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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES' ACTIVITY REPORT 2015/2016

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I PROGRAMMES 2015

ANNUAL CONFERENCE(S), TRAINING, WORKSHOP(S)	
Date	Annual Conference November 7–10, 2015
Location (city and country)	Munich, Germany and Flossenbuerg, Germany
HOST INSTITUTION(S) OR ORGANISATION(S) (if applicable)	Jewish Museum Munich and Flossenbuerg Memorial Site
Title and Themes	Form–Architecture–Memory
Number of Participants – ICOM – Non–ICOM	64 45 19
NUMBER OF – KEYNOTE SPEAKERS – PRESENTATIONS – MODERATORS	1 16 5

OUTCOMES	PUBLICATION OF PAPERS Seven of the presentations and PowerPoints from our November 2015 Conference are now available on the ICMEMO website, allowing for greater impact and reach of the research and work of our expert members. Seven more papers will be published once reviewed. Additionally, Conference photographs have been uploaded, including some of the tours organized alongside the lectures. We are working with the Holocaust Memorial Center in Detroit to prepare a video of Dr. Guy Stern, Holocaust refugee and German scholar, whose remarks about the new Munich Nazi Documentation Center were read at the conference though he could not be in attendance. The edited version with a 15-minute response from participants will be available on the Museum website with a link from the ICMEMO site in the coming months. MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH, DIVERSITY AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS The 2015 ICMEMO Conference in Munich marked a great transition for the Committee. In the process of planning for the program, our secretary, Markus Moors, reached out to dozens of institutions and individuals worldwide to encourage participation and membership. This resulted in direct interest in membership. We experienced additional geographic participation at the Conference. Over 20 countries were represented. The outreach will likely result in participation by new members in Milan. At least one of the non-member speakers, Dr. Erik Somers, Historian and Advisor specialized in World War II Memorial Museums, has applied for ICOM membership and is awaiting approval. The keynote speaker, Phil Peterson, an architect in Switzerland specializing in memorials, has also expressed an interest in applying for institutional membership. The diversity of the group enriched the conversation in Munich immensely. This year there were a number of presentations from formerly communist countries and from Latin America. Additionally, a number of young professionals joined the group. Carla Prat of Mexico and Varsik Sargsyan of Armenia applied for Young Professional Grants nex

RESEARCH AND/OR EXPERTISE

IN MAY 2015 KAREN FRANKLIN REPRESENTED ICMEMO AT A CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY THE ORGANIZATION EUROPEAN REMEMBRANCE AND SOLIDARITY. SHE SPOKE ON "HOLOCAUST MEMORIALS AND MEMORY IN A DEMOCRACY".

MANY OF OUR MEMBERS ARE EXPERTS WHO EXCEL IN THEIR FIELD. WE HAVE INAUGURATED A SECTION ON THE WEBSITE TO PUBLISH FINDINGS AND PAPERS. AT PRESENT, WE HAVE INCLUDED A PRESENTATION BY DR THOMAS LUTZ IN NEW YORK FROM 2014 AND PAPERS FROM THE 2015 ICMEMO MEETING. WE ARE ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO SEND IN RELATED PAPERS FOR PUBLICATION.

II COMMUNICATION 2015

WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA, NEWSLETTER	
	WEB SITE: <u>http://network.icom.museum/icmemo/</u>
	PUBLICATIONS: CONFERENCE SESSIONS FROM MUNICH 2015
	Publication: Memoria
WEB ADDRESS OR TITLE (if applicable)	ICMEMO, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF NINON SORDI OF ICOM, ESTABLISHED A TWITTER FEED FOR THE 2015 CONFERENCE IN MUNICH, HASHTAGE #ICMEMO15. LIVE TWEETING ABOUT THE MEETING WAS COORDINATED BY ICMEMO VICE-CHAIR IRATXE MOMIOTIO. WE TWEETED COMMENTS AND PHOTOS FROM VARIOUS SITES, INCLUDING COMMEMORATIVE KRISTALLNACHT MEMORIAL EVENTS IN MUNICH AND 'MUENCHEN IS BUNT' (MUNICH IS COLORFUL" (DIVERSE) WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ICMEMO DURING ITS CONFERENCE AT THE JEWISH MUSEUM OF MUNICH. HTTP://NETWORK.ICOM.MUSEUM/ICMEMO/ALBUM/MUNICHFLOSSEN BUERG-2015/
	MEMORIA: ANO 2. NO. 3 ENERO 2015
DATE (if applicable)	2016 Membership Brochure: November 2015

	Memoria: Spanish
Publishing Language (s)	Conference Sessions: English
	2016 Membership Brochure: English, German, Spanish, French
	Memoria: 2 pages
Number of Pages or Issues	Conference Sessions: Seven (and more to come)

PUBLICATION(S)	
TITLE	 Deconstructing the museum's task of representing and advocating for memory and Human Rights. Developing social change through activism Carla Prat + Presentation The "Mémorial des Milles" in Aix-en- Provence - An Experiment of Reflection - Max Polonovski + Presentation The Didactic Potential of Historic Locations of Nazi History in Nuremberg- Florian Dierl Der Prozess der Commemoration in der Stadt Wolgograd in sowjetischer und postsowjetischer Zeit - Alexander Tsygankov + Presentation WOMEN PRISON OF LES CORTS FUTURE MEMORIAL - Núria Ricart Turning Sites of Massive Repressions to Memorials - Olga Cherkaeva World War II in Museums, Memory and Representation - Dr. Erik Somers + Presentation
Date	
Publishing Language (s)	English and German
ISBN(s)	
Electronic Version	Yes: X No:

III NETWORKING 2015

COLLABORATION WITH ICOM AND OTHER COMMITTEES OR ORGANISATIONS	
	ICOMAM
Name(s) of Committees or Organisations	EUROM THE EUROPEAN OBSERVATORY ON MEMORIES
	UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM AND L'INSTITUT DES SCIENCES SOCIALES DU POLITIQUE
	ICOM GERMANY
	ICOMAM: ICMEMO AND ICOMAM ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PLANNING A FULL DAY OF JOINT PROGRAMMING FOR TUESDAY, JULY 5 AT THE ICOM MILAN CONFERENCE.
Form of Collaboration	EUROM: THE EUROPEAN OBSERVATORY ON MEMORIES, AN INSTITUTION SPONSORED BY THE E.U. AND THE UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA "TO ANALYZE AND SHARE DIFFERENT MEMORIAL EXPERIENCES AMONG UNIVERSITIES, MEMORIAL ORGANIZATIONS, MUSEUMS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS." COORDINATION OF MILAN CONFERENCE.
	UNIVERSITY OF EXETER AND L'INSTITUT DES SCIENCES SOCIALES DU POLITIQUE: JOINT CONFERENCE IN MILAN AND PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECT.
	ICOM GERMANY DR. MICHAEL HENKER AND ICOM GERMANY WERE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF OUR MUNICH MEETING. DR. HENKER OPENED THE MEETING WITH EXTENSIVE COMMENTS ABOUT THE HISTORY OF MEMORIALS IN GERMANY.

GRANTS	
Number of Grants for Young Members	One Young members grant by ICOM to Kateryna chuyeva of Ukraine.
	Travel Grant for Conference Speakers Varsik Sargsyan of Armenia (Cat.3)
Total Sum of Grants (in €)	Four travel Grants from ICMEMO for Conference Speakers from Armenia, Mexico and 2 from Russia, $(4x \in 300)$ plus 5 grants from EUROM at an additional 6.000 \in included Romania, Spain and Lithuania.

IV GOVERNANCE 2015

MEMBERSHIP	
Number of Members	145 listed
Increase/Decrease	15 Increase

Analysis of Diversity or Activities in favour of Diversity	OUR BOARD HAS BEEN EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN RECRUITING MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THIS TWO YEAR PERIOD. WE CREATED A PROFESSIONAL ICMEMO/ICOM BROCHURE WHICH EACH BOARD MEMBER INDIVIDUALLY PRINTS AND DISTRIBUTES IN CONFERENCES AND TO COLLEAGUES WORLD OVER. OUR 2014 MEMBERSHIP WAS APPROXIMATELY 100, AND IN 2015, IT INCREASED TO 132 PAID MEMBERS, (POTENTIALLY 159 INCLUDING THE NOT YET PAID ACCORDING TO THE ICOM MEMBERSHIP LIST). THIS REFLECTS THE LARGEST % OF GROWTH IN ALL ICOM INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES. THE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY NOW INDICATES 145 INDIVIDUAL AND INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS OF ICMEMO. HOWEVER, WE HAVE FOUND THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS LISTED IN THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY IS SMALLER THAN THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE ADJUSTED TOTAL WILL REFLECT WELL OVER 150 MEMBERS, A MORE THAN 50% INCREASE IN THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD. IN PAST YEARS OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPEAKERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY THE OUR ICMEMO PROGRAM COMMITTEE. THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR THAT A CALL FOR PAPERS WAS SENT OUT, AND IT RESULTED IN SUBMISSIONS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. ACCEPTANCE AND PARTIAL SUPPORT FOR SPEAKERS ENABLED PARTICIPANTS FROM 18 COUNTRIES TO ATTEND, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM JAPAN, ECUADOR, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, UKRAINE, RUSSIA, ROMANIA, LITHUANIA, SPAIN, ITALY, GERMANY, FRANCE, BELGIUM, SWITZERLAND AUSTRIA, THE NETHERLANDS, ISRAEL, AND ARMENIA. IN 2016, TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL CENTER AROUND THE CONFERENCE THEME "MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPES BUILDING UP A CULTURAL HERITAGE". THEY ENCOMPASS LATIN AMERICAN AND EASTERN EUROPEAN DICTATORSHIPS, DARK TOURISM WORLDWIDE, AND A FOCUS ON MEMORIALS IN ITALY. WE HAVE STARTED WHAT WILL BE AN ONGOING SEARCH FOR A LONG LASTING PARTNERSHIP WITH HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUMS WORLDWIDE.
	IN NOVEMBER THE ICMEMO BOARD APPROVED CINCINNATI, OHIO AS THE SITE FOR OUR 2017 ANNUAL MEETING. THIS ADVANCE TIME ALLOWS PLANNING TO TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO THE MILAN MEETING AND STRENGTHENS THE OPPORTUNITY TO INVOLVE AMERICAN PARTNERS, ENGENDER INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM AND REACH OUT TO POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS A FULL YEAR PRIOR TO THE MEETING – FAR BETTER PLANNING THAN HAD BEEN DONE PREVIOUSLY.

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I PROGRAMME PROJECTS 2016

ANNUAL CONFERENCE(S), TRAINING, WORKSHOP(S)	
Date	July 3–9
Location (city and country)	Milan, Italy
HOST INSTITUTION(S) OR ORGANISATION(S) (if applicable)	THE COOPERATION WITH LOCAL INSTITUTIONS IS BEING COORDINATED BY HOST CHAIR JORDI GUIXE, AND CONFERENCE CHAIRS OPHELIA LEON AND DANIEL DRATWA. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST IN PROGRESS: COLLABORATIONS: Fondazzione excampo Fossoli: Museo di Carpi and Fossoli Camp. Istoreto: Istituto Storico of Torino. Istituto Storico Grosseto: Partner and contents. Istituto Storico de Modena: Partner and contents. Stituto Storico de Modena: Partner and contents. Comune di Predappio : Partner. Trieste, Risiera di San Saba. Visits and host. UNIVERSITY PARTNERS: Sapienza di Roma : Dr. Alessandro Portelli. Universitá di Siena : Dr. Marcello Flores. Universitá di Bologna : Dra. Ilaria Porcciani and Patriccia Dogliani Universitá de Barcelona : Dr. Ricard Vinyes Universitá de Trieste : Dra. Marta Verginelli Universitá di Milano: Dr. Ranzato? Universitá di Modena: Dr. Lorenzo Bertucelli
Title and Themes	 Reproducibility of the Memorial Heritage, Challenges and debates Dark Tourism South American Dictatorships
Number of Participants – ICOM – Non–ICOM	75 125
NUMBER OF – KEYNOTE SPEAKERS – PRESENTATIONS –	2 25

Outcomes	INCREASE VISIBILITY OF ICMEMO/ICOM
	DEVELOP COOPERATION WITH OTHER ICOM COMMITTEES TO SHARE ICMEMO EXPERTISE AND LEARN FROM COLLEAGUES IN RELATED DISCIPLINES.
	Develop American outreach in anticipation of Cooperation to begin work on October, 2017 conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. Host institutions include the Underground Railroad Freedom Center, American Jewish Archives, and The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education.

RESEARCH AND/OR EXPERTISE

ICMEMO WILL BE WORKING WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER AND L'INSTITUT DES SCIENCES Sociales du Politique on research activities to analyze the mutual influences between heritage, criminal justice and historiography when dealing with state crimes. A project outcome is to improve policy-making in the field of memorialization. Following the cooperation among the institutions at the Milan conference, ICMEMO representatives will be invited to European Planning Committee meetings for continuing research projects.

Also resulting from attending the Brescia Conference was meeting with Architect Alberico Barbiano di Belgiojoso of lauded Studio BBPR responsible for Fossoli Camp Museum, Memorial at Mauthausen, Castle Pio di Carpi, Italian Memorial at Auschwitz and Ravensbrück... Di Belgiojoso will be collaborating as a speaker and joining ICMEMO as a new member.

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DATE (if applicable)	ONGOING
Publishing Language(s)	Papers in English. and German. Brochures in English/Spanish/French and German
Number of Pages or Issues	variation of lengths

PUBLICATION(S)		
Title	Work in progress. http://network.icom.museum/icmemo/documents/papers/	
Date	2016 ongoing	
Publishing Language (s)	English/German/Russian	
ISBN(s)		
Electronic Version	Yes: X No:	
NUMBER OF PRINTED COPIES	2000 brochures to be printed for Milan 2016 booth	

III NETWORKING PROJECTS 2016

COLLABORATION WITH ICOM AND OTHER COMMITTEES OR ORGANISATIONS

	Same as above
Name(s) of Committees o Organisations	European Observatory on Memories University of Exeter and and L'Institut des Sciences Sociales du Politique
	ICOMAM
	Please also see Networking & Collaboration 2015 for a continuation and Development of these projects. Please also see Collaborations in I Programme Projects 2016 Two board members will continue their activities to reach
Form of Collaboration	OUT TO HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUMS AND MUSEUM ORGANIZATIONS TO IDENTIFY PROJECTS FOR COLLABORATION AND POSSIBLE CONFERENCE COOPERATION. OPHELIA LEON ATTENDED THE BRESCIA CONFERENCE, MET WITH ITALIAN PARTNERS AND WITH ICOMAM PRESIDENT EVA– SOFI ERNSTELL, IN PREPARATION FOR THE MILAN JOINT DAYS. OPHELIA ALSO ATTENDED THE UIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN REPRESENTATION OF ICMEMO, WITH OVER 200 WORLDWIDE DELEGATES. ALSO, JULIE HIGASHI HAS BEGUN CONTACTING MUSEUMS IDENTIFIED BY ICOM AS HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUMS AND INSTITUTIONS AFFILIATED TO ICOM. WE ARE AIMING TO DIRECTLY CONTACT DAVID FLEMING, FOUNDER OF THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUMS.
Results	The short term results are in the progress of programming the Milan meeting. Long-term outcomes of the cooperation among various organizations will undoubtedly enrich ICMEMO/ICOM, augment its reach, further its research capacities, increase its publications, enlarge its membership base and create further opportunities for the benefit of all members, existing and to come.

Grants			
NUMBER OF GRANTS FOR YOUNG MEMBERS	Two individuals have applied for Young Professional Grants: Carla Pratt from Mexico and Varsik Sargsyan from Armenia. We have not yet received the ICOM decisions with regard to their applications.		
Number of Grants for Members Cat.3 and 4	1 Category 3		
Total Sum of Grants (in €)	Request for 3060 in total		