

**UMAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
11 OCTOBER 2014 - LIBRARY OF ALEXANDRIA
ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT**

Notes from UMAC AGM Alexandria 2014, 12:25hs

1. The Chair, Hugues Dreyse, read the agenda for the meeting, all in attendance accepted this. The President then introduced the Board members who were present at the meeting. He remarked that it is the first time the meeting is taking place in a country where there are no UMAC members.
2. The Chair presented his Annual Report to the meeting. He stressed that 888 subscribers receive the UMAC Newsletter.
3. The numbers of members have been checked by ICOM Paris and reach 263 adding individual and institutional members. These members belong to 52 countries. The numbers of votes of each institutional member should be checked before our next meeting in Manila in order to have this solved for the elections at Milano meeting.
4. The mailing list increased up to 306 subscribers.
5. Additionally, Hugues Dreyse noticed that the website declined 75% its visits. Only 4.763 visits were registered and considered that an important problem. From the audience, quality, ability, updated, interesting are the bases of a good web page and UMAC's has lack of that. Therefore it was admitted that it is necessary to contract a responsible person for doing that work.
6. The proceedings of the meeting held in Singapore in 2012 were already published in UMAC web site.
7. Rio de Janeiro Conference: 65 delegates from 20 countries from 5 continents attended to the meeting. Most of them were from South America and the papers presented in that meeting will be published in the future.
8. The next UMAC meetings will be held in 2015 in Manila, Filipinas from 11 to 15 May and in Milano in 2016. The responsible of the meeting in Manila, Isidro Abaño, was not present in Alexandria but a video promoting the next meeting in Filipinas was shown. Dreyse said that

it is important to disseminate the possibility of getting the under 35 years old grant for young professionals offered by ICOM.

9. Financial report: The treasurer was not present at the meeting due to personal problems. Dreyse read the report. UMAC received from ICOM Paris 4.685 euros. The final result of the financial report is 16. 280, 75 euros. The bank account is linked to the ICOM Paris account. The financial report was approved unanimously.
10. Working groups:
 - a) Directory (Chair: Cornelia Weber): The database has 3.056 subscribers. That means a bit less than last year but it is because this database is cleaning the obsolete date all the time. Dreyse said that this is a fantastic tool for contacting institutions all around the world.
 - b) Advocacy (Chair: Hugues Dreyse): Remarked the meetings held in Italy and Argentina. Also the Universeum meeting in Hamburg.
 - c) Publications (Chair: Nathalie Nyst): The volume 6 (2013) of the University Museums and Collections Journal is already on line. The UMAC's Proceedings Rio de Janeiro 2013 will be published and some papers of the Ghent meeting will be added.
 - d) Strategic Plan (Chair: Peter Stanbury and Ing-Marie Munktel): A shorter plan was read and approved. Strategic goals: Increase members, membership value, develop and share expertise. Action plans: Establish Standards of Excellence (based on ICOM Code of Ethics for museums) through lessons and workshops, educational workshops on different themes during annual conferences every year, upgrade the UMAC Journal, invest in Museums Day, activate working groups and re-invigorate UMAC plans for an annual excellence award.
 - e) Research (Chair Andrew Simpson): The chair of this working group was not present at the meeting but he sent a report: There was no meeting of the Research Development Working Group in 2013 during the Rio conference. The last full meeting of the Working Group was held during the 2011 Lisbon Conference where 32 participants attended it. Priorities for 2014-2015: 1. Identify more examples of University Museum research and share this information among the network. 2. Work to raise the profile of the UMAC Journal among research agencies. 3. New Project proposal: Publication of an article in Museums Australia Magazine resulted in an approach from the publishing house, Ashgate. MAC's Journal is developing into a significant open resource for information about university museums. The UMAC Journal however does not as yet rank highly as a research journal. It is not recognised by the Australian Research Council. Attempts were made to nominate the journal for recognition but the delay in publishing the papers from Singapore meant that the deadline for submitting a request for recognition was missed. Investigation is required to establish if it is recognised and ranked as a research journal in other counties. They are interested in the development of a book on the creative uses of university collections. The Board is requested to consider whether UMAC would like to officially partner in this undertaking. The book would consist of case studies in the areas of teaching pedagogy, research and engagement

with appropriate editorial content. The Board could consider supporting travel to attend meetings by the editors of the proposed book.

11. The project for a UMAC Resolution on university collections written by Lyndl King was approved in Rio de Janeiro and translated into Spanish in Mexico and will have Italian and French versions. This Resolution will be presented in the Paris Assembly to be accepted and Dreyse will ask ICOM Paris to treat this topic at the meeting in Milano 2016.
12. AAMG: Great cooperative efforts have been done between UMAC and AAMG. The next meeting of AAMG will be held in April 23 to 27, 2015. Comparisons between the Codes of Ethics will be done. The other idea is to motivate students through the AAMG to present papers at the UMAC meetings.
13. After some discussion the meeting unanimously accepted the Chairman's Annual Report.
14. Meeting closed at 13,30hs.