



Progress Report

ICOM 2010 Organizing Committee
10th June 2009, Paris, France

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 3rd December 2008.
- 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 Executive Council, the proposed theme “Museums and Harmonious Society” was re-evaluated and further developed by Chinese experts with assistance of international scholars.
- As the conclusion of re-evaluation, we intend to change the theme from “Museums and Harmonious Society” to “***Museums for Social Harmony***” for final approval by Executive Council and Advisory Committee.

3. Proposals for keynote speakers

- Considering the geographical, linguistic and gender equality, **6** potential speakers are proposed:
 - *Mr. Alpha Oumar Konaré from Mali*
 - *Ms. Lourdes Arizpe from Mexico*
 - *Mr. Professor Umberto Eco from Italy*
 - *Mr. Amartya Kumar Sen from USA*
 - *Mr. Feng Jikai from China*
 - *Ms. Fan Jinshi from China*
- As soon as the final decision is made by Executive Council and Advisory Committee, the official invitation will be sent out in July 2009.

4. Communication and training of ICOM ICs contact persons

- The Organizing Committee conducted second training workshop from 7 to 17 May 2009. Prof. Amar Galla was invited as guest lecturer. Ms. Alissandra Cummins, President of ICOM communicated with the participants and answered their questions through tele-conferencing.
- By now, communication has been established among **21** ICOM ICs and Chinese contacts, **7** ICOM ICs have not yet responded, no communication was made with **2** ICOM ICs.
- The list of the contact persons was updated in May 2009, it will be available on the ICOM 2010 web.

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

- The Organizing Committee made further investigation of possibilities for electronic voting during ICOM 2010 General Assembly and Advisory Committee. Chengdu Electronic Institute of Chinese Academy of Sciences is proposed as the potential partner.
- From technical point of view, this institute will be able to meet the needs of different types of vote to be preceded during ICOM 2010 General Assembly and Advisory Committee.
- The representatives of the Chengdu Institute is now in Paris to attend the meeting of Working Group of ICOM Shanghai 2010. and ready to answer possible questions.

6. Preliminary contract with conference company

- 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.
- 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.
- Some modifications might still be made based on the comments from Executive Council and Advisory Committee.
- As soon as the Preliminary Programme and Registration Form are approved, they will be put on internet for trial.
- On-line registration will be available by 1 November 2009.
- Hard copies of the Registration Form will be posted by mails to all ICOM NCs, ICs, RAs and AO by 1 September 2009.

8. Simultaneous interpretation

- **A.** Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the three ICOM official languages and Chinese for the following meetings:
 - *Advisory Committee, Executive Council*
 - *Opening & Closing Ceremonies*
 - *General Assembly*
 - *Sessions on the Conference theme*
 - *Meetings of ICOM-Europe*
- **B.** ICOM Shanghai 2010 will scope and seek sponsorship for the simultaneous interpretation for meetings of
 - *ICOM Ethics Committee*
 - *Resolutions Committee*
 - *Strategic Program Committee*

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- **C.** Simultaneous interpretation may also be provided to International Committee meetings (if necessary and possible).
 - *ICOM Shanghai 2010 will assist provided that the costs are met by the respective Committees. If so done, all ICs Chairs will be informed on the additional costs should they wish to have simultaneous translation during their meetings.*
- The Organizing Committee has contacted the Consulate General of France and Spain in Shanghai and both replied very positively. They may help us to find interpreters in China or neighboring countries.

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 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 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.

Thank you