

PROGRESS REPORT

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Since the 114th meeting of ICOM Executive Council held in Shanghai, 1-3 December 2008, a number of preparing work has been carried out by ICOM 2010 Organizing Committee, with great supports from international and Chinese experts, and with assistance from ICOM Secretariat. The main developments are summarized as follows:

1. Official Signing of the Framework Agreement

During the 114th meeting of the Executive Council of ICOM, the Framework Agreement between ICOM and ICOM 2010 Shanghai Organizing Committee was officially signed in Shanghai on 3 December 2008. At the signing, ICOM was represented by Ms. Alissandra Cummins, President of ICOM and Mr. Julien Anfruns, Director General of ICOM. ICOM Shanghai 2010 Organizing Committee was represented by Mr. Zhang Wenbin, Chairperson of ICOM China and Mr. Jiang Zhuoqing, Vice Secretary General of Shanghai Municipal People's Government.

Integrated with 5 Annexes (List of members of the Organizing Committee of ICOM Shanghai 2010, List of members of ICOM International working group, Budget of the 22nd triennial General Conference, Program of the 22nd triennial General Conference, and Statement of technical and material needs, description of the running of the triennial General Conference and preparatory schedule), the Framework Agreement identifies the responsibilities and obligations of the two parties.

2. Re-evaluation and further development of general theme of ICOM 2010

Based on the comments from the 113th meeting of ICOM Executive Council, the proposed theme "Museums and Harmonious Society" has been re-evaluated and further developed by Chinese experts with assistance of international scholars. Re-evaluation work focused on principles for determining the theme and descriptions of the proposed theme by using the terms to be communicated and accepted internationally. As the conclusion from the discussions and re-evaluation, we intend to change the theme from "Museums and Harmonious Society" to "Museums for Social Harmony" for final approval by ICOM Executive Council and ICOM Advisory Committee.

3. Proposals for keynote speakers

With the guidance of ICOM experts, the Organizing Committee has made preliminary investigation on the potential keynote speakers of the General Conference. Considering the geographical, linguistic and gender equality, 6 potential speakers are proposed as follows:

- **Mr/ Professor Alpha Oumar Konaré**, former President of ICOM, the President of Mali for two five-year terms (1992 to 2002), and was Chairperson of the African Union Committee from 2003 to 2008.

- **Ms/Professor Lourdes Arizpe**, former ADG of Culture, UNESCO, Executive Director of the World Commission for Culture and Development, is now Professor, National University of Mexico.
- **Mr/Professor Umberto Eco**, a well known Italian philosopher, literary critic and novelist from University of Bologna.
- **Mr/Amartya Kumar Sen**, economist, philosopher and winner of the Nobel Prize in Economic Science in 1998, "for his contributions to welfare economics". He is currently professor at Harvard University, USA.
- **Mr. Feng Jicai**, one of the best-known Chinese novelists and a cultural heritage protection promoter. A number of his works have been translated into different languages and published in many countries. Mr. Feng was elected Chairperson of Chinese Novel Study Society. He is currently a senior adviser to Chinese Government for protection of intangible heritage.
- **Ms. Fan Jinshi**, former Director of the Dunhuang Academy of China, the guardian of Mogao. After graduation from Beijing University in 1963, she has devoted her time to research and promotion of Dunhuang Culture domestically and internationally for more than 45 years. She is currently Vice Chairperson of ICOMOS China, professor in archaeology of Lanzhou University, China.

As soon as the final decision on the speakers is made by ICOM Executive Council and ICOM Advisory Committee in June 2009, the official invitation will be sent out in July this year.

4. Communication and training of ICOM ICs contact persons

Following the first training workshop for ICOM ICs contact persons from 1 to 12 September 2008, the Organizing Committee conducted a second training workshop from 7 to 17 May 2009 in Xi'an. Prof. Amar Galla was again invited as guest lecturer for the training. Ms. Alissandra Cummins, President of ICOM communicated with the participants and answered their questions through tele-conferencing. The contact persons started to contact the related International Committees last year. By now, communication has been established among 21 International Committees and Chinese contacts, 7 ICOM International Committees have not yet responded to the Chinese contacts, no communication was made with 2 International Committees. The Organizing Committee has just updated the list of the contact persons and the communication details in May 2009. The updated information will be available on the ICOM 2010 web site as soon as possible.

5. Electronic voting during ICOM 2010 General Assembly and Advisory Committee

In accordance with the decision made by the Executive Council, the Organizing Committee has made further investigation of the possibilities for electronic voting during ICOM 2010 General Assembly and Advisory Committee. When comparison among different companies or institutions is made, Chengdu Electronic Institute of Chinese Academy of Sciences has been proposed as the potential partner. With its more than 30 years' developments and experience in electronic voting practices, from technical point of view, Chengdu Electronic Institute will be able to meet the needs of several types of vote to be preceded during ICOM 2010 General Assembly and Advisory Committee. Chengdu Electronic Institute will send its representatives to Paris for the June Meetings and be ready to answer questions from the

Working Group of ICOM Shanghai 2010.

6. Preliminary contract with conference company

In the purpose of a professional operation of ICOM 2010, particularly in the logistic perspectives, the Organizing Committee has signed a preliminary contract with Jinjiang Group as the conference service provider. Jinjiang Group is the biggest Chinese comprehensive company in providing service of tourism, conferences, hotels and domestic transportation. With its excellent resources, experience and good service, Jinjiang Group is awarded authentications issued by International Congress & Convention Association (ICCA), Meeting Professionals International (MPI), International Air Transport Association (IATA) and ISO9001:2000. It operated the 2008 Word Translation Conference (more than 2,000 international delegates participated) with great success. Since April 2009, a designated representative from Jinjiang Group has been working closely with the Shanghai office of the Organizing Committee.

7. Preliminary programme and Registration of ICOM 2010

Working together with Jinjiang Group, the Organizing Committee has drafted a Preliminary Programme and Registration Form of ICOM 2010. Some modifications might still be made based on the comments from ICOM Executive Council. As soon as the Preliminary Programme and Registration Form are approved during the June Meetings, they will be put on internet for trial. Hopefully, on-line registration can be available by 1 November 2009 at the latest. The necessity of hard copies of the Registration Form has also been taken into account for ICOM members who have difficulties with internet access. The Organizing Committee will post Registration Forms to all ICOM National Committees, International Committee, Regional Alliances and affiliated Organizations by 1 September 2009.

8. Simultaneous interpretation

ICOM's three official languages are: English, French and Spanish.

A. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided by ICOM Shanghai 2010 in these three languages for the following meetings:

- the Advisory Committee meetings (two sessions)
- the Opening Ceremony
- the General Assembly (two sessions)
- the Sessions on the Conference theme
- the Closing Ceremony of the General Conference
- the Executive Council meeting (two sessions)
- One meeting of Regional Alliance - only ICOM Europe

B. ICOM Shanghai 2010 will scope and seek sponsorship for the Simultaneous translation into English, French and Spanish for:

- ICOM Ethics Committee meetings
- Resolutions Committee meetings

- Strategic Program Committee meetings

The outcomes of this process will be discussed in June 2009.

C. International Committee meetings (if necessary and possible): ICOM Shanghai 2010 will make sure that the costs are met by the respective Committees. If so done, all Committees Chairs have to be informed by June 2009, on the additional costs should they wish to have simultaneous translation during their meetings.

ICOM Shanghai 2010 will assist with interpreter booths and additional channels under Category A, should any of the other participating groups wish to bring their own interpreters. In such cases, there should be a minimum of 50 registered participants and ICOM Shanghai 2010 should be informed by 1 July 2010.

ICOM Shanghai 2010 has contacted the Consulate General of France and Spain in Shanghai, and both replied very positively. They will help us to find interpreters in China or neighboring countries. Generally, we have to pay their traffic, working fee, accommodation and the living expenses in Shanghai.

9. Starting the governmental subsidies application

According to the practice of Chinese governmental fund application and based on the draft conference budget submitted to ICOM Executive Council and ICOM Advisory Committee in June 2008, the Organizing Committee has started preparatory procedures of application for governmental (at state and municipal levels) subsidies. The required documents are to be submitted in late June or early July 2009 when applications for subsidies in 2010 budget year are preceded.

10. Sponsorship

Some companies like Gerlach Art Shipping and Hyatt have contacted us about the conference sponsorship. We will contact them as soon as our policies for the sponsors' benefits have been finalized. Basically, we will categorize our sponsors into different levels and give them due credits. There is a preliminary proposal of it.

11. Miscellaneous

ICOM 2010 Organization Committee's Shanghai Office will have short English training class for the museum leaders in Shanghai area in Sept. 2009 to help them to be able to communicate with foreign colleagues during the ICOM conference. We will have a special training cause for our volunteers next year and invite all the contact persons to Shanghai some time next year to let them get familiar with the conference facilities.

As for the website of ICOM 2010, the JInjiang group is doing the readjustment for us. We have submitted it to ICOM secretary for commends and hopefully it will be formally open with all the four language by June 15.

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