

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

FOR UNIVERSITY MUSEUMS AND COLLECTIONS (UMAC)

REPORT 2005 – 06

1. Composition of the Committee

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Aldona Jonaitis, University of Alaska Fairbanks, USA (ffaj@uaf.edu) (former Chair WG "Ethics". since October 2005 co-opted to the Board)

Marta Lourenço, University of Lisbon, Portugal (mclourenco@fc.ul.pt)

Peter Tirrell, University of Oklahoma, USA (pbtirrell@ou.edu)

Aims 2004-2007

To:

- consolidate UMAC's constitutional objectives both internally and externally
- consolidate UMAC's recognition as the global organisation for university collections
- engage members to consolidate UMAC's internal strength
- stress the distinct nature of university heritage and increase their recognition

Report 2005-06 by the Chair

1. Mailinglists

Extension of the mailinglist "umac.newsletter" for newsletters and other information of general interest

As at 31.08.06: 512 subscriber

2. Website

Redesign and further development of the UMAC Web: <http://umac.icom.museum>

1. Creation of a new design

2. Implementation of a Newsblog to publish information related to university museums and collections (news about conferences, publications, professional issues and other matters).
3. Development of a logo

Number of hits from October 05 to August 06: 27,672 (page impressions, cleaned of search engine & spam robots)

3. Newsletter

Publication of two Newsletters in January and July 2006, edited by Lyndel King; please see: <http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/umac/newsletters.html>

4. Leaflet

Production of a brochure about UMAC in cooperation with the Working Group "Publications" in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Russian and German (Download: <http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/umac/whatisumac.html>).

The leaflet has been printed with the support of ICOM.

5. Conferences

- 2006 Conference

New Roads for University Museums

25 – 29 September 2006, Mexico City, Mexico (<http://www.cimu.unam.mx/index.htm>)

The 2006 conference was hosted by Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) and organized by Graciela de la Torre (UNAM, Visual Arts Direction), Gabriela Fong (UNAM, Visual Arts Direction), Gerardo Estrada (UNAM, Cultural Promotion Office), and Silvia Singer (ICOM Mexico)

Local Academic Committee: Miguel Angel Fernández Felix, Montserrat Gali, Nestor García Canclini, Selma Holo, Karen Cordero, Luis Gerardo Morales, Héctor Rivero Borrell, Julia Tagüeña

UMAC Scientific Committee: Steven de Clercq, Netherlands; Lyndel King, USA; Monika Knofler, Austria; Ing-Marie Munktell, Sweden; Peter Stanbury, Australia; Silvia Singer, México; Graciela de la Torre, México; Cornelia Weber, Germany.

Review Committee: Marta Lourenço, Portugal (Chair); Ana Carneiro, Portugal; Steven de Clercq, Netherlands; Aldona Jonaitis, USA; Zenobia Kozak, Scotland; Greg Liggett, USA; Carol E. Mayer, Canada; Luis Gerardo Morales Moreno, México; Ing-Marie Munktell, Sweden; Andrew Simpson, Australia; Peter Stanbury, Australia; Julia Tagüeña, Mexico; Peter B. Tirrell, USA

Summary: The conference was a great success with 200 participants from 25 countries, 45 papers, reports, and poster presentation.

- 2007 Conference

Museums and Universal Heritage

19 - 24 August 2007, Vienna, Austria, within the ICOM General Conference

<http://www.icom-oesterreich.at/2007/index.html>

Sub theme of UMAC: *Universities in Transition – Responsibilities for Heritage*

Contact: Monika Knofler, Akademie der bildenden Künste Wien, Kupferstichkabinett, Vienna (M.Knofler@akbild.ac.a)

- Later Conferences

2008: Manchester/Glasgow, United Kingdom (ad hoc changing because Fairbanks reported that the costs for delegates [flights, accommodation] would be very expensive)

2009: Lisbon, Portugal

2010: Shanghai or Moscow within the ICOM General Conference (preliminary decision: Shanghai)

2011: Application from Singapore and proposal from Oslo, Norway

6. ICOM Advisory Committee

Participation by the Chair in the 68th Session of the ICOM Advisory Committee in Paris, May 2006

7. Publicity

Presentation by the Chair (including UMAC's activities, among other topics):

Berlin, Germany, Conference *Museums and the Internet*, May 2006

Publication

Cornelia Weber, *Le réseau européen Universeum et le comité d'experts University Museums and Collections (UMAC) de l'ICOM / Das europäische Netzwerk Universeum und das ICOM-Fachkomitee University Museums and Collections (UMAC)*. In: Actes du Colloque: Le musée de sciences. Dialogues franco-allemands. 2e rencontres de professionnels de musées de sciences / Tagungsband: Wissenschaftsmuseen im deutsch-französischen Dialog. Zweite Tagung von Experten der Wissenschaftsmuseen. Dijon 2006, pp. 103-105.

8. Selected publications by other Board members

Marta C. Lourenço, *Surviv des collections universitaires en Europe*, in: l'invitation au musée, Courrier du Patrimoine culturel de la Communauté française, No. 11-3 (2005) pp. 11-13.

Steven de Clercq, *L'UMAC, Comité international de l'ICOM pour les Musées et Collections universitaires*. In: l'invitation au musée, Courrier du Patrimoine culturel de la Communauté française 11-3 (2005) pp. 14-16.

Peter Stanbury, *Secrets de survie en Australie*. In: l'invitation au musée, Courrier du Patrimoine culturel de la Communauté française 11-3 (2005) pp 20-23.

Steven de Clercq, *Les musées universitaires aux Pays-Bas*. In: l'invitation au musée, Courrier du Patrimoine culturel de la Communauté française 11-3 (2005) pp 33-34.

Ing-Marie Munktel, *Musées et collections de l'Université d'Uppsala*. In: l'invitation au musée, Courrier du Patrimoine culturel de la Communauté française 11-3 (2005) pp 39-40.

Steven de Clercq, *Musées de science: de la conservation à la compréhension*. In: La revue [Musée des arts et métiers] 43/44 (2005) pp 22-35.

9. Links with other networks and museums associations

UNIVERSEUM Network Meeting, Strasbourg, 22 – 24 June 2006

Inventorying and preserving university collections – what for?

Participants: Steven de Clercq (Vice-Chair), Cornelia Weber and several other UMAC members

Report 2005-06 by the Treasurer Andrew Simpson

Balance of account on September 1, 2006: 8502,65 Australian Dollar (5160,65 EUR).

Membership

133 voting members from 36 countries and territories

Argentina (1), Australia (14), Austria (1), Belarus (1), Belgium (4), Brazil (3), Canada (4), Columbia (1), Croatia (1), Denmark (1), Estonia (1), Finland (6), France (14), German (5), Greece (2), India (1), Iran (1), Ireland (1), Israel (2), Italy (6), Korea (1), Latvia (1), Madagascar (2), Mexico (1), Netherlands (5), Norway (3), Philippines (4), Poland (3), Portugal (1), Russia (2), Singapore (1), Spain (4), Sweden (2), Switzerland (1), United Kingdom (12), United States of America (20)

Working Groups

UMAC has six working groups: Directories, Staffing, Recognition, Publications, Strategic Planning and Research.

Directories Working Group

Function/Aim

To collect information about other existing directories, catalogues and inventories, to accumulate basic information about university museums in many countries and present the results on the UMAC website.

The aim for 2005-06 was to collect further information about university museums worldwide (please see: <http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/collections/>)

Chair

Cornelia Weber (weber@mathematik.hu-berlin.de), in collaboration with Marta Lourenço (mclourenco@fc.ul.pt)

Members

Mauricio da Silva, Brazil; Joshua M. Gorman, USA; Christina Haywood, Ireland; Kate Arnold-Forster, Great Britain; Bertha T. Abraham Jalil; Mexico; Françoise Le Guet Tully, France

Report 2005-06 by Cornelia Weber

1. Database

The database presently has 2,197 (04/05: 2,001) records encompassing museums and collections from 56 (04/05: 50) countries or territories: Africa 11, America 377, Asia 265, Australasia 323, Europe 1221. The last year's work was concentrated on museums and collections of Russia and Austria (the latter in preparation of the next General Conference in Vienna)

Number of hits from October 05 to August 06: 58,497 (page impressions, cleaned of search engine & spam robots)

Number of hits per month: about 5,318

2. Research project

Currently, the Chair is working on a project to catalogue all German universities' collections and to compile extensive data on the holdings and the history of these collections (<http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/sammlungen/index.php>), funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). Until 31.08.06 717 existing museums and collections have been registered.

Aims 2006-07

To:

- collect further information about university museums and collections worldwide and expand the database in the number of records it contains
- develop a model to collect data (what do we want to know about university museums and collections?)
- find funds to start systematic registrations

Staffing Working Group

Function/Aim

This group has in the past compiled data from Australia and Europe, but the immediate utility of such data was overshadowed by the labour for further compilation.

Aims 2005-07

To:

- "open up" a web space on the web for information concerning exchange programs and possibilities for economic support to "study visits" in university museums around the world

- make a pilot in exchange of staff between Uppsala and Helsinki, starting spring 2006.

Chair

Ing-Marie Munktell (ing-marie.munktell@ gustavianum.uu.se)

Members

Isidro Abaño, Philippines; Linda Bahm, USA; Hugues Dreyse, France; Kati Heinamies, Finland; Mauricio Silva, Brazil

Report 2005-06 by Ing-Marie Munktell

In Uppsala we discussed the suggestions from 2005: a) open up a space on the web for information on existing exchange programs and news about incoming possibilities (following the Australian Exchange program work for example), b) work in close connection to ICTOP (International Committee for Training of Personnel) for professional development of staff training

As director of the University Museum of Uppsala and chair of Group Staffing I could report that the ICTOP documents are very useful in negotiations with the University management and are now used as standard for the staff development plans in the museum.

A space on the web was discussed and we all agreed that this could be arranged soon as possible. Still we have not fulfilled this aim and that must be the most important mission for the Group year 2007.

We also discussed the possibility of starting an exchange pilot between Uppsala and Helsinki and in April this year we had a start when 8 members from Uppsala university museum/Museum Gustavianum visited Helsinki university museum/ Arppeanum. The exchange of experiences was very fruitful and in spring 2007 two people will change place in practice. Hopefully the space on web can be opened until then and a first report from our pilot show up.

Hugues Dreyse also promised to report on a Study in France concerning staff exchange and development.

In Mexico the WG decided to go ahead with the web-space and report from ongoing exchanges.

Aims 2006-07

To "open up" the web space and decide who is going to keep the information updated and relevant.

Recognition Working Group

Function/Aim

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

Chair

Dominique Ferriot, France (ferriot@cnam.fr)

Members

Janine Andrews, USA; Axel Christophersen, 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; Bernard Van den Driessche, Belgium; Dominick Verschelde, Belgium

Report 2005-06

The Working Group did not report any activities.

In retrospect it was realised that the factors that UMAC needs to address for greater recognition are organised on a regional, rather than global scale. It was therefore decided encourage members to set up regional groups with the aim of achieving regional recognition, or to stimulate existing regional groups to collaborate with UMAC in achieving our goals.

The Board of the WG will be made up by Dominique Ferriot as chair; members would be representatives of those Regional Groups, preferably UMAC-members.

Luisa Fernanda Rico Mansard, Mexico, started a regional group "Mexico".

Aims 2006-07

To revive the activities of the Working Group.

Publications Working Group

Function/Aim

This group was established in 2003.

The Publications group undertakes the task of selecting, editing and bringing into print form 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 on its website all papers handed in during the conference (publication within weeks, but in unedited form).

This Group also assists with reviewing material that appears on the UMAC website and publicity material.

Co-Chairs

Peter Stanbury (pstanbury@gmail.com) and Marta Lourenço (MCLourenco@fc.ul.pt)

Members

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

Report 2005-06 by Peter Stanbury & Marta Lourenço

1. Publication of the Seoul & Uppsala Proceedings

Selected proceedings of the 2004 and 2005 conferences – held in Seoul and Uppsala respectively – will appear in print thanks to a generous offer of Professor Stanislaw Waltos and the Jagiellonian University of Krakow. 12 papers presented at the Uppsala Conference and three papers presented at the Seoul Conference were chosen and will appear in *Opuscula Musealia, fasciculus XV*. Maria Natalia Gajek and Marta Lourenço worked very closely and for long hours during this project. Thanks are also due to the many members of the Group who peer reviewed the papers: Steven de Clercq, Dominique Ferriot, Greg Liggett, Carol E. Mayer, Ing-Marie Munktell, Andrew Simpson and Peter B. Tirrell.

2. Publication: Adapting to Change

This document is designed to assist those collections or universities that wish to better integrate into their institution and their communities. It can be found on the UMAC website at:

http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/umac/pdf/Adapting_to_Change.pdf

Please also see the related document, University Museum & Collection – Importance, responsibility, maintenance, disposal & closure, at:

<http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/umac/pdf/statement.pdf>

3. Guidelines for Hosting UMAC Conferences

The guidelines

(<http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/umac/pdf/ConferenceGuidelines.pdf>)

are in the process of being revised in order to make them quite clear and to simplify procedures as far as possible. Some differentiation needs to be made between the procedures followed at stand alone UMAC conferences and those held as part of the ICOM Triennial gathering.

4. Review of submitted papers for the Mexico Conference 2006

Marta Lourenço, with some assistance from the Committee (see above, Conferences), organised reviews or reviewed around 80 papers and posters submitted for the Mexico Conference. UMAC is most indebted to Marta for this enormous task.

Strategic Planning Working Group

Function/Aim

To develop a strategic plan for UMAC is the most important and urgent task.

Chair

Peter Tirrell, USA (pbtirrell@ou.edu)

Members

Linda Bahm, USA; Cynthia Bettison, USA; Christine Khor, Singapore; Alan Knox, UK; Ramon Lerma, Philippines; Marta Lourenço, Portugal; Nathalie Nyst, Belgium; Peter Stanbury, Australia; Peny Theologi-Gouti, Greece; Dominick Verschelde, Belgium; Cornelia Weber, Germany.

Report 2005-06 by Peter Tirell

Activities

1. The WG Committee was formed at the UMAC Annual Conference in Uppsala, Sweden (September 2005). A list of the participants was circulated among the memberships and brought to the attention of board members.
2. The Chair held a general discussion with 2005 Conference participants regarding the future of UMAC focusing on two questions: "What do we want?" and "How do we get it?". The information was used to assist in developing a survey.
3. The Chair reviewed the notes from the Conferences at Uppsala and Seoul, the information available on the UMAC website, information on the ICOM website, and relevant information collected from correspondence by UMAC Board over the two years (approximately 50 emails and documents) and notes taken in conversations with board members and Conference participants. The information was categorized for later reference and analysis. It also was used to assist in developing a Survey.
4. The Chair wrote an article for the UMAC Newsletter (January 2006) describing the aims of the WG for Strategic Planning and inviting people to participate.
5. The Chair prepared a Report and Survey (April 6) that was sent to all members and asked for their input. The report listed activities to date and described the needs and concerns expressed at the 2005 Conference and the review of information by the Chair (as indicated above). The survey asked the members to write mission and vision statements and to list UMAC's five most important goals, objectives, strengths, weaknesses, activities, concerns, and external influences. There were six (6) responses received although several were extensive and comprehensive.
6. The Chair prepared a Strategic Analysis of the Survey and made suggestions for the steps to be taken in the planning process. As indicated by the Survey, UMAC has an important and central role in the world of university museums and collections. UMAC has been established as a strong and sound committee. UMAC's mission and vision are farsighted and clear. UMAC has several strong programs such as the Conference, Website, and database. There are questions regarding the future of other programs such as the WGs and the Proceedings. UMAC has great potential with our strengths and resources, but remain fettered by our weaknesses. It appears that one of the biggest concerns and most critical decisions will be about UMAC's role in advocacy.
7. The Chair and Cornelia Weber, Chair of UMAC, held seven (7) videoconferences to discuss the strategic planning process. The discussion focused on needs and concerns of UMAC including financial stability, publications, participation in the WG, analysis of the survey, and progress of the planning process.

8. The Strategic Analysis was reviewed and discussed by the Board of UMAC at the 2006 Conference in Mexico City, Mexico (September 25-29). Peter Stanbury led a general discussion of the Strategic Analysis with the combined Working Groups. The focus of the discussion was to identify the most important goals and objectives. The three most important goals for university museums and collections were: 1) promote values, 2) provide services, and 3) share best practices. The three most important objectives were: 1) promote research and partnerships, 2) seek members especially students, 3) solicit information and perform advocacy.
9. Future actions: it was agreed that UMAC will use the three most important goals and objectives to refine its mission and vision and form its strategic plan for the next three years.
10. The Chair (Tirrell) of the Strategic Planning WG and the Chair (Weber) of UMAC will continue their videoconferences on a regular basis to discuss strategic planning with input from the Board.
11. Additional information is available on the UMAC Website. Please see Proposed Strategy for UMAC with Background Information:
<http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/umac/imatters.html>

Research Working Group

Function/Aim

To

- create and maintain a network of information exchange for researchers/students concentrating on issues related to university museum and collections. The network will promote an active, two-way exchange between the university museum and collections research community and UMAC members, offering reciprocal advice and insight.
- establish the network by enlisting members, compiling contacts and project information for current researchers and students in the field.
- compile, organise and disseminate relevant research, links and downloadable texts through the creation and maintenance of a website (subsidiary to UMAC's).
- assist UMAC in the organisation and dissemination of already existing web resources.
- promote increased UMAC conference attendance and paper submissions from students and researchers.

Chair

Zenobia R. Kozak, PhD candidate, UK (zk2@st-andrews.ac.uk)

Members

Samual Alberti, UK; Ian Carradice, UK; Steven de Clercq, Netherlands; Hugues Dreyssé, France; Mario Daniel Garcia, Colombia; Pierre-Antoine Gérard, France; Kirsten Hardie, UK; Aldona Jonaitis, USA; Patricia Vásquez Langle, Mexico; Marta C. Lourenço, Portugal; Luisa Fernanda Rico, Mexico; Natalie Nyst, Belgium; Lucia Quijano, Colombia; Andrew Simpson, Australia Claudia de Roos, Netherlands

Aims 2006-2007:

To

- compile and organize existing research material and contact information.
- contact museum studies programmes and seek out current students and researchers focusing on university museums and collections

2. Publication

The proceedings of the fourth and fifth Conference of UMAC are published in *Opuscula Musealia* XV, 2006. For further information please see:

<http://www.wuj.pl/index.php?DID=0x001701000300010000000000000000892&chL=en>

3. Draft proposal for further UMAC/ICOM activities

- Strategic Planning

To develop a strategic plan for UMAC is the most important and urgent task.

- Membership

Increasing membership will be one of the core duties of the Board.

- Publications

UMAC will continue publishing the proceedings of its conferences, and from time to time, guidelines for its members and the museum community.