



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

FOR UNIVERSITY MUSEUMS AND COLLECTIONS (UMAC)

REPORT 2010 – 11

Composition of the board

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A. General report 2010-11 by the Chair with the help of the board

1. Mailing list

Extension of the “umac.newsletter” mailing list. As at 05/09/2011: 887 subscribers. An important work has been done to “clean” our mailing list since many addresses were no more valid and we have been pleased to see this year a large number of new members.

2. UMAC-ML

Started in 2009 the moderated list UMAC-ML (umac-ml@unistra.fr), is organized by Sébastien Soubiran. The mailing list, hosted and managed by the University of Strasbourg, enables the international community of university museums and collections to exchange information and to get in touch with colleagues worldwide. This mailing list has 234 subscribers

3. Website

Number of visits: 46.955 over the last 12 months

4. Newsletter

Publication of a newsletter in February 2011, edited by Lyndel King

See: <http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/umac/newsletters>

5. Proceedings

Publication of *University Museums and Collections Journal* 3, 2010, with 32 entries see: <http://edoc.hu-berlin.de/umacj>

Digitalization and re-publication of past issues (at <http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/umac/publications>):

[UMAC's Proceedings Mexico City 2006](#)

Nuevas rutas para los Museos Universitarios, 6º Congreso Internacional de Museos Universitarios / New Roads for University Museums, 6th International Congress for University Museums.

México 2008.

[Proceedings Seoul 2004 & Uppsala 2005](#)

Selected papers of the fourth and fifth Conference of UMAC are published in *Opuscula Musealia XV, 2006.*

Ed. by Stanislaw Waltos. Krakow 2006.

[UMAC's Proceedings Oklahoma 2003](#)

Proceedings of the Third Conference of the International Committee for University Museums and Collections.

Ed. by Peter Tirrell. Norman, Oklahoma 2005.

ICOM International Committee for University Museums and Collections (UMAC).

ICOM Study Series 11, 2003.

Download: <http://icom.museum/what-we-do/resources/publications->

database/publication/icom-international-committee-for-university-museums-and-collections.html

UMAC's Proceedings Sydney & Canberra 2002

Exposing and Exploiting the Distinct Character of University Museums and Collections.

Museologia 3, 2003 [sold out].

UMAC's Proceedings Barcelona 2001

Intensifying Support For and Increasing Audiences in University Museums and Collections.

Museologia 2, 2002.

6. Conferences

- General UMAC Conference November 2010:

Museums for Social Harmony / University Museums and Collections as Recorders of Cultural and Natural Communities Worldwide

Shanghai, China, within the ICOM General Conference, 7-12 November 2010, in co-operation with the International Committee for Egyptology (CIPEG)

<http://www.icom2010.org.cn> / <http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/umac/2010/>

Local organizing partner: Chinese University Museums Committee (CUMC), Song Xiangguang, Arthur M. Sackler Museum of Art and Archaeology at Peking University Academic Committee: Ing-Marie Munktel, Chair (Sweden), Nick Merriman (UK), Peter Tirrell (USA), Cornelia Weber (Germany)

The conference was attended by about 70 delegates from 24 countries. Selected papers will be published in *UMACJ* 4 (2011).

- Future general UMAC Conferences

21-25/9/2011: Museum of Science, University of Lisbon, Portugal
(<http://www.mc.ul.pt/umac2011/home>)

UMAC 2011 Chair Marta C. Lourenço (Lisbon)

9-13/10/2012: Singapore

1-8 June 2013 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil during the ICOM General Conference,

2014: Manila, Philippines (applied)

- Regional conferences:

* UMAC Mexico

On October 18, 2010 UMAC-Mexico has held its annual conference in Palacio de Minería in Mexico City. Members of more than 20 Mexican universities were present. A book and interactive CD will be published at the end of 2011 with selected papers presented at the conference.

* UMAC Ukraine

On October 6 and 7, 2011 will be held a meeting on «University museums: European experience and Ukrainian practice», in Taras Shevchenko National University of Kiev. One of the aims is to develop a network of universities with museums and collections in Ukraine.

- Elena Corradini (Modena) and Luigi Campanella (Roma) has organized a meeting in Roma on Feb. 4 in Roma with a representation of all Italian universities, which led to the creation of University museum commission. This group is very active in the process of the evolution of the Italian universities. Moreover they have created a

thematic commission about universities into ICOM-Italy (http://www.icom-italia.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=782&Itemid=1). A webportal of the Italian university museums (www.pomui.unimore.it) has started to be developed.

- Conferences with support of UMAC

* On June 10, 2011 has been held in Modena a workshop on “ Sharing cultural heritage of university museums: a participatory approach” organized by E. Corradini with the support of the University of Modena and UMAC.

* On April 15 a Round table discussion for the Armenian University museums staff has been organized by Marine Mkrtychyan with the 20 participants from 9 different Armenian university museums and Lyndel King from the board of UMAC. The venue of the meeting was in the History Museum of Yerevan State University Armenia.

- On March 16-17, 2011 in Ghent (Belgium) has been held a colloquium organized by the Ghent university on « Academic Culture of Remembrance. A Conference on the triangular relationship between scientific research, academic heritage, and university cultures of remembrance».

7. Publicity and Presentation by Board Members

- Hugues Dreyse has been invited to the 2011 University Museum Conference on the theme: New Visions of Campus Museums (11-12/11/2011) at the National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan
- Participation and speech of H. Dreyse to the 200th anniversary of the Tartu Observatory, 27 April 2011 in presence of various personalities, including the President of the Republic from Estonia.
- Talk on the relations between UMAC and Universeum, at the annual conference of the European network Universeum at Padova (26-29/5/11)
- Working meeting on the strategy of spanish museums universities in Madrid with N. Nyst, H Dreyse and I. Garcia and spanish colleagues. (April first, 2011)
- **Numerous activities of Cornelia Weber:**
 - Presentations
 - *Übertrage ich hiermit der medizinischen Fakultät auf der hiesigen Universität die Oberaufsicht ..." - Medizinische Sammlungen an den Universität in Deutschland.* Lecture series *Populäre Inszenierungen des medizinischen und biologischen Wissens.* University of Ulm, Institute of the History, Philosophy and Ethics of Medicine, Germany, January 19, 2011.
 - *Universitätsmuseum 3.0. Potentiale und Perspektiven.* Symposium *Das Prinzip Museum. Museum als Labor, als Katalysator, als Forum?* University of Bonn, Germany, February 11-12, 2011.
 - *Von der Anatomie zur Zoologie. Universitätssammlungen im 21. Jahrhundert.* Lecture series *Faszination die Wissen schafft. Wissenschaftliches Sammeln an Universitäten.* Kunstverein Marburg, Germany, April 14, 2011.
 - *Geowissenschaftliche Universitätssammlungen in Deutschland und ihre Bedeutung für die internationale Scientific Community.* Conference *Beschreibung, Vermessung und Visualisierung der Welt (Europäische Wissenschaftsbeziehungen 4).* Akademie gemeinnütziger Wissenschaften zu Erfurt, Germany, May 6-8, 2011.

- Publication
- *Universitätsmuseen und -sammlungen im Hochschulalltag. Aufgaben – Konzepte – Perspektiven.* [University Museums and Collections in Academic Practice. Tasks – Concepts – Perspectives.] Ed. by Cornelia Weber and Klaus Mauersberger. Berlin 2010.
<http://edoc.hu-berlin.de/conferences/ums2010>

8. Membership

208 voting members (individual and institutional) from 41 countries on august 9, 2010 (2009/10 : 195/40 - 2008/09 : 186/42)

Argentina (3), Armenia (1), Australia (7), Austria (6), Belarus (1), Belgium (5), Brazil (4), Bulgaria (1), Canada (3), Colombia (3), Congo (1), Czech Republic (1), Denmark (4), Estonia (4), Finland (8), France (25), Germany (12), Greece (2), Ireland (1), Israel (2), Italy (6), Latvia (1), Madagascar (2), Mexico (6), Netherlands (7), New Zealand (1), Norway (4), Peru (1), Philippines (4), Poland (4), Portugal (4), Russia (3), Serbia (1), Singapore (1) South Africa (2), Spain (7), Sweden (2), Switzerland (1), Thailand (1), United Kingdom (16), United States of America (31)

B. Report 2009-10 by the Treasurer Panu Nykänen

Balance of account on August 31, 2011: 16.253,92 Euros

C. Report of the Working Groups activities by their chair/man-women

UMAC has four working groups (Directories, Advocacy, Publications, Strategic Planning) and a Research Development Group.

1. Directories Working Group by C. Weber

Function/Aim

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

Aims 2010-11

To collect further information on university museums and collections worldwide and expand the number of records the database contains.

Chair

Cornelia Weber (weber@mathematik.hu-berlin.de)

Members

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

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The UMAC database presently has 2,584 records encompassing museums and collections from 62 countries or territories: Africa 11, America 481, Asia 277, Australasia 326, Europe 1489 (see: <http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/collections/>)

Aims 2011-12

To collect further information on university museums and collections worldwide and expand the number of records the database contains.

2. Advocacy Working Group by H. Dreysse

Function/Aim

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

Aims 2010-11

Increase the number of active UMAC members and participate or initiate networking activities to promote university collections and museums. Further, initiatives should be undertaken aimed at establishing national or international networks of universities.

Chair

Hugues Dreysse, France (hugues.dreysse@unistra.fr)

Members

Luisa Fernanda Rico Mansard (Mexico), Marine Mkrtchyan (Armenia), Isabel Garcia (Spain), Ahmad Bin Mashadi (Singapore), Liliya Kazantseva (Ukraine), Graciela Weisinger (Argentina), Ondrej Dostal (Czech republic), Cornelia Weber (Germany), Nathalie Nyst (Belgium), Andrew Simpson (Australia), Panu Nykänen (Finland), Elena Corradini (Italy), Marta Lourenco (Portugal)

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The members of this working group have particularly active by organizing national or regional meetings.

Many activities worth to be mentioned:

- UMAC-Mexico has held its fifth annual conference in Palacio de Minería in Mexico City on October 10, 2010. Very recently the group has developed a blog www.museosuniversitariosmexico.blogspot.com where can be found a interesting presentation of the museums and the botanical gardens of the Mexican universities.
- A young group from Ukraine will organize the first meeting of UMAC-Ukraine on «University museums: European experience and Ukrainian practice» in Taras Shevchenko National University of Kiev (6-7/10/2011).
- Marine Mkrtchyan has organized in Yerevan a round table discussion for the Armenian University museum staff with the 20 participants from 9 different Armenian university museums and Lyndel King from the board of UMAC (15/04/2011)
- Several universities in Southeast Asia had come together to form University Museums Network Southeast Asia. Two meetings have been held in 2010, the last organised in December 2010 in Penang Malaysia. A network has been developed so as to share thoughts into museum practices in the context of universities in Southeast Asia. The next meeting and conference is expected to be in Bandung, Indonesia.
- The university of Santa Fe (Argentina) with the support of ICOM-Argentina has organized the first meeting of university museums of the Mercosur in Santa Fe (4-6/10/2010). 29 institutions (Argentina (21), Venezuela (1), Brazil (3), Uruguay (3), Chili (1)) have signed a declaration (). A second meeting will be held in the same location on 23/11/2011.
- Late June has been formed a Finnish Council of University Museums and Collections in a meeting at the Aalto University. The founders were 3 university museums Aalto (former HUT); University of Helsinki, and university of Jyväskylä.

- Elena Corradini (Modena) and Luigi Campanella (Roma) have organized a meeting in Rome on Feb. 4th with a representation of quite all Italian universities, which led to the creation of a University museum commission. A second meeting took place in Modena on June 11th. This group is very active in the process of evolution of Italian universities, in particular with significant documents sent to the Rectors of the Italian Universities which are very important at this very moment because the Italian University system is undergoing a complete reformation. The next meeting will be held in Rome on Oct. 28th. Moreover they have created a thematic commission about universities into ICOM-Italy (http://www.icom-italia.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=782&Itemid=1) and a webportal of the Italian university museums (www.pomui.unimore.it) is under construction.

- Regional Report from Australia for UMAC Annual Report by A. Simpson

At recent CAUMAC (Council of Australian University Museums and Collections – a National Network of Museums Australia Inc) gatherings there has been a general sense that the nature of the higher education sector in Australia has undergone profound, and insufficiently reviewed, changes in the last decade. It was felt that the group needed both to reconnect with and re-identify the current status and interests of its constituency. A consultant was hired to undertake a new review of museums and collections in higher education with the purpose of:

- Identifying potential new members
- Identifying current trends in universities regarding collections
- Investigating models of governance

This work is still underway – to date more than 400 collections have been identified and more continue to be discovered. The current research has identified new categories of collections not reported in earlier research such as collections of digital objects; and collections and archives held by residential colleges, theological colleges and student organisations.

- Moreover a presentation of UMAC has been done during various meetings, including the annual meeting of the European network Universeum in Padova (26-29/5/2011).

For the next year, these activities will continue and more contacts will be developed with other institutions like national or regional networks.

3. Publications Working Group by N. Nyst **Function/Aim**

This group was established in 2003. It co-ordinates the edition of publications in electronic and print form deemed to be in the interest of UMAC and the university museum's community. It is responsible for supervising the selection, editing and printing of the double blind refereed Conference Proceedings.

Aims 2010-11

- To publish the third issue of UMAC Journal (Berkeley's Proceedings).

- To prepare the fourth issue (Shanghai's Proceedings).

Chair

Nathalie Nyst , Belgium (nnyst@ulb.ac.be)

Members

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

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- Berkeley Conference Proceedings

About 26 papers have been published in the third issue of University Museums and Collections Journal, together with 6 from the Conference Object based learning held in April 2009 at University College London (UCL).

University Museums and Collections Journal 3/2010 at: <http://edoc.hu-berlin.de/umacj> (ISSN 2071-7229)

- Digitalization and re-publication of **all** past issues has been done and is available at the same address.

- New guidelines and rules for authors were created and introduced.

Aims 2011-12

- To publish the fourth issue of UMAC Journal (Shanghai's Proceedings).

- To prepare the fifth issue (Lisbon's Proceedings)

4. Strategic Planning Working Group by P. Tirrell

Function/Aim

To develop a strategic plan for UMAC

Aims and Activities 2009-10

Work along the lines discussed by the new board, which has been elected at the Shanghai's conference and make propositions for the next AGM in Lisbon.

Chair

Peter Tirrell, USA (pbtirrell@ou.edu)

Members

Kate Arnold-Foster, UK; Hugues Dreyse, France; Alan Knox, Scotland; Nicky Ladkin, USA; Marta Lourenço, Portugal; Ing-Marie Munktell, Sweden; Peter Stanbury, Australia; Cornelia Weber, Germany

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The WG has reviewed the content and materials of the SPC that are on the website. Are recommend the following actions:

1. Revise and update the Welcome Letter
2. Recruit/Revise Members of Committee
3. Review Strategic Plan, revise if appropriate
4. Update Function/Aim and History
5. Change Operational Plan to new format such as a Performance Tracking Report .
6. Create an online survey of members' interests and needs

7. Review of Strategic Plan goals and strategies with revision if appropriate
The Board and Officers discussed the following activities (strategies) to improve our mission. It is recommend discussing and prioritizing them at the Board meeting in Lisbon.

1. Collaborations with other ICOM Committees including the International Committee for Education and Cultural Action (CECA), the International Committee for Documentation (CIDOC) and the International Committee for Egyptology (CIPEG).
2. Creating a working group that focuses on networking and the most important characteristics and objectives of university museums.
3. Creating an award for university museums with the most innovative ideas
4. Creating a bibliography of museum publications available on the website.
5. Creating a list of our achievements.

5. Research Development Group by A. Simpson

Function/Aims

To maintain a network of information exchange for researchers/students concentrating on issues related to university museums and collections. The network will promote an active, two-way exchange between university museum and collections research community and UMAC members, offering reciprocal advice and insight.

Chair

Andrew Simpson (andrew.simpson@mq.edu.au)

Members

Samuel Alberti (UK), Ian Carradice (UK), Edmon Castell (Colombia), Steven de Clercq (Netherlands), Hugues Dreyssé (France), Mario Daniel Garcia (Colombia), Pierre-Antoine Gérard (France), Stephanie Alison Greene (USA), Kirsten Hardie (UK), Aldona Jonaitis (USA), Patricia Vásquez Langle (Mexico), Marta C. Lourenço (Portugal), Sebastian Moody (Australia), Natalie Nyst (Belgium), Luca Quijabo, (Colombia), Aude-Laurence Pfister (Switzerland), Luisa Fernanda Rico (Mexico), Phillip Simms (UK), Claudia de Roos (Netherlands)

Aim for 2010-11

To revive the activities of the Research Development Group.

In the last year this group has not undertaken any specific activity to inform the function and aims listed above. There have been some discussions by the Chair and the following plan is put forward to reactivate the group around two specific activities for 2011-2012.

1. Compilation of extensive University Museum bibliography

UMAC has a successful journal well established and about to publish its fourth issue. Whgile all of the contributions to this journal are based on university museums, there are other publications (refereed and non-refereed) that also focus on the particular circumstances of university museums.

It is proposed that this information be brought together in an extensive bibliography to be made available to researchers on the UMAC website. This can be done by searching known academic and library databases for appropriate articles. Assistance will also be sought from members on various relevant listervers to aid the compilation.

As much of the searching of databases is a time intensive project, a small seeding grant is requested from UMAC (2000AUD) to pay for the services of a student interested in university museums to undertake the search. I seek endorsement from the UMAC Board for this activity.

2. Compilation of University Museum research projects

It would also be useful to have a compilation of all current (and completed) research programs on university museums available to members on the UMAC website. This can be done as a proforma to include information on funding agency, amount, brief description of project and completion date. Research for Masters and PhD projects should also be collated as part of the list.

This would best be done through internal communications among the working group and the UMAC-L listserve.

The current list of members for this working group are given below. These people will all be individually contacted by the Chair (at their last known email address) to both seek participation in this project and ascertain if they are willing to continue as active members of the working group. Given the period of inactivity of the group some of these former group members' interests may have changed and they may wish to exit the group. A call for new members can also be made at the UMAC 2011 AGM with the Board's endorsement.