

ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 72st SESSION
Special Meeting of the International Committees
June 10 – 9:00am to 12:30am

Report from the rapporteur

Special meeting of the international committees was held according to the accepted agenda and raised the following questions for recommendations:

1. Most of international work is done by Ics and they need help of ICOM to grow and achieve better results. Development of intra-committee communication is seen as a priority that could strengthen research and promote the work of ICs. We would like to use existing resources to foster that work and suggest that the Secretariat program department gives support to the advocacy role of Ics. On the other hand ICOM should use the expertise of ICs and consult them in relevant matters. A good model of communication is looked for as an ICOM share point
2. We need better communication with NCs and among ICs and as IC have a different model for recruiting members we would like to have an efficient model established to secure greater participation of NCs members in ICs.
3. ICOM was set up to provide a message how to use museum heritage and the place where that message is framed are ICs so it is essential that proper funding of ICs should correspond to the role. ICs do the core of international professional work and active participation is of key importance – being a member means much more than that you have a free access to museums. However this importance of ICs is not reflected in the budget. Therefore we recommend the restoration of the budget for ICs in 2009 and to increase the financing of ICs at a greater rate in the next years;
4. With the help of ICOM Secretariat we suggest finding a good funding policy that should include all kinds of activities performed by ICs. Particularly important is to encourage participation outside North America and Europe which is in line with ICOM s global impact so we ask for a greater support for participation of ICs members at annual conferences – and not only young ones.
5. More transparency is needed in grant giving scheme – the results have to be visibly published on the web. ICs also want to have feed back how ICOM treats the information received in reports and to clarify the role of the Standing Committee for International Committees

6. Our recommendation for developing service policy is to have a meeting of ICs – if possible also with NCs prior to the General Assembly as during the present schedule there is not enough time for exchange, promotion of projects and drafting initiatives
7. We also recommend setting up of a reference point at Secretariat with a clear diagram and guidelines – on the web – indicating to whom we address our requests and in what way.
8. ICs support the idea to have the theme of a General Conference as theme for International Museum Day in 2010 and for 2011 we suggest the theme Museums and Memory
9. The serious question of legal status and bank accounts of ICs has been tackled again and we suggest that acceptable suggestions to solve the problem, should appear. In principle we support the idea of centralized system and are waiting for ICOM to explore possibilities and present options to ICs. We suggest to explore the possibility of having a legal entity formed in Paris that could enable registration of committees in other countries and the possibility to have subaccounts. We suggest that the Executive deals with the problem during the December meeting and we expect some information by the end of January 2010
10. We recommend that a platform for publications should be set up and suggest that UMAC delivers a proposal for the system that could run for several years. ICOM should also develop a model for including ICs on the common web.