architecture and Exhibition Design as a means of greater inclusivity: examples of the use of Sensory and Universal design on accessibility and cultural appreciation.
- Social curation projects: pluralities in content production and knowledge transmission.
- Dialogue and interaction between essential partners (architects, curators, designers, etc.) of the exhibition project.

Sub-theme #3

MUSEUM TECHNIQUES & Sustainability

- New sustainable practices and eco-friendly materials for the museum building.
- Development of new, sustainable and recyclable exhibition fittings (panels, showcases, display technologies, lighting, etc.).
- Promoting the reuse of exhibition materials. New techniques and energy-efficient procedures in mounting and dismounting an exhibition.
- Role of sustainable architecture and exhibition design in promoting environmental awareness within museum spaces.
- Diminishing the prevalence of blockbuster exhibitions.
- Movable exhibition system, is this possible? Case studies.
- Climate change and preservation challenges faced by Western and Eastern museums in exhibiting and storing artefacts.

Ways of participation and instructions

Prospective presenters across the world are encouraged to help shape the conference and contribute through

- **Oral speeches** (paper presentations – max. 15 minutes)
- **Digital posters**
- **Short videos**
- **Highlight sessions** (Ignite Talks)

If you are interested in **ICAMT 50th Annual Conference - Taiwan 2024**, please:

1) **Fill-out the [APPLICATION Form](#)**

** Filling out this form does not imply mandatory participation. We kindly ask for this information to determine the estimated number of Conference participants in advance.*

2) **Prepare your abstract / proposal** according to instructions given on the ICAMT website.

3) **Send your abstract / proposal** to: icamtaiwan2024@gmail.com **not later than May 10, 2024 midnight CET.**

** The proposals received after the submission deadline **will not be considered for evaluation.***

Important Dates

March 20, 2024	ANNOUNCEMENT of the conference and Call for Abstracts/Proposals
May 10, 2024	DEADLINE for abstracts/proposals submission
June 20, 2024	DEADLINE for sending draft visual version of Digital Poster / Short Videos
July 1, 2024	ANNOUNCEMENT of APPROVAL of Abstracts/Proposals
July 1, 2024	Registration opening
September 15, 2024	DEADLINE for Presentations, Digital Posters, Short Video and Full Papers submissions
October 6-10, 2024	CONFERENCE DAYS (with recommendation to arrive 1 day before in Taiwan (Taipei) for transfer to Taitung)