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ICOM UK

Nominated by ICOM UK and UMAC

POSITIONS

- ◆ Professor of Professional Practice (University Museums and Collections), University of Glasgow, UK (since November 2024)
- ◆ Director, The Hunterian, the museums of the University of Glasgow (2017-present)
- ◆ Director, Allard Pierson, the museums and special collections of the University of Amsterdam (2009-2017)
- ◆ Head of the Collections Dept., National Museum of Antiquities (2002-2009)
- ◆ Project Manager and Head of Research, National Institute for Cultural Heritage (1997-2005)
- ◆ Policy Advisor, Dutch Ministry for Education, Culture and Science (1989-1997)
- ◆ Member, Dutch Museum Ethics Committee (2013-2017)
- ◆ Chair, Advisory Board, Reinwardt Academy School for Museology (2010-2017)

More than ever, ICOM plays a crucial role supporting and advocating for the vibrant museum community worldwide and its ever-growing membership. Many challenges face the museum sector, as well as ICOM as an organisation, and we need to adapt and change with the times to remain relevant for our global stakeholders. Building on my experience in ETHCOM, UMAC and the EB, I will continue to work with ICOM Committees and the wider membership to make ICOM the strongest possible advocate for the value, importance and independence of museums. I will support the modernisation of the Code of Ethics and its implementation, in line with the new museum definition, as a cornerstone for museums and museum professionals around the globe. I will further the modernisation of governance structures and enhancement of transparency and accountability to the membership. I will push for the development of more equitable relations between museums in the global North and South by stimulating partnerships and the development of best collaborative practices, e.g. in the areas of restitution and repatriation. And I will make sure ICOM is supporting museums to address the important topics of our time, such as social justice, climate change and the increasingly complex political contexts in which museums operate.

- ◆ Chair, Museum Night Amsterdam (2014-2016)
- ◆ Board Member, Museums Galleries Scotland (2018-2024)

FUNCTIONS WITHIN ICOM

- ◆ Member of the Executive Board (2022-2025)
- ◆ Member (2017-2019) and Vice-Chair (2019-2022), ICOM UMAC
- ◆ Member, ETHCOM (2017-2022)

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- ◆ MA in Art History, University of Amsterdam (1989)