

Minutes of the 2023 UMAC AGM

Held at the Chau Chak Wing Museum, the University of Sydney and online, September 1, 2023.

The meeting opened at 11:30am after the announcement of the 2023 UMAC Award winner.

1. Adoption of the agenda – the agenda as circulated at the start of the meeting was adopted. No apologies were submitted.
2. There were no minutes taken of the 22nd AGM, it was recorded, the meeting agreed the recording represented the minutes and a transcription would be taken.
3. President's Report September 2023

The President made a brief verbal report covering the first year of the new UMAC Board. This included an outline of UMAC journal issues published to date; a note that the journal is now published under a Creative Commons licence following advice from ICOM and that an abstracts volume has become a standard issue associated with each annual conference. He noted that the abstracts volume for the Sydney conference was the largest and most complex issue produced and indicated that for the first time, authors have been given the option of publishing in their original language. There was also an outline of forthcoming thematic and un-themed journal issues.

It was reported that at this meeting a new partnership between UMAC and Shanghai Jiao Tong University has been signed that will allow the restarting of international training programs.

Work by the Board on a new strategic plan for the next few years is progressing well.

It was announced that plans to launch the UMAC Two Horizons project in Canberra following on directly from this year's conference at the Chau Chak Wing Museum have been cancelled because of illness. The Board will look at rescheduling Two Horizons activities.

4. Zhao Ke gave a report on the history of the UMAC Futures project for emerging scholars. This included the Imaginations series of interviews and the UMAC

database application. The Chair proposed Zhao Ke, as Chair of the UMAC Futures group, be coopted onto the UMAC Board for the period 2022 to 2025.

5. Upcoming Conferences

There was some brief discussion on future UMAC conferences including a proposal for 2026 at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

For the next conference Kirsten Vicenz outlined some of the characteristics of the Technical University Dresden as host for the 2024 UMAC meeting in combination with the European Academic Heritage Group, Universeum. The theme of the conference will be “Shaping Transformations. University Collections in a Changing World”.

Kirsten set out a timeline for the development of the conference and highlighted some of the features of the host institution as well as presenting a brief promotional video.

Kirsten answered questions about the conference from the floor.

6. Any other business

UMAC Secretary, Gina Hammond presented a certificate of appreciation to Michael Dagostino, the Director of the Chau Chak Wing Museum, on behalf of UMAC as hosts of the UMAC 2023 conference.

There was general discussion about the nature of the UMAC Award and a number of suggestions such as prizes in multiple categories, raising the amount allocated each year, runners up prizes and more.

It was agreed that these suggestions should be discussed by the Board.

The meeting closed at 12:30pm.