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ACTIVITY REPORT

NAME OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE:
 INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF MUSEUMS OF ETHNOGRAPHY
 (ICME)

I. 2011 ACTIVITIES

1) ANNUAL MEETING	
DATE	OCTOBER 2-5, 2011
LOCATION (CITY AND COUNTRY)	BANZ, GERMANY
HOST INSTITUTION OR ORGANISATION (if applicable)	UNIVERSITY OF BAMBERG
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	
- ICOM	22
- NON-ICOM	20
APPROACHED THEMES	DISSOLVING BOUNDARIES: MUSEOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO NATIONAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ISSUES
PARTICIPATION OF OTHER ICOM COMMITTEES	ICOM GERMANY

OTHER MEETINGS (if applicable)

N/A

2) PUBLICATIONS

TITLE	ICME NEWSLETTER
DATE	ICME News 60, March/April 2011 ICME News 61, July 2011 ICME News 62, December 2011
PUBLISHING LANGUAGE	ENGLISH
ELECTRONIC VERSION	YES: X NO:
NUMBER OF PRINTED COPIES	N/A

3) TRAINING

DATE	N/A
LOCATION (CITY AND COUNTRY)	
HOST INSTITUTION OR ORGANISATION <i>(if applicable)</i>	
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS - ICOM - Non-ICOM	
APPROACHED THEMES	

PARTICIPATION OF OTHER ICOM COMMITTEES	
PROFILE OF THE TRAINERS	

4) RESEARCH ACTIVITIES
NONE

5) ACTIONS ALLOWING AN INCLUSIVE APPROACH
<p>Participation. Participants from seven (7) developing nations attended the ICME annual meeting in Germany. Funding for two of these individuals was provided by fellowships from ICME (see below).</p> <p><i>Category 2</i> Korea, Rep. Russia Croatia Romania</p> <p><i>Category 3</i> Brazil India</p> <p><i>Category 4</i> Kenya</p> <p>ICME Fellows. The International Committee of Museums of Ethnography has established the practice of offering a limited number of fellowships to youth members and members of developing nations to enable them to attend the annual ICME conference. Two fellows were awarded for the ICME/2011/Banz conference, one to a member from Kenya, the other to a youth member from the USA (Sioux).</p>

Reduced Registration Fees. In addition, a reduced conference registration fee was offered to individuals in the above two categories (developing nation and youth member).

6) OTHER ACTIVITIES

ICOMNews. ICME Chair, Annette B. Fromm, was invited to write a synthesis article derived from two papers presented at the ICME/2010/Shanghai conference, which was published in ICOMNews, No. 1, 2011 ("The challenge of coexistence, The contribution of museum ethnographers to the social harmony debate").

7) SYNTHESIS OF THE ACTIVITIES AND OBTAINED RESULTS

Annual Conference. ICME/2011/Banz Monastery met at the Banz Monastery Conference Center. The conference was held in collaboration with ICOM Germany and the University of Bamberg. It was comprised of an opening round table, six (6) paper sessions, an evening of films and a day-long excursion. The round table comprised an invited group of five (5) German museum directors and officials who addressed the topic of the annual conference – Dissolving Boundaries. In the six (6) paper sessions, seventeen (17) scientific papers were presented. The two films shown and the excursion all expanded upon the conference topic. Of the individuals represented for the conference, seventeen (17) countries were represented, including:

Austria	Belgium	Brazil
Croatia	Finland	Germany
India	Italy	Kenya
Korea	Netherlands	Norway
Romania	Russia	Taiwan
UK	USA	

Prior to the conference, a day and a half pre-conference tour of the medieval city of Bamberg was offered. In addition, the customary ICME post-conference tour took participants to boundary cities in east Germany and Poland.

Financial support for the conference and associated activities came from the University of Bamberg, ICOM Germany, the German Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and Media (BKM), and the Silesian Museum of Goerlitz.

Conference papers will be published on ICME website - <http://icme.icom.museum/>; and in a publication in works now;

Conference photos will be published on ICME website;

Conference report were published in ICME newsletter – no. 62, December 2011

Conference notices and the Call for Papers were sent to and appeared in the following web outlets:

Calls for papers and conference notices for ICME/2012/Banz Monastery appeared:

AAMG-L, listserve of the Association of Academic Museums & Galleries

IMA – News,

(info@irishmuseums.org)

ICME newsletter

ICME Website

icme@yahoogroups.com

H-Net Network for Museums and Museum Studies

ICOM-L - icom-l@home.ease.lsoft.com

icom-cc-ethno@yahogroups.com

Museum Anthro blog - chip.c-c@dmns.org

JISCMail Helpline (helpline@jiscmail.ac.uk)

All Conferences.net - jjf@allconferences.com

<http://thearchaeologicalbox.com/en/events>, info@thearchaeologicalbox.com

American Folklore Society, director@afsnet.org

ICOM Namibia

ExpoPromoter Affiliate Network (www.expopromoter.org).

Museodata(www.museodata.com), web portal of Museums, Cultural Heritage, Conservation and Restoration

Other:

Website

The ICME website - <http://icme.icom.museum/> - continues to be the main source of communications with ICME members and others. Work continues to archive programs, proceedings and other materials from previous ICME conferences on the website.

Yahoo group

ICME continues to communicate news and ethnography museum related events via a group facilitated by Yahoo - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/icme/>. This group was founded in 2001 and has nearly 900 members.

WIPO Participation

ICME continues to collaborate with WIPO. In 2011, ICME board members attended two sessions.

Wiki Initiative

At the ICME annual board meeting in Banz, Germany, it was decided that ICME's participation in this project was no longer sustainable. No leadership had emerged from the ICME board, nor from the originator of the project. This decision was communicated to the project originator and the ICOM secretariat.

International Journal of Intangible Heritage

In the capacity of ICME chair, Dr. Annette B. Fromm, continued to serve on to the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Intangible Heritage, published by the National Folk Museum of Korea.

II. 2012 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

1) ANNUAL MEETING	
DATE	12-14 September, 2012 & Post-Conference Tour 15-18 September
LOCATION (CITY AND COUNTRY)	WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA
HOST INSTITUTION OR ORGANISATION <i>(if applicable)</i>	ICOM NAMIBIA, The National Museum of Namibia, National Heritage Council of Namibia, UNESCO and the Museums Association of Namibia
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	
- ICOM	30
- NON-ICOM	20
APPROACHED THEMES	“Commodifying Culture? Cultural Villages and Living Museums”
EXPECTED PARTICIPATION OF OTHER ICOM COMMITTEES	AFRICOM

OTHER MEETINGS *(if applicable)*

<p>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICOM - Non-ICOM 	<p>15 TOTAL</p>
<p>PLANNED THEMES</p>	<p>MUSEUM BEST PRACTICES, COLLECTIONS</p>
<p>EXPECTED PARTICIPATION OF OTHER ICOM COMMITTEES</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>PROFILE OF THE TRAINERS</p>	<p>NOT YET IDENTIFIED</p>

4) PLANNED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

N/A

5) PLANNED ACTIONS ALLOWING AN INCLUSIVE APPROACH

THE ICME BOARD HAS APPROVED THE OFFERING OF SIX (6) ICME FELLOWS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ICME/2012/NAMIBIA CONFERENCE, FOUR (4) OF WHICH WILL BE AWARDED TO AFRICAN MUSEUM ETHNOGRAPHERS.

IN ADDITION, REDUCED REGISTRATION FEES WILL BE OFFERED AGAIN TO MEMBERS ATTENDING FROM DEVELOPING NATIONS AND YOUTH MEMBERS.

6) OTHER PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A THREE-DAY POST CONFERENCE TOUR WILL INTRODUCE PARTICIPANTS TO THE CULTURAL AND NATURAL DIVERSITY OF NAMIBIA. EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED UPON VISITING COMMUNITY-BASED MUSEUMS.