

## **UMAC 2006 Conference: New Roads for University Museums Working Group RESEARCH**

### ***Meeting Report***

#### **Present:**

Zenobia Kozak, Steven de Clercq, Hugues Dreyssé, Mario Daniel Garcia, Aldona Jonaitis, Patricia Vásquez Langle, Luisa Fernanda Mansard, Nathalie Nyst, Lucia Quijano, Andrew Simpson.

#### **Not Present:**

Marta Lourenço, Kirsten Hardie, Pierre-Antoine Gérard, Ian Carradice, Samuel Alberti.

#### **Matters Discussed:**

##### *Updating members' list-*

The updated list of members follows the report. There is some question regarding non-ICOM/UMAC members joining the working group.

##### *Purpose/Function of group-*

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

##### *Areas of Interest-*

There is a lack of academic literature concerning university museums and collections. Need to be made aware of research issues which are pertinent to university museums and collections. UMAC needs to foster support between the research community and the professional environment in order to make the research known more widely in the field. Perhaps beginning on a regional scale and then promoting interaction? Creation of a website subsidiary to UMAC's containing relevant, searchable information.

##### *Proposed website facilities-*

- List-serve (dedicated to WG Research)
- Chat-room or open forum discussion
- Research register – where researchers are capable of entering their own abstracts and contact information (see Museum and Galleries History Group website for example <http://www.mghg.org/research/>)
- Searchable bibliography (files of available texts for download)

##### *Actions 2006-2007-*

- Compile and organise existing research material and contact information.
- Contact museum studies programmes and seek out current students and researchers focusing on university museums and collections
  - USA Contact Gary Edson (Dir. Texas Tech University)
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- The marketing potential of university heritage collections in the UK, the conceptual and terminological challenges of 'university heritage'

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- Between two worlds: The distinct nature and contemporary significance of university museums and collections in Europe (available on line)

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