

Dear UMAC Members,

We are pleased to announce the list of candidates for the UMAC Board Election 2025. All eligible nominations have been received and verified in accordance with the election regulations. Detailed profiles and nomination documents for each candidate will be published on the UMAC website in the coming days.

The candidates stand for the positions of Chair, Vice Chairs (2), Secretary, Treasurer, and Ordinary Members (3). Voting will open 24 hours prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and will close at the commencement of the AGM. The 2025 UMAC Annual General Meeting will take place online on Thursday, 27 November 2025, during which the results of the election will be officially announced.

To cast your vote, please ensure that you are a financial member of ICOM with UMAC selected as your primary International Committee. Individual and Institutional members are allowed one vote each.

Votes will be submitted by email to the dedicated address: umacelection@gmail.com

The subject line for casting your vote must be “UMAC Board Election 2025 Ballot Vote”. Your votes with the subject line indicated above must be sent only to the election address provided and not to any other address or individual.

Ballot papers will be emailed to all addresses linked with the ICOM Secretariat membership data. Each email address will allow one response only with a completed ballot form. We therefore rely on the timely transfer of your 2025 membership fee to ICOM Secretariat – Paris by your National Committee and the updating of the official membership list, as well as on your IT systems not blocking attachments from umacelection@gmail.com (or that you can retrieve such messages from spam).

The ballot form will ask whether you are voting as an Individual or Institutional member; you must answer this to cast a legitimate vote. The Election Committee will remove completed ballot forms from return emails and mark the corresponding email address against the membership list.

The vote will close at the commencement of the AGM, regardless of whether all returned ballot forms have been received by the Committee. This will allow time to finalize the count and to announce the new UMAC Board (2025–2028) before the end of the AGM.

Please note that casting your vote as early as possible is highly important and strongly encouraged, as any delay will significantly slow down the Committee’s counting process.

We thank all candidates for their dedication and enthusiasm in supporting the mission and goals of UMAC.

Warm regards,

Levent Tökün & Kirsten Vincenz

UMAC Elections Committee 2025

Candidates for the UMAC Board Election 2025

Name	Institution - Country	Board Position Desired
Andrew Simpson	Macquarie University Library and Archives, Australia	Chair
Sébastien Soubiran	Jardins des sciences, University of Strasbourg, France	Chair
Giovanna Vitelli	The Hunterian, University of Glasgow, Scotland, Great Britain	Vice Chair
Zhao Ke	Electronic Science and Technology Museum, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China	Vice Chair
Dominick Verschelde	Ghent University Museum, Zoology Collections, Belgium	Treasurer
Nathalie Nyst	Université libre de Bruxelles – ULB Museums Network, Belgium	Treasurer
Ana Isabel Díaz-Plaza Varón	Museo de Artes y Tradiciones Populares, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain	Secretary
Ayumi Terada	The University Museums, The University of Tokyo, Japan	Ordinary Member
Elisa Monserrat Rull	Museo Universidad de Navarra, Spain	Ordinary Member
Josh Yiu	Art Museum, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China	Ordinary Member
Mauricio Candido da Silva	Veterinary Anatomy Museum, School of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, University of São Paulo, Brazil	Ordinary Member

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Rebecca Lush	Integrated Pathology Learning Centre, The University of Queensland, Australia	Ordinary Member
Sian L. Tiley-Nel	University of Pretoria Museums, South Africa	Ordinary Member
Wardah Naeem Bukhari	Lahore College for Women University History Museum, Pakistan	Ordinary Member