

UMAC WORKING GROUPS

STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES	
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GOALS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a continuing series of informative topic-oriented bulletins. 2. Compile and categorize available reference documents under the headings: Mission and Strategic Planning; Governance, Organizational Structure and Leadership; Guidelines for Collecting; Ethics and Research (in collaboration with the UMAC WG Ethics); other categories. 3. Produce documents on standards and best practices where they do not exist.

WORKING PLAN
<p>The UMAC Ad-Hoc Committee on Standards & Best Practices does not seek to duplicate or contradict existing resources available through ICOM and the multitude of national museum organizations. Rather, UMAC will create web links with these resources. UMAC Standards & Best Practices does, however, seek to document, prioritize, and articulate subjects and issues specific to university museums and collections through a continuing series of bulletins.</p> <p>Committee members will compile relevant literature, documents and/or data from their respective regions and specific academic discipline categories. Compiled data will include Title, Author's Name, Affiliation (university, organization, etc.) and Location, Publisher, Date, Website, and Keywords. The Chair will then compile and categorize the data for inclusion on the UMAC Website, Resources page. Data will be compiled and added to the website <i>ad infinitum</i>.</p> <p>The Chair (or committee member) will draft the first informative bulletin based on accumulated documents, to be released at the UMAC Conference 2017 in Helsinki, Finland. Additional bulletins will be produced, with a schedule to be determined.</p>

DURATION
3 years (2016-2020)

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The project will have multiple targeted outcomes in support UMAC's strategic goals: (1) establish a professional development program; (2) function as a benefit of membership; (3) consolidate UMAC's role as an accessible reference for university museums and collections. Data derived from museum organizations and university museums and collections from all geographic areas and across academic disciplines will provide full data by which the UMAC Standards & Best Practices can be articulated.