

# ACTIVITY REPORT

NAME OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE:  
 ICOM COMMITTEE FOR CONSERVATION (ICOM-CC)

## I. 2011 ACTIVITIES

<b>1) ANNUAL MEETING (16<sup>TH</sup> TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE)</b>	
DATE	19-23 SEPTEMBER 2011
LOCATION (CITY AND COUNTRY)	LISBON, PORTUGAL
HOST INSTITUTION OR ORGANISATION <i>(if applicable)</i>	NATIONAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (NOC): - ICOM PORTUGAL - INSTITUTO DOS MUSEUS E DA CONSERVAÇÃO (IMC) - ASSOCIAÇÃO PROFISSIONAL DOS CONSERVADORES-RESTAURADORES DE PORTUGAL (ARP) - ARCHEOFACTU – ARQUEOLOGIA E ARTE, LDA.
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	864
- ICOM	568
- NON-ICOM	296
	(THESE FIGURES ARE ESTIMATED AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE FROM THE REGISTRATION INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE NOC WHICH DID NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN ICOM AND NON-ICOM MEMBERSHIP WITH REGARD TO STUDENTS OR TRAVEL GRANT RECIPIENTS.)
APPROACHED THEMES	THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE, AGREED BETWEEN THE NOC AND THE ICOM-CC DIRECTORY BOARD WAS: “CULTURAL HERITAGE / CULTURAL IDENTITY: THE ROLE OF CONSERVATION”. WHILE THE PAST FEW DECADES HAVE SEEN MANY INNOVATIONS IN THE FIELD OF CONSERVATION WITH VARYING DEGREES OF SUCCESS, THE CHALLENGE IS TO DEVELOP MATERIALS AND METHODS THAT ARE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE, EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT OVER TIME. CONSIDERING THIS TREND, THE CONFERENCE ATTEMPTED TO EXPLORE AND COMPARE DIFFERENT APPROACHES REGARDING CONSERVATION POLICIES AND METHODS, AS WELL AS SCIENTIFIC METHODS FOR STUDYING MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGIES, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF CONSERVATION IN VALUING HERITAGE AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER AREAS SUCH AS SOCIOLOGY, ECONOMY, AND POLITICS, WHICH ARE VITAL IN ENSURING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF COMMUNITIES.
PARTICIPATION OF OTHER ICOM COMMITTEES	ICOM PORTUGAL WAS ONE OF THE FOUR PARTNERS IN THE NATIONAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE.

### OTHER MEETINGS (if applicable)

N.A.

### 2) PUBLICATIONS

TITLE	BOOK OF ABSTRACTS (PRINTED) AND PREPRINTS OF THE ICOM-CC 16 <sup>TH</sup> TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE (CD-ROM) (PRODUCED AS A SET)
DATE	SEPTEMBER 2011
PUBLISHING LANGUAGE	ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND SPANISH
ELECTRONIC VERSION	YES
NUMBER OF PRINTED COPIES	1,500

### 3) TRAINING

N.A.

### 4) RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

EACH OF ICOM-CC'S TWENTY-ONE SPECIALISED WORKING GROUPS OUTLINES A PROGRAMME OF RESEARCH PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE TRIENNIUM. THESE PROGRAMMES ARE APPROVED BY THE DIRECTORY BOARD AND POSTED ON ICOM-CC'S WEB SITE ON THE RESPECTIVE WORKING GROUPS' PAGES. A WIDE VARIETY OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES INVOLVING ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES, TREATMENT METHODS, ETHICS, AND THE HISTORY OF THE PROFESSION ARE REPRESENTED BY THE 2008-2011 TRIENNIAL PROGRAMMES.

### 5) 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 INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ICOM-CC'S TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE AND WORKING GROUP INTERIM MEETINGS. THE REGISTRATION FEES FOR MEMBERS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THOSE INTERESTED IN OUR ACTIVITIES TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE PARTICIPATION IN THE 16TH TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE IN LISBON OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNTRIES WITH LIMITED RESOURCES, ICOM ASSISTED ICOM-CC IN REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM THE GETTY FOUNDATION. THANKS TO THE GETTY FOUNDATION GRANT, 34 DELEGATES REPRESENTING 28 COUNTRIES WERE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE PLENARY SESSIONS, IN THE WORKING GROUP SESSIONS, VARIOUS OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES AND IN NUMEROUS DISCUSSIONS TO WHICH THEY CONTRIBUTED THEIR SPECIALISED KNOWLEDGE. EIGHT OF THE GRANT RECIPIENTS WERE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONFERENCE THROUGH PRESENTATIONS OF PAPERS (7) AND POSTERS (1). THE SELECTION OF THESE PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS WAS INDEPENDENT OF THE FACT THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WAS DESIGNATED AS A GRANT RECIPIENT.

ICOM-CC'S WEB SITE 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 WEB SITE'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. A GOOGLE ANALYTICS REVIEW OF ICOM-CC'S WEB SITE CONDUCTED IN SEPTEMBER OF 2011 SHOWED THAT IN THE TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS OF OPERATION OF THE NEWLY-LAUNCHED WEB SITE, THERE HAD BEEN OVER 94,000 UNIQUE VISITORS, 98% OF WHOM WERE NON-MEMBERS. IN ADDITION, VISITORS TO THE SITE ORIGINATED FROM EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD.

## **6) OTHER ACTIVITIES**

N.A.

## **7) SYNTHESIS OF THE ACTIVITIES AND OBTAINED RESULTS**

THE SUCCESS OF ICOM-CC IN 2011 SHOWED THAT THE COMMITTEE CONTINUED TO ATTRACT THE INTEREST AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF CONSERVATION PROFESSIONALS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. MEMBERSHIP IN ICOM-CC CONTINUED TO GROW AT A STEADY RATE OF ABOUT 100 NEW MEMBERS PER YEAR. ATTENDANCE AT THE TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE IN LISBON, TOTALLING MORE THAN 900, WAS AMONG THE HIGHEST OF ANY OF ICOM-CC'S PREVIOUS CONFERENCES. THE WEB SITE CONTINUED TO ATTRACT AN INCREASING NUMBER OF USERS FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD, MAKING THE INFORMATION GENERATED BY THE COMMITTEE AVAILABLE TO A WIDE AUDIENCE, ESPECIALLY THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCES. FURTHERMORE, THE PUBLISHED PREPRINTS OF THE PAPERS PRESENTED AT THE TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE (NUMBERING 214 FULL PAPERS AND 62 POSTER ABSTRACTS) ADDED ANOTHER VOLUME TO THE HIGHLY RESPECTED SERIES OF ICOM-CC PREPRINTS, WHICH NOW INCLUDES WELL OVER 2000 PAPERS.

ALL IN ALL, 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. 2012 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

### 1) ANNUAL MEETING

ICOM-CC DOES NOT HOLD ANNUAL MEETINGS, FOCUSING INSTEAD ON ITS TRIENNIAL CONFERENCES, WHICH REQUIRE MORE THAN ONE YEAR TO PLAN, AND ON THE ICOM-CC SESSION AT THE ICOM GENERAL CONFERENCE.

### OTHER MEETINGS (if applicable)

SEVERAL OF ICOM-CC'S TWENTY-ONE WORKING GROUPS ARE PLANNING TO HOLD INTERIM MEETINGS IN 2012. THESE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING (IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER):

SCULPTURE, POLYCHROMY, AND ARCHITECTURAL DECORATION WG: INTERIM MEETING: "POLYCHROME SCULPTURE: ARTISTIC TRADITION AND CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES", GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, 13-14 APRIL 2012; PRINTED POSTPRINTS ARE EXPECTED.

GLASS AND CERAMICS AND METALS WGS: JOINT MEETING: "4<sup>TH</sup> EXPERTS MEETING ON ENAMEL ON METAL CONSERVATION", BARCELONA, SPAIN, 14-15 JUNE 2012; PRINTED PREPRINTS ARE EXPECTED.

LEATHER AND RELATED MATERIALS WG: INTERIM MEETING: OFFENBACH, GERMANY, DEUTSCHES LEDERMUSEUM SCHUHMUSEUM, 29-31 AUGUST 2012.

SCULPTURE, POLYCHROMY, AND ARCHITECTURAL DECORATION, TEXTILES, AND WOOD, FURNITURE, AND LACQUER WGS IN ASSOCIATION WITH ICOM-DEMIST: JOINT CONFERENCE: "THE ARTIFACT, ITS CONTEXT AND THEIR NARRATIVE: MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONSERVATION IN HISTORIC HOUSE MUSEUMS", LOS ANGELES, CA, USA, THE GETTY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, 6-9 NOVEMBER 2012; A PUBLICATION IS EXPECTED.

ART TECHNOLOGICAL SOURCE RESEARCH WG: INTERIM MEETING: "A NEW LEASE OF LIFE: DOCUMENTED TRANSFORMATIONS OF WORKS OF ART", 22-23 NOVEMBER 2012, BRUSSELS-BELGIUM, ROYAL INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE (KIK-IRPA); PRINTED POSTPRINTS ARE EXPECTED.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THESE PLANNED MEETINGS IS POSTED ON THE RESPECTIVE WORKING GROUP PAGES ON ICOM-CC'S WEB SITE.

### 2) PLANNED/PROPOSED PUBLICATIONS

MOST OF THE WORKING GROUP INTERIM MEETINGS NOTED ABOVE WILL RESULT IN PUBLISHED PROCEEDINGS. THESE WILL VARY IN TIMING FROM PREPRINTS TO POSTPRINTS, IN CONTENT FROM EXTENDED ABSTRACTS TO FULL PAPERS, AND IN FORMAT FROM ON-LINE OR CD-ROM TO PRINTED VERSIONS. A DETAILED LISTING OF THESE PUBLICATIONS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE 2012 ANNUAL REPORT.

### 3) SCHEDULED TRAINING

N.A.

#### **4) PLANNED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

THREE MONTHS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE (23 DECEMBER 2011) THE TWENTY-ONE WORKING GROUPS WERE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING TRIENNIUM. AS OF THE SUBMISSION OF THIS REPORT, THESE PROGRAMMES ARE BEING REVIEWED BY THE DIRECTORY BOARD AND POSTED TO THE WEB SITE FOLLOWING REVISION AND APPROVAL. ONCE AGAIN, THEY REPRESENT AN AMBITIOUS ARRAY OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES COVERING ALL ASPECTS OF CONSERVATION. THE WORKING GROUPS WILL CARRY OUT THESE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES DURING THE TRIENNIUM AND WILL REPORT ON THEM AT INTERIM MEETINGS AND AT THE TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, IN SEPTEMBER 2014.

#### **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. 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**

N.A.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
2011 ACTUALS AND 2012 BUDGET

	Actual 2011		Estimates 2012			Actual 2011		Estimates 2012	
	Cash (euros)	In Kind	Cash (euros)	In Kind		Cash (euros)	In Kind	Cash (euros)	In Kind
<b>A. INCOME</b>					<b>B. EXPENSES</b>				
<b>I. Annual Meetings</b>		See Note 1		See Note 1	<b>I. Annual Meetings</b>		See Note 1		See Note 1
A.1. Registration fees to annual meetings (A*B) Number of participants (A) Average cost per participant (B)					C.1. Rental of facilities				
A.2. Sponsorship					C.2. Working documents				
A.3. Subsidies					C.3. Postage and telecommunication cost				
A.3.1. National government					C.4. Translation services				
A.3.2. Regional government					C.5. Bursaries				
A.3.3. Local government					C.6 Hospitality (receptions)				
A.3.4. Other agencies					C.7 Others				
A.4 Others									
<b>II. Other activities</b>					<b>II. Other activities</b>				
B.1. Membership income (if applicable)					D.1. Rental of facilities				
B.2. ICOM Funding					D.2. Working documents				
B.2.1. Annual subsidy	12,052		12,052		D.3. Postage and telecommunication cost				
B.2.2. Other grant: ICOM support for young member's participation in Triennial Conference, Lisbon	2,171				D.4. Publications: portion of salary of Managing Editor for Triennial Conference preprints	2,090.73			
B.3. Sponsorship					D.5. Translation services: trilingual abstracts for Triennial Conference preprints	10,754.03			
B.4. Subsidies					D.6. Others				
B.4.1. National government					D.6.1 Administration				
B.4.2. Regional government					D.6.1.a Monthly honoraria for Secretary: for 2011, 12 @ 740, plus 1 @ 720 (inadvertent underpayment) plus 60 advance for 01-2012; during 2012, 11 @ 800, plus 740 for 01-2012 plus 20 back payment for underpayment in 2011	9,660		9,560	
B.4.3. Local government					D.6.1.b. Secretary's travel to Directory Board meetings (New Delhi in 2011; Melbourne and New York in 2012 )	1,062		4,675	
					D.6.1.c. Bank charges for account monthly and exchange fees, and balancing entries	186.76		225	
					D.6.1.d. Administrative supplies and minor services eg copying, faxing, postage	30.79		100	
					D.6.2. Final payment for purchase of ICOM-CC medal for award conferred at 15th Triennial Conference in New Delhi	288.28			

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				D.6.3 (refers to B.2.2) ICOM grant for young member's participation in Triennial Conference, Lisbon	2,171		
B.5. Others				D.6.4 (refers to B.5.1) Getty Foundation travel grant for attendance of selected delegates from developing world at 16th Triennial Conference in Lisbon			
B.5.1. Getty Foundation travel grant (via ICOM) for attendance of selected delegates from developing world at 16th Triennial Conference in Lisbon	70,000			D.6.4.a Getty Foundation travel grant: all costs including 3,000 euro travel agency's administration fee, but not including ICOM-CC Secretary's fee	65,652.82		
B.5.2 Bank interest credited on 04-01-2011 to deposit account	473.11		250	D.6.4.b Getty Foundation Travel grant: ICOM-CC Secretary's fee for grant administration	3,500		
B.5.3 Book sales			100	D.6.4.c Getty Foundation Travel grant: return of unused funds to Getty Foundation (via ICOM)	847.18		
B.5.4 Portion of registration fees for non-members at Triennial Conference in Lisbon (see Note 2)							
<b>TOTAL INCOME (1)</b>	<b>84,696.11</b>		<b>12,402</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES (2)</b>	<b>96,243.59</b>		<b>14,560</b>
<b>NET RESULT (1-2) = (3)</b>	<b>-11,547.48</b>		<b>-2,158</b>				

Bank position as of 31 December, 2010	38,972.09	See Note 3
Bank position as of 31 December, 2011	27,258.75	See Note 3

Amount of the 2011 grant used in 2011	14,223
Amount of the 2011 grant deferred to 2012	0

Purpose for any 2011 grant deferred (please specify):	
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ICOM-CC  
IN KIND CONTRIBUTION FOR 2011  
TIME SPENT BY ICOM MEMBERS

	Name of the member (See Note 4)	Type of services	Estimated number of hours (See Note 5)
<b>Chair</b>	Marie-Claude Corbeil (1 January - 23 September)  Lisa Pilosi (23 September - 31 December)	Preparation of the annual meetings Contacts with sponsors / partners Publication Research Communication with the network Budget monitoring / expenses approval	260
<b>Other Board Members</b>	(See Note 6)	Preparation of the annual meetings Publication Research Communication with the network Budget monitoring Administrative work Logistics	650
<b>Other IC members</b>	Working Group Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators, Peer Reviewers, translation reviewers, and other members (see Note 7)	Research & Logistics Publication Translation	1,638 1,000 138

*Please adjust based upon your actual activities.*



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

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Note 1: ICOM-CC relies on a significant in kind contribution of resources in order to fulfill its activities. Two four-day Directory Board meetings per year are held at an institution representing either a DB member or the host of the next Triennial Conference. The meeting rooms and some refreshments are provided gratis. In addition, the institutions or private companies represented by ICOM-CC's Directory Board members and Working Group 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, and supplies. ICOM-CC does not keep a 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 2: According to the agreement (signed on 22 October 2009) between ICOM-CC (PoA for ICOM) and the NOC for the Triennial Conference in Lisbon, 120 euros for each non-member registration fee was to be paid to ICOM-CC four months following the close of the Conference (i.e. by 23 January 2012). ICOM-CC estimated the amount as approximately 15,000 euros. This debt was cancelled by ICOM's Director General at a meeting with the NOC and the Secretary of State for Culture of Portugal on 22 February 2012, resulting in a significant decrease in the expected operating funds available to ICOM-CC for the triennium (2011-2014).

Note 3: Amounts reflect sum of ABN AMRO, Amsterdam, bank account plus monies held at ICCROM, Rome, on behalf of ICOM-CC.

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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 are 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. The exception is the estimate for the preparation of the Triennial Conference preprints (reported under Publication and Translation). It should be noted that the time spent on ICOM-CC activities is considerably greater during the years of the Triennial Conferences, such as 2011.

Note 6: ICOM-CC held a Directory Board election at the Triennial Conference in September of 2011. Therefore, two different Directory Boards served during this year.

1 January – 23 September

Bent Eshøj (Vice Chair)  
Vinod Daniel (Vice Chair)  
Thea van Oosten (Treasurer)  
Dries van Dam  
Françoise Hanssen-Bauer  
Velayudhan Nair  
Lisa Pilosi

23 September – 31 December

Vinod Daniel (Vice Chair)  
Isabel Magalhães Raposo (Vice Chair)  
John Scott (Treasurer)  
Dries van Dam

Stefano De Caro (ex officio)  
Yeghis Keheyán  
Velayudhan Nair  
Kristiane Stræktvern  
Johanna Theile

Note 7: In any given year, the twenty-one Working Group Coordinators and a larger number of 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. The review of papers and the translation of abstracts for the Triennial Conference Preprints relied on the volunteer service of the twenty-one Working Group Coordinators, a larger number of Assistant Coordinators, thirty-three peer reviewers, and two translation reviewers. An average amount of time for the review and translation of each paper and abstract was estimated to produce the figure reported.