

INTERCOM 2013 Annual General Business meeting

Wednesday 14 August 2013

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

(in conjunction with ICOM 2013 Triennial Meeting)

1. Welcome and introductions

Welcome all INTERCOM members present and ICOM members

Thank Renata Motta for helping us with the organisation of the INTERCOM session set up on the ground.

2. President's Overview Report

Since the last triennial meeting in Shanghai in 2010, INTERCOM has been growing continuously and our annual conferences now have an international reputation of quality. INTERCOM conferences are going from strength to strength and the range of presentations from around the world demonstrates how exchange of experiences and case studies are invaluable to all of us in our work to develop successful museums for the benefit of the public.

For two years running in 2011 (Denmark) and 2012 (Australia), we were successful at securing a grant from the Getty Foundation to provide bursaries to delegates from low income countries who would otherwise have not be able to attend and share their work practice and experience.

INTERCOM has now successfully received grants from Getty four times and was able to provide 39 bursaries in total. Bursaries continue to be a key objective of INTERCOM and we were pleased to be able to offer 2 full bursaries from INTERCOM's funds to attend the conference in Rio this year. (Marina Tsekou, Greece and Maria Sabau, Spain - for her work in Cambodia)

Our website now holds over 120 papers, presentations and case studies that can be easily downloaded. Membership has grown and we now have over 350 members. INTERCOM is now one of the 10 largest international ICOM committees.

Greg - You may want to add some other reflections during your term as chair and how you are hoping INTERCOM to develop

3. Conferences

▪ INTERCOM 2011 – Museum and Politics

67 people attend the conference in Copenhagen, including 9 Getty bursary recipients. This was a successful annual event and a combination of papers, workshops and excursions provided many opportunities for INTERCOM members to network.

Thanks must be made to Ole Winther and Ida Brændholt Lundgaard of the Heritage Agency of Denmark for coordinating the conference. Organising and managing an international conference is a major undertaking so I pass on sincere thanks on behalf of all INTERCOM members and wish them all the best for the week.

The Sixth Stephen Weil Memorial Lecture, in conjunction with the annual conference, was presented on the final day by Ms. Merete Ipsen, Director of The Women's Museum and ICOM board member.

▪ INTERCOM 2012 – #museumchallenges

The conference in Sydney allowed INTERCOM to consider museum challenges in the Pacific Rim and learn how these compare with current museum trends worldwide.

The conference was attended by a total of 90 delegates from 20 countries. Through a combination of keynote speeches, special workshops, excursions and plenty of networking opportunities, participants openly discussed present and future challenges museums are facing regarding their management and leadership. The conference generated intense activity that produced many ideas, initiated projects, and new relationships between institutions and created a place where museum professionals could present, discuss, share, criticize and create new ways to manage their cultural institutions.

INTERCOM was delighted to receive a grant from the Getty Foundation to fund a bursary programme for museums professionals who would otherwise not be able

to attend, to actively take part in the meeting. 9 bursaries were awarded for the conference in Sydney.

Thanks to Maisy Stapelton and Lynda Kelly for putting together this successful event.

4. Other activities

David Fleming gave a presentation at the MATCON conference in Craiova, Romania on INTERCOM - Museums and Politics on 24 August 2011.

5. Website

The website continues to be our key media of communication for the committee and now has over 120 papers, presentations and case studies and other resources available to download (papers since 2001).

6. Membership update

INTERCOM is now in the top 10 of the largest ICOM International Committees. According to statistics published by ICOM at the General Assembly meeting on 9 June 2009, INTERCOM is the 10th largest international committee.

Growth from 2010 to 2012

7. Finance update

In May 2012, INTERCOM moved its bank account to HSBC in order to conform with directions from ICOM. This move has allowed timely and accurate transactions and information is directly available to ICOM should they need to view it.

The Chair and Secretary need to both authorize payments before transactions are finalised.

1) Financial statement for 2012:

See appendix

2) January 2013 to July 2013 (EURO)

Income	
ICOM Subvention 2013 for INTERCOM	€3,398.00
Expenditure	
INTERCOM 2013 Rio – bursary expenses*	
<i>Flight costs</i>	€2,571.04
<i>Accommodation costs</i>	€697.00
Evening of Memorial Lectures – INTERCOM contribution	€400.00
Subtotal	€3,668.04
TOTAL INCOME	€3,398.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	€4,068.04
Bank balance at 31 July 2013:	€26,743.25

* There will be further expenses for INTERCOM bursaries and contributions to expenses spent in August and September 2013

8. Future Plans for INTERCOM

Future meetings and themes

Locations for future meetings

- 2014 Taiwan in collaboration with FIHRM and

We are already in conversation with partners in Taiwan

- 2015 Washington DC, USA

We've had an initial expression of interest through Marsha Semmel and Kathryn

Dwyer, member of the AAM International Committee

- 2016 Milan, Italy (ICOM General Conference)

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- **Proceed to INTERCOM Board Elections (see separate document)**
 - **Invite new President to say a few words**