

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
FOR UNIVERSITY MUSEUMS AND COLLECTIONS (UMAC)
REPORT 2015-2016

Period: from the annual meeting in Manila (05/15) to the annual meeting in Milan (07/16)

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A. General report 2015-16 by the Chair with the help of the board

1. Mailing list

The "umac.newsletter" mailing list to **857** subscribers (as 19/04/16, 0% error rate). An important work has been done before to "clean" our mailing list since many addresses were no more valid.

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 widely increased this year from 308 to **455** subscribers (as 18/06/16 with 0% of error rate), an increase of 47% in one year.

3. Website

Number of visits: 5396 over the last 12 months (19/04/16).

4. Newsletter

Unfortunately, for many reasons, no newsletter has been published. The 2016 conference will be an opportunity to refine a new politics.

5. Proceedings

The proceedings of the 2013 Rio UMAC conference and of an international conference in Ghend (Belgium) have been published in UMACJ7.

The proceedings of the 2015 Manila UMAC conference will be available soon as UMACJ8.

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

In fall 2015 have been published the proceedings of the common 2014 UMAC-CECA conference in Alexandria

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

6.1. General UMAC Conference

2015: Manila (Philippines), 11-15/05/2015

The conference was attended by about 115 delegates from 32 countries from the five continents. Selected papers will be published (2016).

6.2. Future general UMAC Conferences

- 2016 in Milano during the triannual ICOM conference, 4-9/07/2016
- 2017 in Helsinki and Jyväskylä, 5-1à/09/2017
- 2018 in the USA in a place TBA.
- 2019 in Kyoto, during the triannual ICOM conference

7. Publicity and Presentation by Board Members

- Hugues Dreyssé in an international symposium at the Kyoto National Museum on the topic of Internationalization of Japanese Museums, 17/05/15.

- Hugues Dreyssé in the annual ICOM France meeting in Marseille, 28/05/15.

- Hugues Dreyssé in the 3rd Yeongwol International Museum Forum in Korea, 28-30/10/15.

- Nathalie Nyst and Hugues Dreyssé in an International Seminar on « University Museums for life-long guidance to the scientific method and culture » in Modena, 6-7/11/15.

- Hugues Dreyssé in the seminar « Construire le patrimoine de demain »

organized by OCIM in Strasbourg, 5/1/15.

- Andrew Simpson and Hugues Dreyssé in the Forum « University Museums: for Elites vs. Go Public » in Shanghai, 13/01/16
- Hugues Dreyssé in the annual conference of CAUMAC in Sydney, 13/05/16.
- Hugues Dreyssé has participated as member ex-officio of the board meeting of AAMG in Washington, 24/05/16.
- Barbara Rothermel served on the board of the Association of Academic Museums and Galleries (AAMG) in the U.S. and as a liaison between AAMG and UMAC.
- Luisa Fernanda Rico Mansard served as coordinator of UMAC-Mexico

8. Activities supported by UMAC

Outside the annual conference, UMAC has supported various initiatives:

- The first seminar on "trade and prevention of illicit traffics of cultural goods" in the USMA (Buenos Aires), 1-2/06/15.
- An international seminar on « University Museums for life-long guidance to the scientific method and culture » in Modena (Italy), 6-7/11/15.
- The 8th meeting of Mexican university museums in Aguascalientes, 7-8/05/16 organized by UMAC-Mexico.
- First UMAC Award was given to the [National University of Singapore Museum](#), 10/05/16.
- University Museums First Colloquium at Universmum, Museo de las Ciencias-UNAM, Mexico City (13/0815).
- Another way to support events is to spread the information, for instance with our website (<http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/umac/calendar->). For instance since the UMAC conference in Manila in may 2015, 20 international conferences related to university museums and collections have been posted.

9. Membership

311 voting members (individual and institutional) from 56 countries and territories on 01/04/2016 (2014-2013: 263/52, 2012/2013: 230/46, 2011/12: 210/46, 2010/11: 208/41, 2009/10: 195/40 - 2008/09: 186/42). The numbers for 2015 were not known.

Argentina (9) · Armenia (1) · Australia (11) · Austria (6) · Belarus (1) · Belgium (6) · Brazil (12) · Canada (2) · Chile (3) · China (2) · Colombia (4) · Costa Rica (1) · Czech Republic (1) · Denmark (4) · Ecuador (1) · El Salvador (2) · Estonia (4) · Finland (13) · France (23) · Georgia (1) · Germany (18) · Guatemala (1) · Hungary (1) · Iran (3) · Ireland (2) · Israel (3) · Italy (7) · Jamaica (1) · Japan (5) · Korea, Republic of (2) · Latvia (1) · Madagascar (2) · Mexico (14) · Netherlands (9) · New Zealand (2) · Norway (7) · Pakistan (1) · Peru (1) · Philippines (9) · Poland (5) · Portugal (5) · Russia (6) · Senegal (1) · Serbia (1) · Singapore (1) · South Africa (2) · Spain (14) · Sweden (4) · Switzerland (4) · Taiwan (4) · Thailand (2) · Ukraine (3) · United Kingdom (14) · United States of America (46) · Venezuela (2) · Zimbabwe (1)

B. Report 2015-2016

Balance of account on 31/12/2014 was: 20,898.48 €

Income in 2015: from ICOM	4770 €
Expenses in 2015:	4960.11 €
- For Annual conference:	839.54 €
- Post fees for proceedings:	418.36 €
- Data base and website:	1800 €
- Banking fees :	34.80€
- to CECA surplus Alexandria:	1367.41 €
- Support UMAC-Mexico	500 €

2015 Expenses- Incomes = 190.11 €

For 2016 UMAC got from ICOM 4490 €

Balance of account on 01/04/2016 was: 25,198.27 €

Spent since 1/4/16:

Support Milan conference	900 €
Award	750 €
Trophy	99.60 €
Database France	1500 €
TOTAL	3249.60 €

Balance of account on 01/07/2016 was 21 948. 67 €

Engaged and estimated

UMACJ 7 et 8	3195 €
Poster Milan	392 €
Turin off-site	600 €
Book of abstract Milan	300 €
History of UMAC	500 €
Database Spain	500 €

Estimated balance of account 16270 €

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

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.

Chair

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

Aims 2016-17

Continue the efforts to update the database and particularly in Spain and Greece, as in other countries. A full relaunch of the database should be envisaged in order to fit with the actual standards of the databases.

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A systematic effort has been done to update the situation in France and new countries have appeared on the database (Morocco, Armenia, Georgia...)

The UMAC database presently (18/06/16) has 3274 (3212 in 2015, 3,056 in 2014, 3134 in 2013, 3,069 in 2012, 2,584 in 2011) records encompassing museums and collections from 67 countries or territories: Africa 13, America 653, Asia 321, Australasia 331, Europe 1956 (see: <http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/collections/>).

2. Advocacy Working Group by H. Dreyssé

Function/Aim

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

Aims 2016-17

Continue to 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 with a special attention to Asia and Africa.

Chair

Hugues Dreyssé, France (hugues.dreyse@unistra.fr)

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- The main activities have been to continue to ensure a large diffusion of the various conferences or workshops on university museums. For instance our website is reporting an increasing number of activities as conferences or workshops around the university museums all over the world. Also we are more and more directly contacted to post these announcements.

- An effort has been done to spread the Rio's resolution on the university museums <http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/umac/pdf/UMAC%20Resolution%20on%20protection%20of%20University%20collections%20final%20version.pdf>

- We are pleased to see that networks at a national or regional level are developing.

- Marek Bukowski with his polish colleagues have established in 2015 the Polish Association of University Museums.

- Under the direction of Elena Corradini, and the formal support of UMAC, the initial group of 12 Italian university museums has been extended to 15.
- UMAC Mexico has held his annual meeting in Aguascalientes (7-8/4/2016)
- New relations are developing between UMAC and various networks: AAMG (in USA), UNIVERSEUM (Europe)

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.

Chair

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

Members

Andrew Simpson (Australia), Peter Stanbury (Australia), Barbara Rothermel (USA)

Report 2015-6

- Publication of *University Museums and Collections Journal 7* is done and 8 is under process (proceedings of the Rio and Manila UMAC conference and a conference in Gend).
- Publication of the common 2014 UMAC-CECA conference in Alexandria (<http://publicus.culture.hu-berlin.de/umac/publications>)

Aims 2016-17

Revisit all the editorial politics of UMAC after discussions and decisions during the Milan conference.

4. Strategic Planning Working

Function/Aim

To develop a strategic plan for UMAC

Ing-Marie Munktel has presented in Alexandria a first draft of the strategic plan which has been discussed inside the board.

Aims 2016-2017

During the Milan meeting the board will work on the strategic plan and propose new directions for the future.

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)

Report on Activities

This working group is relatively in stand-by presently and the main activity has been to spread out research papers.