

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

FOR UNIVERSITY MUSEUMS AND COLLECTIONS

REPORT 2003 - 04

1. Composition of the Committee (Board)

Chair: Peter Stanbury, Macquarie University, Australia (Peter.stanbury@mq.edu.au)

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Members: Dominique Ferriot, France; Kati Heinamies, Finland; Lyndel King, USA; Ing-Marie Munktell, Sweden; Tonnette Peñares, Philippines; Fausto Pugnali, Italy; Ewen Smith, UK; Peter Tirrell, USA; Pasquale Tucci, Italy and all Chairs of Working Groups (when not already a member of the Board)

Number of voting Members: 116

Working Groups: UMAC has six working groups.

Group A – Directories

The aim for 2003–4 was to combine UMAC's original university museum data base with a new one devised at Humbolt University and to collect information about other existing directories, catalogues and inventories. The idea is to accumulate basic information about university museums in many countries and present the results on the UMAC website (see also the working group Publications)

Chair: Cornelia Weber (weber@mathematik.hu-berlin.de), in collaboration with Marta Lourenco (martal@fc.ul.pt)

Members: Odette Balandraud, France; Ian Carradice, Scotland; Mauricio da Silva, Brazil; Steven de Clercq, Netherlands; James Edmonson, USA; Joshua M. Gorman, USA; Françoise Le Guet Tully, France; Greg Liggett, USA; Fausto Pugnali, Italy; Simili Rafaella, Italy; Andrew Simpson, Australia; Pasquale Tucci, Italy; Robin Walsh, Australia

Report 2003-2004: At UMAC's conference in Oklahoma Cornelia Weber and Marta Lourenço presented a proposal for a new *UMAC Worldwide Database for University Museums and Collections*. After Oklahoma the functioning of the data base was developed with the help of the members of the Working Group. When the data base was ready data from the original "Macquarie Database" was inserted and many other records added, including those of 90 Korean university museums.

The new database is now fully operational and can be reached through the UMAC website: <http://www.icom.museum/umac>. The database presently has 1,898 records encompassing museums and collections from 43 countries or territories: Africa 8, America 360, Asia 197, Australasia 323, Europe, 1010.

Anyone in the world can contribute to the database at any time of the day or night. This "contribution" function enables museum professionals, scientists, and scholars throughout the world to enter data without formal login procedures. So far we have received 52 contributions in this way, mostly from the United States of America, but also from Australia, Austria, Denmark, Estonia, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Russia, Slovenia, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

In early May the database was publicised. This publicity resulted in a significant increase in the number of hits:

- before May 3, 2004: about 100 hits per week
- week after May 3, 2004: 2600 hits
- from May 10 on: between 900 and 1200 hits per week

Cornelia Weber presented papers about the data base at the XXIII Scientific Instrument Symposium (International Union of the History and Philosophy of Science, Division of History of Science, Scientific Instrument Commission), September 2004 and at Uppsala University, Museum Gustavianum, Sweden, May 2004.

Aims 2004-2007 (subject to discussion in Korea):

The aim is to expand the database in the number of records it contains and in its ability to describe the objects more fully. It is hoped that the data base will serve as a means of characterising university museums and collections. To do this the intention is to further develop the database system itself and to enhance its web-based interface so it evolves into a well used, shared and maintained global virtual project.

This will require a search for funds because this development is best done by experts working intensively on the project for a specified time.

Group B - Ethics and Disposal

Aim: to have input into the ongoing revision of Statutes and Code of Ethics being conducted by ICOM, particularly (but not only) in those areas identified as being especially prevalent in, and relevant to, university museums and collections; and to produce guidelines on matters concerning university museums and collections after reviewing the relevant policies of different institutions.

Chair: Aldona Jonaitis ffaj@uaf.edu in collaboration with Marta Lourenco (martal@fc.ul.pt and Steven de Clercq (s.w.g.declercq@museum.uu.nl)

Members: Cynthia Bettison, USA; Steven de Clercq, Netherlands; Rhonda Davis, Australia; Dominique Ferriot, France; Joshua Gorman, USA; Sue Grosball, USA; Bonnie Kelm, USA; Lyndel King, USA; Nick Merriman, UK; Barbara Rothermel, USA; Sally Shelton, USA; Ewen Smith, UK; Dominick Vershelde, Belgium

Report 2003–4 This group had input into ICOM's revision of its Code of Ethics through Geoffrey Lewis; it contributed to ICOM's definition of Museum through Gary Edson and published a guideline concerning university museum collections on UMAC's website: University Museums & Collections: Importance, Responsibility, Maintenance, Disposal & Closure.

Aims 2004-2007 (subject to discussion in Korea):

To discuss and publish further guidelines.

Group C – Staffing.

Function: This group has in the past compiled staffing data from Australia and Europe. but the immediate utility of such data was overshadowed by the labour of further compilation. A synopsis of the results is on the UMAC website. The group will seek possible hosts and interested parties for staff and student exchanges between museums (both university and other types of museums). Funding will be sought.

Chair: Ing-Marie Munktel Ing-Mmarie.Munktel@Gustavianum.uu.se

Members: Isidro Abano, Philippines; Kati Heinamies, Finland; Ofra Keinan, Israel; Susan Moldenhauer, US; Mauricio Silva, Brazil; Peter Tirrell, USA; Bernard Van den Driessche, Belgium; Karl Van Dyke, Australia

Report 2003-2004: Members have collected information from their countries which will be compiled and discussed in Seoul. ICOM Australia is planning to establish an

international museum exchange program with Europe and near neighbours in the Pacific region. In Europe the "Erasmus program" can be used for some exchanges and Council of Europe are planning a major survey covering all European universities concerning training programmes and cooperation between university museums and heritage management staff.

Aims 2004-2007 (subject to discussion in Korea):

Aims include: to reconstruct the Group discussing how to work more effectively; to investigate and publicise the Australian Exchange and other programs; to use the collected data for a "pilot exchange-program" and to discuss how to raise standards of professionalism among university museums and collections staff using ICOM Curricula Guidelines for Museum Professional Development. Accreditation and Recognition are also subjects for consideration by the Group

Group D - UMAC Conferences

Function: To coordinate UMAC conferences and to formulate conference guidelines

The following UMAC conference venues have been approved:

2004: Seoul, Korea: within the ICOM General Conference 2 – 8 October (UMAC 4-7 October). Theme: *Museums and Intangible Heritage*.

2005: Uppsala, Sweden: end of September. Theme: to be announced

2006: Singapore

2007: Vienna within the ICOM General Conference

2008: Fairbanks, Alaska

2009: Lisbon, Portugal

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Members: Steven de Clercq, Netherlands; Peny Theologi-Gouti, Greece; Bong Kang, Korea; Chung Kyu Lee, Korea; Angeles Moreno, Spain; Ing-Marie Munktell, Sweden; Valda Rigg, Australia; Ewen Smith, UK; Peter Stanbury, Australia; Peter Tirrell, USA; Sue-Anne Wallace, Australia

Report 2003-4: Income and expenditure for the 2003 UMAC Conference in Oklahoma are presented in the Treasurers Report. Including the printing of the Proceedings (with the help grants from ICOM and the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History) the figures essentially balanced leaving neither a deficit nor a profit thanks to Peter Tirrell and his colleagues' careful stewardship. Members have assisted the host nation (Korea) to organise and publicise the 2004 UMAC conference. Draft UMAC conference guidelines were circulated at the 2003 meeting and UMAC members were invited to comment or make suggestions; the guidelines are now on the web and offered for confirmation at the meeting in Korea.

2004 Conference

UMAC is grateful to our Korean hosts for their splendid organisation of this conference, in particular to Professors Kidong Bae, Chung-Kyu Lee and Youngna Kim and their team of helpers. Peter Stanbury wishes to place on record here his thanks for hospitality received during a three day visit to Korea in July.

2005 Conference

Next year's UMAC conference will be hosted by Museum Gustavianum at Uppsala University in Sweden. It will start on 24 September and run to 2 October. The theme and other details will be announced by the local host, Ing Marie Munktell, during the 2004 UMAC AGM and soon after a website will be established. The tentative program is:

Day 1: UMAC Board meeting, registration

Day 2: Keynote and other speakers; museum visits

Day 3: Papers and posters; working groups, ship to Skokloster Castle

Day 4: Papers, bus to Stockholm

Day 5: Papers, visits & Gala banquet at Uppsala Castle

Day 6: Bus to Stockholm, visits, Sailing for Helsinki

Day 7: University museum in Helsinki, visits, back to Stockholm.

Later Conferences

2006: Singapore (to be confirmed due to change of personnel)

2007: Vienna within the ICOM General Conference

2008: Fairbanks, Alaska

2009: Lisbon, Portugal

Group E - Recognition for University Collections within Tertiary Institutions and Governments.

Function: This group works towards increasing the profile of university museums and collections in academic and political spheres

Chair: Rafaella Simili simili@philo.unibo.it

Members: Janine Andrews, USA; Axel Chrisophersen, Steven de Clercq, Netherlands; Hugues Dreyse, France; Norway; Karin Hagen, Norway; Kati Heinamies, Finland; Ofra Keinan, Israel; Michelle Loneux, Belgium; Marta Lourenco, Portugal; Judith Schiebout, USA; Geir Soli, Felix Sperling, USA; Peter Tirrell, USA; Norway; Bernard Van den Driessche, Belgium; Dominick Verschelde, Belgium

Report 2003-4: The group discussed inviting university Presidents (Rectors, Vice-Chancellors) to the next UMAC conference giving priority to those universities with UMAC members. In the event the time frame was too short for many Presidents to Korea, but a Korean President has accepted UMAC's invitation and will be addressing the Conference. The Group listed on the UMAC website UMAC members by country, university (or institution) and museum, including the other museums at specific universities.

Aims 2004-2007 (subject to discussions in Korea); As above and members will discuss the implementation of simple, achievable strategies to bring university museums to the favourable attention of politicians of all ranks.

Group F – Publications

Function: This group was established in 2003 to work in close cooperation with the Directories group to improve the structure and to further develop UMAC's website, which will be given an entirely new structure. The Publications group undertakes the task of selecting, editing and printing the double blind refereed Conference Proceedings, and other publications deemed to be in the interest of UMAC and the university museums' community. Since its inception UMAC has published the unedited conference papers on its website within two months.

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Conference Proceedings Chair: Peter Tirrell pbtirrell@ou.edu

Members: Steven de Clercq, Netherlands; Joshua Gorman, USA; Lyndel King, USA; Greg Liggett, USA; Carol Mayer, Canada; Ing-Marie Munktel, Sweden; Andrew Simpson, Australia; Ted Snell, Australia; Peter Tirrell, USA; Sue-Anne Wallace, Australia; Robin Walsh, Australia; Cornelia Weber, Germany

Proceedings Editorial Committee: Steven de Clercq, Netherlands; Lyndel King, USA; Marta Lourenco, Portugal; Carol Mayer, Canada; Ing-Marie Munktel, Sweden; Andrew Simpson, Australia; Peny Theologi-Gouti, Greece; Sue-Anne Wallace, Australia

Report 2003-4: The Group has, with the Directories Group, brought the new website into being. The UMAC 2003 Conference publication has been printed. A UMAC Newsletter has been distributed semi-monthly to an e-mail list of around 400.

Aims for 2004-7(subject to discussion in Korea): The website will be improved; photographs of the Committee will be added to the website in the near future. Conference publications and other new publications will be produced. The Newsletter will be upgraded and shall be the specific responsibility of an elected Board member.

2. Activities since Inception

2001: International Conference jointly with ICOM Triennial Conference “Intensifying Support For and Increasing Audiences in University Museums and Collections”, 2-4 July 2001, Barcelona, Spain.

Number of participants: 40 people with 20 contributions.

Origin of participants: Australia, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Philippines, Portugal, Sweden, UK, USA

The proceedings were published in “Museologia” Vol.2 Nos. 1-2 (2002), published by Museo de Ciencia da Universidade de Lisboa.

2002: International Conference: “Exposing and Exploiting the Distinct Character of University Museums and Collections”, 29 September - 4 October 2002 in Sydney and Canberra, Australia, hosted by Macquarie University, University of Sydney and Australian National University with 25 contributions, 8 posters and two round table discussions.

Number of participants: 53 delegates with 25 papers and 10 posters presented, 3 forums / round table discussions, 5 university campuses visited, 3 Vice-Chancellors or Rectors welcomed delegates, 2 National museums and 15 university museums visited, Attendances included the Vice-President of ICOM (Bernice Murphy, who was one of the leaders of a round table discussion), the President of Museums Australia (Carol Scott) and Moses Havini, Overseas Representative for the Bougainville Autonomous Government.

Origin of participants: Australia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Singapore, Sweden, UK, USA

The proceedings were published in “Museologia” Vol.3 Nos. 1-2 (2003), published by Museo de Ciencia da Universidade de Lisboa

2003 International Conference “Engaging the Community”. 21 - 26 September 2003 in Oklahoma, USA, hosted by Sam Noble Oklahoma University Museum of Natural History, with 25 contributions, 8 posters and two round table discussions.

Number of participants: 55 delegates with around 30 short papers of high standard.

Origin of participants: Australia, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, UK, USA

The proceedings were published by Sam Noble Oklahoma University Museum of Natural History.

Exchange programs with other National, International Committees or ICOM Members

2002: Collaboration with ICOM Australia for organizing 2002 Conference

2003: Collaboration with ICOM USA for organizing 2003 Conference
Collaboration with CIDOC for developing the “UMAC Guidelines for organizing Conferences”.

2004: Collaboration with ICOM Korea and CAUM (Korean Association of University Museums) for organizing 2004 Conference

3. Publications

2000: University Museums I & II in “Museum International” vols. 206 and 207, April and September, 2000

2001: Proceedings of the International Seminar, Managing University Museums, organized by OECD, Paris, September, 2000, published by OECD, 2001, ISBN 92-64-19524-6.

2002: Proceedings of the International Conference jointly with ICOM Triennial Conference, Intensifying Support For and Increasing Audiences in University Museums and Collections, 2-4 July 2001, Barcelona, Spain, published in "Museologia" Vol.2 Nos. 1-2 (2002), by Museo de Ciencia da Universidade de Lisboa, ISSN0874-8055.

2003: Proceedings of the International Conference Exposing and Exploiting the Distinct Character of University Museums and Collections, 29 September - 4 October 2002 in Sydney and Canberra, Australia, published in "Museologia" Vol.3 Nos. 1-2 (2003), by Museo de Ciencia da Universidade de Lisboa, ISSN 0874 8055.

2004: The Proceedings of the International Conference, Engaging the Community, 21 - 26 September 2003 in Oklahoma, USA, published by Sam Noble Oklahoma University Museum of Natural History, ISSN 0874 8055

ICOM Study Series 11 - University Museums and Collections, published by ICOM, Paris, 2003, ISBN 92-9012-054-2

UMAC Website, www.icom.museum/umac

4. Draft proposal for UMAC/ICOM activities (2004-2007)

(subject to discussions in Korea)

Membership and contacts

The regular contact with members and people wishing to be informed about UMAC's activities will continue by electronic means. Increasing membership will be one of the core duties of the new Board, hoping that the voting membership will reach over 250 in 2007

Publications

UMAC intends to continue publishing including the proceedings of the 2004 Conference

Core Activities

The core activities of UMAC will be

- Communication with members
- Raising the profile of university museums
- The actions of its Working Groups
- Responses to urgent matters, which are referred to UMAC by ICOM or other significant organisations concerned with museums.