

## Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting 2020

*Monday, July 27, 2020*

Zoom Platform

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### **Board members present:**

All board members present.

### **Voting Members Present:** 41

- o. Call to order and adoption of the agenda (9:11)  
The meeting was called to order by President Marta Lourenço. The agenda was adopted by unanimous vote.
1. Online procedures and voting (10:50)  
The President explained the procedures of voting.
2. Minutes AGM 2019, Kyoto (11:30)  
The minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, Kyoto, Japan, were approved by unanimous vote.
3. Presidents' Annual Report (August 2019-June 2020) (11:57)  
Documents were sent to UMAC members and made available in UMAC's website prior to the AGM. The President highlighted four points of her Report: a) the volatility in UMAC members' numbers in the current circumstances of the pandemic; b) the approval of UMAC's Strategic Plan 2019-2022; c) the transfer of activities to the digital world, particularly the creation of UMAC Webinars; and d) UMAC's support to the network of South African University Museums.  
The President's Report was approved by unanimous vote.
4. UMAC Revised Budget (28:33)  
There were no expenses or income since the Kyoto AGM in September 2019. The budget planned for 2020 had to be revised to face the decrease of activities due to the pandemic.  
Nathalie Nyst, UMAC's treasurer, presented the proposal of a revised budget for 2020, which was approved by unanimous vote.
5. Activities 2020 (39:40)  
The President highlighted some UMAC activities planned for the second semester of 2020. Namely:

- a) The UMAC Award 2020 announcement will happen in September.
- b) More webinars.
- c) A new series on you tube aiming at commemorating the 20 Years of UMAC: UMAC Origins.
- d) ICOM Special Projects 'UMAC-ER: The Ethics of Restitution and Repatriation', coordinated by Vice-President Steph Scholten. The project looks at collections and objects in universities and their museums, researching and addressing issues of decolonization. It aims at raising the levels of awareness, expertise and sensitivity, and to contribute to the body of knowledge around these issues in the wider museum community, by drafting guidelines that can complement the Code of Ethics.  
Partners: UMAC, ETHCOM, ICME, ICOM Australia, UNIVERSEUM  
Grant ICOM: €4.800

6. UMACJ (57:20)

Vice-President and UMACJ Editor Andrew Simpson presented an update on the *University Museums and Collections Journal* (UMAJ), namely changes to the editorial board, submission guidelines and editorial policy, as well as the regularity of two issues per year (one being the book of abstracts of the annual conferences).

7. Next Conferences (1:14:00)

UMAC 2021 will take place at TU Dresden, Germany (31 August-5 September 2020), in a joint meeting with UNIVERSEUM, the European Academic Heritage Network.

The President submitted the proposal of transferring UMAC 2019 at the University of Sydney to 2023. The proposal was approved by unanimous vote.

The Chair of UMAC-Universeum 2021 LOC, Kirsten Vincenz, made a short presentation of TU Dresden campus and collections to be visited.

8. AOB (1:16:25)

The President proposed a note of condolences for Lucho Repetto, Chair of the UMAC Group in Peru and Vice-President of ICOM-Peru, who passed away recently.

The President proposed a note of regret and solidarity to the staff of the Natural History and Botanic Garden of the Federal University of Belo Horizonte, Brazil, for their recent fire.

The two notes were approved unanimously.

9. Closure (1:19:14)

The President thanked all members who participated in the AGM, as well as everyone who collaborated in the contents and technical support, particularly the UMAC Board and, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:19 PM Lisbon/London time.

Dated: 28 July 2020  
Secretary, Wenjia Qiu