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WORKING GROUPS

UMAC has five working groups. The agenda of each is described below, together with a list of members. If you would like to be involved with the work of any group, please contact the Chair in the first instance.

The Chairs are asked to report informally to the board at least twice a year (say in December and July). The information contained in these reports will be circulated to members by this Newsletter.

Group A – Directories

Agenda:

To collect information about the existing directories/catalogues/inventories; accumulate the basic information, contact responsible persons and analyse the results. The thrust is to identify what has been done and add to it. The UMAC website could be used as a focus for a starting point.

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Group B – Ethics and disposal

Agenda:

To have input into the ongoing ethics revision process being conducted by ICOM; to formulate practical guidelines by collecting the policies of different institutions and selecting the most useful for university purposes. The aim is to produce guidelines for universities on de-accessioning, ownership and similar topics.

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Group C – Staffing

Agenda:

To identify the special occupational group, 'university museum and collection staff', to list their needs (or the minimum needs for professionalisation), and to raise their profile. The two Australian publications *Cinderella Collections* and *Transforming Cinderella Collections* contain useful starting points for this agenda. The aim is to encourage universities to:

- ° assist their museum staff to upgrade their museological qualifications
- ° initiate staff development plans in cooperation with museums in the public sector
- ° support exchange of staff within and between university museums and other museums
- ° raise standards of professionalism among university museums and collections staff.

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Group D –UMAC conferences 2002/3

Agenda:

The organisation of UMAC conferences in 2002 and 2003. Offers of places to hold future UMAC conferences have been received from Poland, Portugal, Israel and Australia. Given that it is important that conferences are held across the globe in areas where there is a concentration of members and that ICOM General Assemblies are being or will be held in Spain and Korea (in 2004) it was decided to hold the UMAC 2002 conference in Sydney, Australia. The 2003 conference will be held in a place decided by the American UMAC members (but not necessarily held in the Americas). It was noted that funds were probably available if a conference was held in Israel.

The timing of the 2002 conference will be in the period late August to November. Funds will be sought to subsidise the attendance of at least one member from a developing country. A suggested title was *University Museums – showcases of intellectual, cultural and social capital*.

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A member from the Americas (to be decided)

Group E – Recognition for university collections within Tertiary Institutions and Governments

Agenda:

After obtaining a foot within the professional museum world (UMAC/ICOM), the next step is to work towards the same kind of recognition within the academic and political worlds (including the EC). The group may also liaise with Patrick Boylan to formulate a Recommendation for the EC on the Academic Heritage (including movable, immovable and intangible heritage).

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