



Draft Report on the Peer Jury

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The **Support for the Network Program** was developed to respond to the needs and initiatives of the National and International Committees, plus the Regional Alliances. Previously, the types of projects that were eligible for Special Projects assistance were specifically cited, but with the Strategic Plan and its emphasis on the importance of the network, ICOM decided to make the granting program much more flexible and to let the network itself determine what it thought to be the best projects for its members to undertake.

This included the introduction of a 'peer jury' through which members of the Advisory who make the decisions about support. The funds for this program were increased considerably and three categories were created:

1. **Attendance at the Advisory**
2. **Assistance for the network to implement the Strategic Plan**
3. **Participation of Young ICOM members in network activities**

The Peer Jury for 2009 was very encouraged by the considerable increase in the number of applications over 2008. We were also very encouraged to see the number of collaborations between various committees across the spectrum and by the improvement of the proposals organization and quality.

As we first met in January, it was not possible to evaluate Participation of Young ICOM members in network activities proposals as some I.Cs did not have divulged plans for their annual meeting at that time. This subprogram was evaluated in June, during the Advisory meeting.

The 2009 Programs Attendance at the Advisory, Assistance for the network to implement the Strategic Plan and Participation of Young ICOM members in network activities invested **123,429.26** Euros.

1. Attendance at the Advisory

- 55 countries were called for application for the 2009 Advisory meeting, 20 applied (36.4%). In the following table, the number of invited countries is recorded first, by region of the globe, and then the number of applicants received by the Peer Jury and the percentage according the invitations to applications.

Africa	Arab states	Asia & Pacific	Europe and E Eur.	Latin America
17	3	13	10	11
5	1	3	4	7
29,4%	33,3%	23,1%	40%	63,6%

Total = 32,282.63 Euros

This 2009 Advisory meeting had the participation of further 20 national committees from **all regions of the globe**, funded by this component; we were very fortunate to be able to support all applications, but we should have in mind that this represents only 36,6% out of the total committees called for application (55).

Thirty-five national committees, although invited, did not apply (12 out of 17 African, 2 out of 3 Arab States, 10 out of 13 Asian and Pacific, 6 out of 10 European & Eastern European, and 5 out of 11 Latin American and Caribbean countries). Latin American and Caribbean committees responded more, in average. The picture is different from the 2008 result, and indicates which national committees need ICOM attention, in order to guarantee the fulfillment of the **Strategic Plan**.

2. Assistance for the network to implement the Strategic Plan

- 16 recommended projects, plus funds reserved for web development for 6 more projects **Total = 57,500.00 Euros**

General considerations and recommendations

It was our sense that most of the projects merited support, however in many cases there was missing information that made it difficult to recommend this project.

The following are some practical considerations to bear in mind when developing an application. To assist everyone - both the applicants and the jury - in the future, providing the following information will be essential:

- If you are planning a **workshop or a conference**, how many participants do you expect and where will they come from. If there are invited speakers or experts, who are they and what is their specific expertise and its relevance to the project, even if they are not yet confirmed.
- If the application is for a **publication**, how many copies will you print, how many pages is it, what type of publication – book, brochure, et cetera.
- If you want support for a **data base**, how will you ensure that it can interface with ICOM's data base.
- When identifying **other funders**, please be as specific as possible. Identify the funder and say whether it has been confirmed or not.
- Applications must be **signed by two members** of the Board; one signature is not sufficient.
- If you are **collaborating with another committee**, particularly if they are providing expertise, it is highly recommended that you have a letter of support/intention from this committee.
- As a general principle, it is expected that when members of ICOM are providing **expertise**, their travel costs to your location will be paid but they will not receive a fee.
- As the **cost of publishing** on paper continues to increase, ICOM is favouring electronic forms of publishing wherever possible. Electronic publishing has become much more sophisticated. In addition, it enables distribution throughout the network, at no cost. **Distribution** is a major concern of the jury as it appears too many print publications never reach their full audience.
- If you believe that your publication can only be done in a **traditional format**, please help us to understand why.
- You must ask for a **specific amount** – accounting rules mean that we must respond to a request.

3. Participation of Young ICOM members in network activities

The Peer Jury received 32 applications for participation in International Committees meetings, and none for Regional Alliances meetings. The applications came from 24 national committees and applicants intend to participate in meetings of 18 International Committees.

The Peer Jury followed the explicit criteria made public in ICOM document 2009/SEC.03, guarantying that each National Committee was able to indicate at most two proposals, that all applicants are individual ICOM members, registered in the International Committee which meeting they want to attend, are 40 years old or younger and currently employed full time in a museum. Also, as stated in this document, we gave priority to young members residing in emerging countries.

Applying the criteria to the applications, the Peer Jury recommended support by the Program to 20 young professional members from 16 national committees to attend meetings of 11 International Committees. Most of these countries are considered emerging, but the Peer Jury included members from Portugal, Australia, Ireland and Finland, as the amount allocated to the program enabled the support and to produce a more balanced final list of International Committees.

As a specific recommendation regarding this subprogram we point out the Conference fees claimed from participants. In the case of 2009, a total of 4,886 Euros will be applied in fees by young members, a sum that could support at least two more applicants in the program. Moreover, some of the meetings received support from ICOM in other subprogram. The Peer Jury understands that young professional member's participation in these meeting could be extended beyond their mere attendance and involves the grantees in reasonable activities that help the organization of the meetings, giving them special responsibilities and helping them to learn how to organize meetings.

The list of young professional member's countries supported in 2009 (followed by the number of grantees per country) is : Armenia (2), Australia (1), Brazil (2), Chile (1), China (2), Colombia (1), Czech Republic (2), Finland (1), Georgia (1), Ireland (1), Kenya (1), Lesotho (1), Nigeria (1), Portugal (1), Slovenia (1), and Sri Lanka (1).

The following International Committees will receive grantees from this program (followed by the number of grantees): CECA (6), CIDOC (1), CIMCIM (1), COSTUME (1), DEMHIST (1), GLASS (1), ICEE (2), ICR (2), MPR (2), NATHIST (1) and UMAC (2).

The 2009 Participation of Young ICOM members in network activities invested **33,646.63** Euros.