

Note of intention of the University Museums of Argentina

In the frame of the "I Meeting of University Museums of the MERCOSUR" Santa Fe, October 4, 5 and 6, 2010

The Museums, networks of Museums and related entities, dependent on Public Universities of Argentina propose as principal aim to generate a space that allows sharing experiences of formation, organization, management, investigation, conservation and communication of the university heritage.

The will is to come out these intentions to the University Museums of the Mercosur and incorporate other countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the future.

And with the spirit of consolidating the institutional memory reflected in the material testimonies of the university activity, which gather and spread a heritage that arises from the academic, scientific practices and from extension and cultural diffusion.

And considering:

That the heritage of the universities is representative of the history of the peoples and their environment. Constitutes an alternative for the recognition of institutional identities and the critical reflection on the relation of these identities with the political, social and cultural processes of our country.

That the university museums realize about paradigms and practices in investigation and teaching taken forward by the universities.

That they have contributed to the construction of the knowledge, to his democratization and popularization.

That in the last years the university museums have defined their profile, recognized the value, the singularity and the importance of the preservation of his heritage.

That exist definitions and national and international recommendations that recognize, value and support the existence and the development of the university museums.

That the university museums own a rich experience and they plan and put into practice programs of spreading and communication promoting responsible conducts based on the knowledge.

That the university museums constitute spaces of not formal education that work coordinated with the formal education.

That the experiences carried out by itinerant exhibitions are relevant and allow socializing the heritage in remote and small communities that lack other similar options.

That there are University Museums located in buildings of high historical and patrimonial value -declared Historical Municipal, Provincial and / or National Monuments, including sites declared Cultural Heritage of the Humanity for UNESCO- the above mentioned Museums constitute themselves guardians of the above mentioned buildings, regarding his conservation.

It is proposed:

To the university museums:

- To adhere to the present letter of intention.

- To encourage joint activities of exchange and cooperation.
- To recognize in ICOM Argentina the coordination of the initial actions and to collaborate in the production of a directory.

To the University Authorities:

- To increase the academic, technical and economic support to the museums of their dependence in order to help their projects in the short, medium and long term.
- To propitiate the professionalization of the staff, by means of the constant, formal and non formal training.

Universities participants of the Meeting:

Universidad Autónoma de Entre Ríos, **Argentina**
 Universidad Nacional de Buenos Aires, **Argentina** (AUGM)
 Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, **Argentina** (AUGM)
 Universidad Nacional de Cuyo, **Argentina**
 Universidad Nacional de Entre Ríos, **Argentina** (AUGM)
 Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, **Argentina**
 Universidad Nacional de La Patagonia "San Juan Bosco", **Argentina**
 Universidad Nacional de La Plata, **Argentina** (AUGM)
 Universidad Nacional de Lanús, **Argentina**
 Universidad Nacional de Luján, **Argentina**
 Universidad Nacional de Rosario, **Argentina** (AUGM)
 Universidad Nacional de San Luis, **Argentina**
 Universidad Nacional del Litoral, **Argentina** (AUGM)
 Universidad Nacional del Nordeste, **Argentina**
 Universidad Nacional del Sur, **Argentina**
 Universidad Nacional de Tucumán, **Argentina**(AUGM)

Universidad Autónoma Juan Misael Saracho.Tarija, **Bolivia** (AUGM)
 Universidade Estadual de Campinas, **Brasil** (AUGM)
 Universidade de São Paulo, **Brasil**
 Universidad Federal de Santa Catalina, **Brasil** (AUGM)
 Universidade Federal do Pará, **Brasil**
 Universidad de Santiago de Chile, **Chile** (UGM)
 Universidad Nacional de Colombia, **Colombia**
 Universidad del Cauca, **Colombia**
 Universidad Complutense de Madrid, **España**
 Universidad de la República, **Uruguay** (AUGM)
 Universidad Nacional Experimental "Francisco de Miranda", **Venezuela**

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 ICOM Brazil
 ICOM Chile
 ICOM-ICOFOM
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