

UMAC Futures Summary Report Kyoto 2019

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UMAC Futures met face-to-face at the Kyoto National Museum on the 1st September at 5pm to discuss; participation criteria, strategic directions, and workshop/activity ideas. This is a summary report for the UMAC AGM. A detailed report will be submitted to the Board in early October.

Participation Criteria

A revised participation criteria was circulated before the meeting. The criteria was devised with the spirit of inclusiveness and cognizant that the concept of “emerging professionals” is fluid. Dependant on personal circumstances and the changing museum and higher education landscape. The Criteria was adopted and more information can be found on the UMAC Futures webpage.

Strategic Directions 2019 - 2022

UMAC Futures will pursue three broad areas for the next three years. These are:

- Expand the network of Emerging Professionals within UMAC
 - An invitation will be sent to emerging professionals within UMAC to participate in UMAC Futures
 - Chair will work with the UMAC Board to identify groups/regions/countries that might have potential with UMAC Futures
- Capacity building and future-proofing
 - Workshops catering to the needs of Emerging Professionals such as communication, digital competence and project management
 - A report on the challenges and issues of Emerging Professionals in UMACs
- Raising the platform of Emerging Professionals within UMAC
 - A formal request will be made to the UMAC Board to have an *ex-officio* position for emerging professionals on the Board
 - A formal request will also be made to request for an emerging professional be involved in all UMAC Conference Committees.

UMAC Futures response to the Chair

Before the conference, the Chair of UMAC had asked UMAC Futures to suggest directions in which UMAC Futures would wish the Board to look into. The following are the responses.

- The future of UMACs and the role of Emerging Professionals play in shaping that future
- Small UMACs; small museums and collections that are not only small in size but also in budget

What Next

UMAC Futures will transition into a more structured organisational committee with defined roles to help with the planning and organising of activities and communication beginning with a pre-conference workshop and panel in UMAC Sydney 2020.

Oct 2019 - Full report on strategic plan for the Board including formal requests and new organisational structure

Mar 2020 - Online Meeting

Jun 2020 - Workshop Delivery Meeting

Sept 2020 - UMAC Sydney Conference 2020

For your perusal and approval

Kind Regards

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Chair, UMAC Futures