

## **ACTIVITY REPORT**

Name of the International Committee: ICOM Committee for Conservation (ICOM-CC)

## I. 2012 ACTIVITIES

#### 1) ANNUAL MEETING

ICOM-CC OPERATES ON A TRIENNIAL SCHEDULE. RATHER THAN HOLDING AN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ENTIRE COMMITTEE, ICOM-CC ORGANIZES TRIENNIAL CONFERENCES WHICH NORMALLY TAKE PLACE IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING ICOM'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE TRIENNIAL CONFERENCES GENERALLY ATTRACT BETWEEN 600 AND 900 PARTICIPANTS AND INCLUDE FIVE FULL DAYS OF PLENARY KEYNOTE SPEECHES, GENERAL ASSEMBLIES AT WHICH THE BUSINESS OF THE COMMITTEE IS CONDUCTED, UP TO FIVE SIMULTANEOUS LECTURE SESSIONS ORGANIZED BY THE TWENTY-ONE SPECIALIZED WORKING GROUPS, TECHNICAL VISITS, CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS, AND SOCIAL EVENTS. A RIGOROUS SELECTION, PEER REVIEW, AND EDITING PROCESS IS UNDERTAKEN IN ORDER TO SELECT THE PRESENTATIONS AND PRODUCE THE CONFERENCE PREPRINTS WHICH INCLUDE APPROXIMATELY 150 PAPERS. THE CONFERENCE AND THE ACCOMPANYING PREPRINTS ARE AMONG THE MOST ESTEEMED IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION COMMUNITY. THE AMOUNT OF WORK NECESSARY TO PLAN AND CARRY OUT A CONFERENCE OF THIS SCALE AND COMPLEXITY PRECLUDES THE CONVENING OF ANNUAL MEETINGS. THE NEXT TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE IN Melbourne, Australia, from 15–19 September 2014 in cooperation with the University of Melbourne AND THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF CULTURE MATERIAL. THE ICOM-CC WEBSITE CONTAINS A CONSTANTLY UPDATED LINK TO INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONFERENCE (HTTP://www.icomcc.org/254/triennial-conferences/17th-triennial-conference,-melbourne,-australia/). A dedicated CONFERENCE WEBSITE THAT WILL BE USED FOR REGISTRATION AS WELL AS THE RANKING AND EDITING OF THE CONFERENCE PREPRINTS WILL BE LAUNCHED SOON.

DESPITE NOT CONVENING AN ANNUAL MEETING, ICOM-CC DOES ORGANIZE A NUMBER OF OTHER MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE TRIENNIUM. A DEDICATED ICOM-CC SESSION INCLUDING LECTURES, TECHNICAL VISITS, AND OTHER EVENTS IS HELD DURING THE ICOM GENERAL ASSEMBLY (SEE PART II. 2013 ACTIVITIES, 1) ANNUAL MEETING). IN ADDITION, MANY OF ICOM-CC'S TWENTY-ONE WORKING GROUPS HOLD INTERIM MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE TRIENNIUM. THESE MEETINGS GENERALLY ATTRACT BETWEEN 30 AND 300 PARTICIPANTS EACH AND RESULT IN THE PRODUCTION OF SPECIALIZED PUBLICATIONS WHICH ARE HIGHLY VALUED WITHIN THE CONSERVATION COMMUNITY (SEE BELOW).

#### **OTHER MEETINGS (if applicable)**

SEVERAL OF ICOM-CC'S TWENTY-ONE WORKING GROUPS HELD INTERIM MEETINGS DURING 2012. THEY INCLUDE (IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER):

Sculpture, Polychromy, and Architectural Decoration WG: Interim meeting: "Polychrome Sculpture: Artistic Tradition and Construction Techniques", 13–14 April 2012, The Burrell Collection, Glasgow, Scotland. Attendance: 36 Participants (29 ICOM members, 7 non-members). Publication of the Proceedings in Electronic and Possibly Print Versions is being investigated.

GLASS AND CERAMICS AND METALS WGS JOINT INTERIM MEETING: 4TH EXPERTS MEETING ON ENAMEL CONSERVATION, 14–16 JUNE 2012, MUSEU D'HISTÒRIA DE CATALUNYA, BARCELONA, SPAIN. A PRINTED BOOKLET OF EXTENDED ABSTRACTS WAS DISTRIBUTED TO PARTICIPANTS AND DISCUSSION OF A PUBLICATION OF THE FULL PAPERS IS UNDERWAY. LINK TO CONFERENCE PROGRAM: <a href="http://www.icom-cc.org/54/document/programme-4th-icom-cc-experts-meeting-on-enamel-on-metal-conservation-14th--15th-june-2012-museu-dhistria-de-catalunya--barcelona/?id=1102.">http://www.icom-cc.org/54/document/programme-4th-icom-cc-experts-meeting-on-enamel-on-metal-conservation-14th--15th-june-2012-museu-dhistria-de-catalunya--barcelona/?id=1102.</a>

LEATHER AND RELATED MATERIALS WG: INTERIM MEETING: 29–31 AUGUST 2012, DEUTSCHES LEDERMUSEUM / SCHUHMUSEUM, OFFENBACH, GERMANY. LINK TO FINAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM: <a href="http://www.icom-cc.org/54/document/final-program-interim-meeting-offenbach-2012/?id=1113">http://www.icom-cc.org/54/document/final-program-interim-meeting-offenbach-2012/?id=1113</a>.

Sculpture, Polychromy, and Architectural Decoration; Textiles; and Wood, Furniture, and Lacquer WGs, Jointly with DEMHIST: "The Artifact, Its Context and Their Narrative: Multidisciplinary conservation in Historic House Museums", 6–9 November 2012, Getty Research Institute and Getty Conservation Institute, Los Angeles, CA, USA. Attendance: 96 (71 ICOM members, 25 non-members). A digital publication of the conference proceedings is being prepared and will be posted on the ICOM-CC and DEMHIST websites. Link to conference website: http://www.uscarchitecture.com/demhist.

ART TECHNOLOGICAL SOURCE RESEARCH WG: INTERIM MEETING: "MAKING AND TRANSFORMING ART: CHANGES IN ARTISTS' MATERIALS AND PRACTICE", 22–23 NOVEMBER 2012, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, ROYAL INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE (KIK-IRPA). ATTENDANCE: 100. POSTPRINTS OF THE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS WILL BE PUBLISHED THROUGH ARCHETYPE. LINK TO FINAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM: <a href="http://www.icom-cc.org/54/document/atsr-programme-5th-interim-meeting/?id=1104">http://www.icom-cc.org/54/document/atsr-programme-5th-interim-meeting/?id=1104</a>.

In addition, ICOM-CC's Directory Board held two meetings during 2012. The first was held 11–14 March at the University of Melbourne, Australia, site of the 2014 triennial conference, and the second was held 30 October to 2 November at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City, USA. The second DB meeting included Working Group Coordinators and the managing Editor for the 2014 Preprints. Both meetings were attended by the Director General.

#### 2) PUBLICATIONS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 11TH ICOM-CC WORKING GROUP ON WET ORGANIC ARCHAEOLOGICAL MATERIALS CONFERENCE GREENVILLE, NC, 2010, Eds. Emily Williams and Kristiane Straetkvern Paperback, 667 Pages. Link: <a href="http://www.lulu.com/shop/emily-williams-and-kristiane-straetkvern/proceedings-of-the-11th-icom-cc-group-on-wet-organic-archaeological-materials-conference-greenville-2010/paperback/product-20033707.html">http://www.lulu.com/shop/emily-williams-and-kristiane-straetkvern/proceedings-of-the-11th-icom-cc-group-on-wet-organic-archaeological-materials-conference-greenville-2010/paperback/product-20033707.html</a>

THE ARTIST'S PROCESS: TECHNOLOGY AND INTERPRETATION, SIGRID EYB-GREEN, JOYCE H. TOWNSEND, MARK CLARKE, JILLEEN NADOLNY, STEFANOS KROUSTALLIS (EDS), PROCEEDINGS OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> WORKING GROUP INTERIM MEETING, VIENNA, 2010, ARCHETYPE PUBLICATIONS. ENGLISH LANGUAGE, 2000 PRINTED COPIES.

A NUMBER OF NEWSLETTERS PRODUCED BY THE DIRECTORY BOARD AND THE WORKING GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ARE POSTED ON THE ICOM-CC WEBSITE. AN ISSUE OF *ON BOARD*, THE DIRECTORY BOARD'S E-ZINE, WHICH REPORTS TO THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE ACTIVITIES AND PLANS OF THE DIRECTORY BOARD, WAS PRODUCED IN AUGUST 2012 (http://www.icom-cc.org/54/document/on-board-vol-6-summer-2012/?id=1131). In addition, nine Working Groups produced eleven newsletters containing news, conference announcements and reports, summaries of student projects, research reports, and original articles. These include: Ethnographic Conservation Newsletter 34, December 2012, Glass and Ceramics Newsletter 22,

Summer 2012, Leather and Related Materials Newsletter 5, January 2012, Modern Materials and Contemporary Art Newsletter, June 2012, Paintings Newsletter 2012-1, July 2012 and 2012-2, December 2012 (with some contributions in French and Portuguese), Sculpture, Polychromy, and Architectural Decoration 1-2012, March 2012, and 2-2012, October 2012, Textiles Newsletter 32, August 2012, Wet Organic Archaeological Materials Newsletter 51, May 2012, and Wood, Furniture, and Lacquer Newsletter, Triennium 2011-14, 3, January 2012. Each of the Newsletters can be downloaded from that Working Group's web page.

ICOM-CC PUBLICATIONS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED IN ENGLISH DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS AND THE LACK OF EXPERTISE IN TRANSLATION.

## 3) TRAINING

In connection with the 4th Experts Meeting on Enamel Conservation (see above) an Enamel Masterclass was held from 11–13 June 2012 at the Escola Superior de Disseny i d'Arts Llotja, Barcelona, Spain. The instructors were Núria Lopez Ribalta (Curator, Museu de l'esmalt contemporani in Salou), Andreu Vilasís (Director, Museu de l'esmalt contemporani in Salou), and Agnès Gall Ortlik (conservator of glass and ceramics, Assistant Coordinator, ICOM-CC Glass and Ceramics Working Group).

#### 4) RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The aims, or scope, of each of the twenty-one Working Group's research activities is described on the main page of their respective web pages. In addition, each Working Group outlines a programme of research projects and activities for the triennium. These programmes are reviewed and approved by the Directory Board and posted on the Working Group's page. A wide variety of research activities involving analytical techniques, treatment methods, ethics, and the history of the profession are represented by the 2011-2014 triennial programmes. Progress on research activities is reported throughout the year in the various Working Group Newsletters and at their interim meetings.

In addition, the Working groups occasionally produce stand-alone research reports or aids.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE ART TECHNOLOGICAL SOURCE RESEARCH WG PRODUCED A DOCUMENT ON REFERENCE MATERIAL FOR ART TECHNOLOGICAL SOURCE RESEARCH (COMPLETED IN 2011 BUT POSTED ON THE WEBSITE IN 2012; http://www.icom-cc.org/54/document/reference-materials-for-art-technological-source-research/?id=1062).

THE NATURAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS WORKING GROUP COMPILED A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF PUBLICATIONS OF WORKING GROUP MEMBERS (<a href="http://www.icom-cc.org/54/document/bibliography-for-current-nhcwg-members/?id=1150">http://www.icom-cc.org/54/document/bibliography-for-current-nhcwg-members/?id=1150</a>).

#### 5) / ACTIONS WHERE EXPERTISE WAS PROVIDED

THE CHAIR WAS ASKED TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONSERVATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL ARTIFACTS AND SITES TO BE DISPLAYED ON A WALL PANEL IN THE KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY'S EXHIBITION "CONSERVING ANTIQUITY", 2 NOVEMBER 2012 TO 10 FEBRUARY 2013 (SEE BELOW).



MANY OF ICOM-CC'S SPECIALIZED WORKING GROUPS COLLABORATE WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN THE SAME FIELDS AND, IN THE PROCESS, SHARE THEIR EXPERTISE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE NATURAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS WORKING GROUP HAS FORGED A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF NATURAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS (SPNHC) WITH WHICH THEY HAVE SHARED INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLICATIONS OF THEIR MEMBERS AS WELL AS DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF ORGANIZING AN ICOM-CC NATURAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS WG SESSION AT THE NEXT SPNHC ANNUAL MEETING IN 2013.

#### 6) ACTIONS ALLOWING AN INCLUSIVE APPROACH

ALTHOUGH ICOM-CC WORKS TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP IN ICOM, MANY OF ITS ACTIVITIES ARE OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS. NON-MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN ICOM-CC'S TRIENNIAL CONFERENCES AND WORKING GROUP INTERIM MEETINGS ALTHOUGH REGISTRATION FEES FOR MEMBERS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THOSE INTERESTED IN THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES TO JOIN.

ICOM-CC's website (www.icom-cc.org) has two levels of access, and in order to encourage membership in the Committee, certain materials are only available to members. However, much of the website's rich content is available to all interested parties, including non-members. In particular, the discussion forums are open to all to stimulate discussion on a wide variety of topics within the field (http://www.icom-cc.org/forums/viewforum.php?f=24&sid=c349d08c78653b3b9cd0f61a37cdc077). The Working Group forums are moderated by the twenty-one Working Group Coordinators who attempt to stimulate discussion by posing provocative discussion topics. While these do not always result in true discussions, they often generate a large number of page views—in some cases hundreds or in a few instances more than 2000—suggesting strong interest in these topics. The metals and Theory and History of Conservation Forums are especially widely viewed. ICOM-CC conducts regular Google Analytics reviews of the website in order to judge how it is being used. The most recent review showed that during the past calendar year there were 271,164 page views during 72,223 total visits. The 47,243 unique visitors represented a 12% increase from 2011 and the average visit duration of just

OVER FIVE MINUTES REPRESENTS A GREATER THAN 50% INCREASE FROM 2011. WHILE MOST OF THE VISITS ORIGINATE FROM THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE ICOM-CC'S MEMBERSHIP BASE IS STRONGEST (I.E. EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA), THE COUNTRIES WHICH GENERATED THE SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GREATEST NUMBERS OF VISITS WERE, RESPECTIVELY, INDIA (WHERE ICOM-CC'S 2008 TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE) AND AUSTRALIA (WHERE THE 2014 TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE). THE POPULARITY OF THE WEBSITE IN INDIA SUGGESTS THAT THE IMPACT OF ICOM-CC'S TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE REMAINS STRONG FOUR YEARS LATER. AUSTRALIA SHOWED A 40% INCREASE IN VISITS TO THE WEBSITE OVER 2011, INDICATING A GROWING INTEREST IN ICOM-CC AS THE COMMITTEE PLANS ITS MELBOURNE CONFERENCE.

ICOM-CC'S PROMINENCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION COMMUNITY WAS CONFIRMED BY THE SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IN SEPTEMBER 2012 WITH THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF HISTORIC AND ARTISTIC WORKS (IIC), THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION DIRECTED TOWARD INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONALS. THE MOU OUTLINES THE A NUMBER OF POTENTIAL AVENUES OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WILL INCREASE ICOM-CC'S VISIBILITY IN GLOBAL CONSERVATION INITIATIVES AND, CONVERSELY, WILL EXPOSE MORE CONSERVATION PROFESSIONALS TO ICOM-CC AND ITS ACTIVITIES.

## 7) SYNTHESIS OF THE ACTIVITIES AND OBTAINED RESULTS

THE SUCCESS OF ICOM-CC IN 2012 SHOWED THAT THE COMMITTEE CONTINUED TO ATTRACT THE INTEREST AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF CONSERVATION PROFESSIONALS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

Dozens of ICOM members and non-members participated in specialized meetings of ICOM-CC's Working Groups and thousands consulted the website. While comprehensive membership numbers for 2012 are not available as of the writing of this report, ICOM-CC has increased membership in each of the last several years and by 2011 had more than 2000 members. In addition to continuing to attract new members, ICOM-CC is also successful in retaining members over the long term. ICOM-CC currently has 199 retired voting members. Of these, 94 have been ICOM members for at least 25 years (6 members for more than 50 years, 15 members for 40–49 years, 44 members for 30–39 years, and 29 members for 26–29 years).

In strengthening its own brand, ICOM-CC has partnered with ICOM in a number of important actions including the adoption of a logo consistent with the standardized ICOM International Committee logo design, the transfer of its secretariat to the ICOM headquarters in Paris, and the transfer of its funds to the centralized HSBC bank account under the ICOM umbrella.

OVERALL, ICOM-CC HAS ACHIEVED ITS GOAL OF GATHERING THE BEST PROFESSIONALS IN CONSERVATION, OF STIMULATING INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH, AND OF DISSEMINATING THE RESULTS TO THE WIDEST POSSIBLE AUDIENCE.

# II. 2013 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

1) ANNUAL MEETING (ICOM-CC SESSION AT ICOM GENERAL CONFERENCE)				
DATE	10–17 Augusт 2013			
LOCATION (CITY AND COUNTRY)	RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL			
HOST INSTITUTION OR ORGANISATION (if applicable)	ICOM AND ICOM BRAZIL			
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS  - ICOM  - NON-ICOM	JUDGING FROM THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN ICOM-CC'S SESSION AT THE 2010 ICOM GENERAL CONFERENCE IN SHANGHAI, AT LEAST 100 PARTICIPANTS CAN BE EXPECTED AT THE SESSION IN RIO DE JANEIRO. THESE WILL INCLUDE AN UNKNOWN MIXTURE OF ICOM MEMBERS AND NON-ICOM PARTICIPANTS.  ICOM-CC HELD ITS TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE IN RIO DE JANEIRO IN 2002, AND RETAINS NEARLY 60 BRAZILIAN MEMBERS TEN YEARS HENCE. THE COMMITTEE HOPES TO ENTICE MANY OF ITS EXISTING BRAZILIAN MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ICOM-CC SESSION AS WELL ATTRACTING NEW MEMBERS.			
Approached Themes	SINCE ICOM-CC DOES NOT CONSIDER ITS SESSION AT THE ICOM GENERAL CONFERENCE A TYPICAL ANNUAL MEETING (SEE PART I, 2012 ACTIVITIES, 1) ANNUAL MEETING), THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT PLAN TO FOCUS INWARD WITH PRESENTATIONS OF INTEREST ONLY TO ITS OWN CONSTITUENCY. A THEME FOR THE SESSION HAS BEEN SELECTED WHICH IT IS HOPED WILL ATTRACT MUSEUM PROFESSIONALS IN SPECIALTIES REPRESENTED BY OTHER INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES OF ICOM. THE THEME SELECTED FOR THE SESSION IS:  "THE 'VALUE' OF CONSERVATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY"  CONSERVATION DEPARTMENTS IN MUSEUMS, GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES, AND UNIVERSITIES ARE EVERYWHERE UNDER SCRUTINY BY ADMINISTRATORS SEEKING TO CUT COSTS BY REDUCING, REORGANIZING, OR COMPLETELY ELIMINATING THEM. THIS SESSION WILL FOCUS ON THE VALUE OF CONSERVATION TO SOCIETY—HOW IT IS PERCEIVED AND MEASURED AND HOW CONSERVATION PROFESSIONALS CAN INFLUENCE PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF CONSERVATION THROUGH THEIR ACTIONS AND THROUGH BETTER COMMUNICATION.  PAPERS WILL BE SOUGHT WHICH EXPLORE THIS TOPIC BY ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:  WHAT IS THE PERCEIVED VALUE OF CONSERVATION TO SOCIETY?  WHAT EFFECT DOES THE CONSERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE HAVE ON SOCIETY AT LARGE?  WHAT STANDARDS OR BENCHMARKS CAN BE USED TO MEASURE THE VALUE OF CONSERVATION TO SOCIETY??  HOW MUCH ARE GOVERNMENTS/THE PUBLIC WILLING TO SPEND ON THE CONSERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE AND WHY? WHAT CAN CONSERVATION PROFESSIONALS DO TO INCREASE INVESTMENT IN THE CONSERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE?			

• IN WHAT WAYS CAN CONSERVATION PROFESSIONALS AFFECT THE PERCEIVED VALUE OF CONSERVATION THROUGH COMMUNICATION WITH OUR PEERS AND/OR PUBLIC OUTREACH? HOW CAN CONSERVATION RESEARCH ASSIST IN BETTER UNDERSTANDING THE VALUE OF CONSERVATION? A COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF LISA PILOSI (CHAIR), VINOD DANIEL (VICE CHAIR), AND JOHANNA MARIA THEILE (DIRECTORY BOARD MEMBER) WILL SELECT THE PAPERS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE SESSION IN RIO, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE QUALITY OF THE PAPERS AS WELL AS THE OVERALL GLOBAL REPRESENTATION OF THE PRESENTERS. EXTENDED ABSTRACTS OF THE PAPERS WILL BE POSTED ON ICOM-CC's Website Prior to the General Conference in order to GENERATE INTEREST IN THE SESSION. IN ADDITION, ICOM-CC IS IN COMMUNICATION WITH ASSIGNED ICOM-CC MEMBERS IN BRAZIL TO PLAN ITS DEDICATED TECHNICAL VISITS AS WELL AS EXPLORING OTHER WAYS TO INTERACT WITH THE CONSERVATION COMMUNITY IN BRAZIL IN ORDER TO INCREASE EXPOSURE AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE COUNTRY AND THE REGION. ICOM-CC WILL POST UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT PLANS FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ON ITS WEBSITE: HTTP://WWW.ICOMcc.org/257/conferences/icom-general-conferences/icom-23rd-GENERAL-CONFERENCE-RIO-DE-JANEIRO,-BRAZIL/ AND WILL REGULARLY INFORM ICOM'S OFFICE FOR COMMUNICATION AND NETWORK PROMOTION SO THAT THE INFORMATION ON ICOMMUNITY WILL BE SIMILARLY UPDATED. THE DETAILS OF ICOM-CC'S SESSION HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULLY OUTLINED AS OF THE WRITING OF THIS REPORT. AS NOTED ABOVE, IT IS HOPED THAT THE THEME OF **EXPECTED PARTICIPATION OF** THE SESSION WILL ATTRACT SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS FROM OTHER ICOM OTHER ICOM COMMITTEES COMMITTEES. IN ADDITION, A DISCUSSION PANEL, TO WHICH PROMINENT MEMBERS OF OTHER ICOM COMMITTEES WOULD BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE, IS

### **OTHER MEETINGS (if applicable)**

BEING CONSIDERED.

A NUMBER OF ICOM-CC'S TWENTY-ONE SPECIALIZED WORKING GROUPS PLAN TO HOLD INTERIM MEETINGS DURING 2013. THESE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING (IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER):

PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS WG: INTERIM MEETING: "PHOTOGRAPHS CONSERVATION JOINT MEETING", JOINT MEETING WITH AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CONSERVATION OF HISTORIC AND ARTISTIC WORKS (AIC) PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS GROUP, 11–15 FEBRUARY 2013, NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NEW ZEALAND, WELLINGTON. LINK TO CONFERENCE WEBSITE: http://www.wellington2013photographicmaterials.org.nz/.

LEGAL ISSUES IN CONSERVATION WG: INTERIM MEETING: 22 FEBRUARY 2013, CULTURAL HERITAGE AGENCY OF THE NETHERLANDS, AMSTERDAM. LINK TO CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS: <a href="http://www.icom-cc.org/54/document/lic-interim-meeting-2013-call/?id=1145#">http://www.icom-cc.org/54/document/lic-interim-meeting-2013-call/?id=1145#</a>. UlkfhWeyB8E.

GRAPHIC DOCUMENTS WG: INTERIM MEETING: "PAPER CONSERVATION: DECISIONS AND COMPROMISES", 17–19
APRIL, 2013, AUSTRIAN NATIONAL LIBRARY, VIENNA. LINK TO CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT: <a href="http://www.icom-cc.org/52/event/?id=189">http://www.icom-cc.org/52/event/?id=189</a>.

WET ORGANIC ARCHAEOLOGICAL MATERIALS WG: 12th MEETING: 13-17 May 2013, DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION OF MARINE ARCHAEOLOGICAL OBJECTS, ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY, TURKEY. EXPECTED ATTENDANCE: 120. 60 ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND 20 POSTER PRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED REPRESENTING 24 COUNTRIES IN EUROPE AND ASIA. THE CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE TOURS OF THE THEODOSIUS HARBOUR EXCAVATION, THE YENAKAPI SHIP CONSERVATION LABS, AND THE NAVAL MUSEUM IN BESIKTAS. A PRINTED PUBLICATION OF THE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS IS PLANNED. LINK TO CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT: <a href="http://woam2013.com/">http://woam2013.com/</a>.

THEORY AND HISTORY OF CONSERVATION WG: INTERIM MEETING: "CONSERVATION: CULTURES AND CONNECTIONS", 16-17 May 2013, National Museum of Denmark, Copenhagen. Expected attendance: 100 (50% ICOM members, 50% non-members). An electronic version of the conference proceedings will be published on the ICOM-CC website. Link to conference announcement: http://www.icom-cc.org/51/news/?id=210.

Sculpture, Polychromy, and Architectural Decoration WG: Interim Meeting: "Polychrome Sculpture: Decorative Practice and Artistic Tradition", 28-28 May 2013, Tomar Polytechnic Institute, Tomar, Poland. Expected attendance: 70–150. A printed publication (500 copies) of the conference proceedings is planned. Link to conference announcement: http://www.icom-cc.org/52/event/?id=205.

MODERN MATERIALS AND CONTEMPORARY ART WG: INTERIM MEETING: CONSERVATION ISSUES OF MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY OUTDOOR SCULPTURE, 4–5 JUNE 2013, KRÖLLER MÜLLER MUSEUM, OTTERLOO, THE NETHERLANDS.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND PREVENTIVE CONSERVATION WGS: JOINT INTERIM MEETING: "CONSERVATION NOW", SEPTEMBER 2013, NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY.

METALS WG: INTERIM MEETING: "METALS 2013", 16–20 SEPTEMBER 2013, HOSTED BY HISTORIC SCOTLAND, EDINBURGH. A PUBLICATION OF THE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS WILL BE PRODUCED. LINK TO CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT: http://www.icom-cc.org/52/event/?id=188.

DOCUMENTATION AND PAINTINGS WORKING GROUPS: JOINT INTERIM MEETING: "UPDATES IN PAINTINGS CONSERVATION DOCUMENTATION: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CONSERVATION DOCUMENTATION OF PAINTINGS", 21 SEPTEMBER 2013, RIJKSBUREAU VOOR KUNSTHISTORISCHE DOCUMENTATIE (RKD), THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS. A PUBLICATION IN THE FORM OF A SPECIAL JOINT WORKING GROUP NEWSLETTER IS PLANNED. THE CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE POSTED ON THE ICOM-CC WEBSITE SHORTLY.

Scientific Research WG: Interim meeting in conjunction with 4<sup>TH</sup> Technart conference, on theme of analytical techniques in conservation science, 23–27 September 2013, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Expected attendance: ca. 300, 50% ICOM members, 50% non-members. Planned publication in an international scientific journal to be determined. Link to conference website: <a href="https://www.rijksmuseum.nl/nl/onderzoek-en-bibliotheek/technart-2013">https://www.rijksmuseum.nl/nl/onderzoek-en-bibliotheek/technart-2013</a>.

GLASS AND CERAMICS WG: INTERIM MEETING: JOINT MEETING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF STAINED GLASS (CORPUS VITREARUM-ICOMOS): "RECENT ADVANCES IN GLASS, STAINED GLASS, AND CERAMICS CONSERVATION", 7–10 OCTOBER 2013, AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS. PRINTED PREPRINTS ARE BEING PREPARED. LINK TO CONFERENCE WEBSITE: http://www.icomcorpus2013.nu/.

Wood, Furniture, and Lacquer, Scientific Research, and Sculpture, Polychromy, and Architectural Decoration WGs: Joint Interim Meeting: "Heritage Wood: Research & Conservation In The 21st Century", 28–30 October 2013, National Museum in Warsaw and Academy of Fine Arts, Warsaw,

POLAND. EXPECTED ATTENDANCE: CA. 200, 50% ICOM MEMBERS, 50% NON-MEMBERS. LINK TO CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT: <a href="http://www.icom-cc.org/52/event/?id=202">http://www.icom-cc.org/52/event/?id=202</a>.

In addition, ICOM-CC's Directory Board will hold two meetings in 2013. The first will take place 17–19 April at ICOM headquarters in Paris and the second 14–16 October, at the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam.

## 2) PLANNED/PROPOSED PUBLICATIONS

As noted above, ICOM-CC plans to publish abstracts of the presentations from the Committee's session at the General Conference in Rio de Janeiro on the website. Most of the Working Groups will publish the proceedings from interim meetings held in 2012 or 2013 (some plans for these publications are noted above). These will vary in timing from preprints to postprints, in content from extended abstracts to full peer-reviewed papers, and in format from on-line or CD-rom to printed versions. The Directory Board will publish two issues of the e-zine *On Board* and many of the Working Groups will publish newsletters on the website.

## 3) SCHEDULED TRAINING

ICOM-CC is one of four International Committees of ICOM asked to participate in a preliminary discussion regarding the development of an ICOM International Training Centre for Museum Studies in cooperation with ICOM China. The chair and vice chair Vinod Daniel will continue to advise the ICOM Executive Council as requested throughout the year.

One of ICOM-CC's Working Groups, with 120 members, is devoted to Education and Training in Conservation. The Working Group has been investigating the state of conservation training versus the needs in various disciplines. Following a 2010 joint interim meeting with the Modern Materials and Contemporary Art Working Group on the "Training Needs the Conservation of Modern and Contemporary Art", the Working Group is turning towards a consideration of the practice of preventive conservation. A joint interim meeting between the Education and Training and Preventive Conservation Working Groups entitled "Conservation Now" is planned for September 2013 at Northumbria University (see above). Stakeholders in the field beyond the conservation world will be invited and toward this end cooperation with two other ICOM International Committees—The International Committee for Education and Cultural Action (CECA) and the International Committee for the Training of Personnel (ICTOP) —will be developed. A report will be produced after the meeting with recommendations for existing conservation training programs. The report will be posted on the ICOM-CC website.

The chair has been invited to take part in a discussion about a new Mellon Foundation funded curriculum, "Cultures of Conservation" at the Bard Graduate Center: Decorative Arts, Design History, Material Culture. Approximately 25 participants including local, national, and international representatives of conservation laboratories, training programs, and organizations will participate. The first meeting connected to this consultation will take place on 15 January 2013.

### 4) PLANNED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

THE DIRECTORY BOARD OF ICOM-CC HAS INCLUDED IN ITS STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2011-2014 AN ACTION INVOLVING THE DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES ON ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS AS A REFERENCE TOOL FOR MUSEUMS GLOBALLY. A TASK FORCE WILL BE COMPOSED OF VICE CHAIR VINOD DANIEL AND OTHER PROMINENT EXPERTS IN THE FIELD. ICOM-CC IS EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF PARTNERING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF HISTORIC AND ARTISTIC WORKS (IIC) AS THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

The planned research activities of the Working Groups are noted in their Triennial Programs which are posted on the website and are indicated by the themes of their planned interim meetings for 2013 (Listed above).

#### 5) PLANNED ACTIONS ALLOWING AN INCLUSIVE APPROACH

ICOM-CC WILL CONTINUE TO REACH OUT TO THE CONSERVATION AND MUSEUM COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. WORKING GROUP INTERIM MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS ALIKE AND MUCH INFORMATION ON THE WEB SITE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL, INCLUDING THE FORUM DISCUSSION AREAS. THE COMMITTEE WILL REACH OUT TO THE CONSERVATION COMMUNITIES IN BRAZIL AND SOUTH AMERICA IN CONNECTION TO THE ICOM GENERAL CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN OUTREACH IN THIS REGION. THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR VINOD DANIEL WILL TRAVEL TO MELBOURNE SEVERAL TIMES LEADING UP TO THE TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE IN 2014 AND WILL WORK WITH THE NATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE AWARENESS OF AND MEMBERSHIP IN ICOM-CC IN AUSTRALIA AND THE OCEANIC REGION . IT IS HOPED THAT BY MAKING THE WORK OF ICOM-CC WIDELY KNOWN, MORE PEOPLE WILL BE INSPIRED TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE.

#### 6) OTHER PLANNED ACTIVITIES

AS ICOM-CC approaches the fiftieth anniversary of its founding in 1967 the Committee is embarking on a History of ICOM-CC project aimed at better publicizing, both on the website and in a stand-alone format, its history and contributions to the conservation profession. The project began in 2012 with the reorganization of the Committee's archives in preparation for the first stage of archival-based research. Interviews with longstanding prominent members of the committee will also be undertaken. The project is being led by ICOM-CC Secretary, Joan Reifsnyder, and Managing Editor, Janet Bridgland, under the direction of the Directory Board. Throughout 2013 as information is collected, fact-checked, and organized, it will be added to the new "History of ICOM-CC" tab on the website. The ultimate goal is the production of a well-illustrated narrative history of ICOM-CC to be presented in multiple formats to the membership at the Triennial Conference in 2017.

#### APPENDIX 2.1 FINANCIAL REPORT 2012

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#### NAME OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE: ICOM-CC

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Total Cash as of 31 December 2011	27.258.75	see Note 1
Petty cash as of 31 December 2011		
Other bank position as of 31 December 2011	27,258.75	
HSBC bank position as of 31 December 2011		

Delegated organization of the annual meeting: Not applicable

To be received in

Amounts paid/received in 2012 related to the previous activities (2011)		
1. Amounts received	0	
2. Amounts paid	53.58	

Amounts related to the activities carried out in 2012

A. INCOME	previous years	Received in 2012	the following years	Total income	contribution
I. Annual Meetings					see Note 2
A.1. Registration rights to annual meetings (a*b)				0	
Number of participants (a)	-	-	-	-	
Average rights per participant (b)	-	-	-	-	
Subsidies & Sponsorship				0	
ICOM Funding				0	
Bursaries Programmes				0	
Getty subsidy & Erste				0	
Others (please specify when exceeding €2000)				0	
II. Other activities					see Note 2
Membership income				0	
ICOM Funding				0	
Annual subsidies		13,991.00		13,991.00	
Special projects - Grants		·		0.00	
Other subsidies & sponsorship				0.00	
Financial income		106.65		106.65	
Others (please specify when exceeding €2000)				0.00	
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TOTAL INCOME	0	14,097.65	0	14,097.65	0
B. EXPENSES	Paid the previous years	Paid in 2012	To be paid in the following years	Total expenses	In-kind contribution
I. Annual Meetings					
Working documents				0.00	
Translation services				0.00	
Postage and telecommunication cost				0.00	
Organisation				0.00	
Rental of equipment				0.00	
Accomodation				0.00	
Bursaries				0.00	
Others (please specify when exceeding €2000)				0.00	
II. Other activities					
Publications				0.00	
Working documents				0.00	
Translation services				0.00	
Postage and telecommunication cost	53.58	115.86		169.44	
Consulting fees	800	8,800.00		9,600.00	
Banking fees		177.55		177.55	
Others (see Note 3)					
Secretary's travel to Melbourne, Australia		2,062.86		2,062.86	
Secretary's travel to New York City, USA		1,661.87		1,661.87	
TOTAL EXPENSES					

3. Amounts received	
4. Amounts paid	
HSBC bank position as of 31 December 2012	28,924.7
HSBC bank position as of 31 December 2012 Petty cash as of 31 December 2012	28,924.7

We hereby Lisa Pilosi and John Scott, respectively Chair and Treasurer of the International Committee ICOM-CC certify managing all the Committee's financial resources on the HSBC bank account as of 31/12/2012.

### **APPENDIX 2.2 TIME SPENT 2012**

see Note 3

see Note 4

	see Note 5	See Note 4	
	Name of the member	Type of services	Estimated number of hours
Chair	Lisa Pilosi	Preparation of the annual meetings Contacts with sponsors / partners Publication Research Communication with the network Budget monitoring / expenses approval	800
Other Board Members	Vinod Daniel (VC) Isabel Magalhaes (VC) John Scott (Tr) Dries van Dam Stefano De Caro Yeghis Keyehan Velayudhan Nair Kristiane Stræktvern Johanna Theile	Preparation of the annual meetings Publication Research Communication with the network Budget monitoring Administrative work Logistics	500
Other IC members (see Note 5)	21 Working Group Coordinators and more than 70 Assistant Coordinators	Research Publication Translation Logistics	2,500

Please adjust based upon your actual activities.

#### APPENDIX 2.3 BUDGETARY REPORT 2013

#### NAME OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE: ICOM CC

HSBC bank position as of 31 December 2012	28,924.71
Petty cash as of 31 December 2012	0
Total Cash as of 31 December 2012	28,924.71

Amounts paid/received in 2013 related to the previous activities (2012)			
1. Amounts received	0		
2. Amounts paid	0		

Delegated organization	Yes / No
of the annual meeting:	res / NO

A. INCOME	Received the previous years	Received in 2013	To be received in the following years	Total income	In-kind contribution
I. Annual Meetings	previous years		the following years		Contribution
A.1. Registration rights to annual meetings (a*b)				0	
Number of participants (a)	-	-	-	=	
Average rights per participant (b)	-	-	-	=	
Subsidies & Sponsorship	1			0	
ICOM Funding				0	
Bursaries Programmes				0	
Getty subsidy & Erste				0	
Others (please specify when exceeding €2000)				0	
II. Other activities					
Membership income				0	
ICOM Funding		14,000		14,000	
Annual subsidies				0	
Special projects - Grants				0	
Other subsidies & sponsorship				0	
Financial income		250		250	
Others (please specify when exceeding €2000)		250		250	
TOTAL INCOME	0	14,500	0	14,500	

B. EXPENSES	Paid the previous years	Paid in 2013	To be paid in the following years	Total expenses	In-kind contribution
I. Annual Meetings					see Note 2
Working documents				0	
Translation services				0	
Postage and telecommunication cost				0	
Organisation				0	
Rental of equipment				0	
Accomodation				0	
Bursaries				0	
Others (please specify when exceeding €2000)				0	
II. Other activities					see Note 2
Publications (editing of newsletter)		800		800	
Working documents				0	
Translation services				0	
Postage and telecommunication cost		160		160	
Consulting fees		9,600		9,600	
Banking fees		240		240	
Others (see Note 3)			•	0	
Secretary travel to Paris		1,450		1,450	
Secretary travel to Amsterdam		1,550		1,550	
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	13,800	0	13,800	0

Amounts paid/received in 2013 related to the following activities (2014)			
3. Amounts received	0		
4. Amounts paid	0		

Total Cash as of 31 December 2013	29,625
Petty cash as of 31 December 2013	
HSBC bank position as of 31 December 2013	29,624.71

We hereby Lisa Pilosi and John Scott, respectively Chair and Treasurer of the International Committee ICOM-CC certify managing all the Committee's financial resources on the HSBC bank account as of 31/12/2013.

#### Notes to accompany 2012-2013 ICOM-CC activity report part 2

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Note 1: This amount reflects the sum of the ABN AMRO, Amsterdam, bank account plus monies held at ICCROM, Rome, on behalf of ICOM-CC. both of which were transferred to ICOM-CC's HSBC account during 2012.

Note 2: ICOM-CC relies on a significant in kind contribution of resources in order to function. Two three- or four-day Directory Board meetings per year are held at an institution representing the host of the next Triennial Conference, the home institution of a DB member, or a partner institution of ICOM-CC. The meeting rooms and some refreshments are provided gratis. In addition, the institutions or private companies represented by ICOM-CC's ten Directory Board members, twenty-one Working Group Coordinators, and more than seventy Assistant Coordinators, or those individuals themselves, provide travel expenses to attend Directory Board meetings and Working Group interim meetings as well as working time, support services, supplies, telephone and mailing expenses to carry out the work of the Committee. Host institutions of Working Group interim meetings occasionally also contribute room costs, refreshments, and/or staff time. Notable in this regard for 2012 was the Getty Research Institute and Getty Conservation Institute hosting of the joint meeting of DEMHIST and three ICOM-CC Working Groups 6-9 November. Their in kind contribution consisted of free use of the lecture hall, a reception for the participants, and some staff time assisting with the planning and running of the conference. Other interim meetings were supported in a similar fashion. ICOM-CC does not keep a detailed record of these in kind contributions, however the institutions and companies represented by the Directory Board members and Working Group Coordinators are recognized on ICOM-CC's website as Sustaining Partners or Supporting Institutions.

Note 3: ICOM-CC pays travel costs and administrative supplies for the Secretary to attend and assist with Directory Board meetings. During 2012 the Directory Board met in Melbourne, Australia, and in New York City, United States. The breakdown of costs is as follows: Italy-Melbourne airfare: 1,129.37, hotel: 633.91, local transportation, meals, and incidentals incl. administrative supplies but not postage or telecommunication: 299.58; Italy-New York airfare: 570.00, hotel: 855.53, local transportation, meals and incidentals incl. administrative supplies but not postage or telecommunication: 236.34.)

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Note 4: ICOM-CC relies on the volunteer time of a large number of members who undertake much of its work. All the figures reported in the in kind section of the financial section reflect estimates of the average time spent by each category of member indicated.

Note 5: It is impossible to break these figures down into types of services because of the large number of people and the variety of activities involved.

Note 6: In any given year, the 21 Working Group Coordinators and more than 70 Assistant Coordinators conduct the activities of the Working Groups, which include communication with the Directory Board and with the members, updating the Working Group pages on the web site, organizing research projects and interim meetings, editing documents and publications, etc.

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Note 7: ICOM-CC pays travel costs and administrative supplies for the Secretary to attend and assist with Directory Board meetings. During 2013 the Directory Board plans to meet in Paris, France, and in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The estimated costs are: Italy-Paris airfare: 200, hotel: 800, local transportation, meals and incidentals incl. administrative supplies but not postage or telecommunication: 450; Italy-Amsterdam airfare: 300, hotel: 800, local transportation, meals and incidentals incl. administrative supplies but not postage or telecommunication: 450.)