

ANNUAL MEETING CIPEG in ICOM
April 28th – May 1st, 2009
Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emory University, Atlanta

Minutes:

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Morning session:

10:00 AM – Welcome addresses from CIPEG in ICOM Chairperson Dr. Claire Derriks, CIPEG hosts Dr. Bonnie Speed, Director of the Michael C. Carlos Museum and Dr. Peter Lacovara, Senior Curator of Ancient Egyptian, Nubian, and Near Eastern Art.

Report from Chairperson, Dr. Claire Derriks:

Presented ICOM report:

Julien Anfruns has taken over position of Director General of the International Council of Museums as of October 1, 2008. Four fundamental objectives were outlined:

- 1 – Act as spokesperson of ICOM and promote Organization's position as reference for members of museum community.
- 2 – Strengthen network of museum professionals with aim of building up reputation, scope and visibility of ICOM within museum community.
- 3 – Seek financial support from private sponsors and public partners.
- 4 – Strengthen efficiency of ICOM to consolidate and improve all services and programs of the Organization.

Webpage: Funding for webpage projects from ICOM Paris postponed until spring 2009 and finally not conceded. Decision made to go ahead with creation of CIPEG webpage on a more modest scale if necessary. Cost estimates have been solicited and commissioning a Web-designer is in process. Development and design finished hopefully by end of 2009. Members will be informed of status quo.

ICOM Financial support: ICOM international committees have been informed there will be less financial support from ICOM in 2009/2010. Exact figures have not been released as yet.

Meetings in Paris in June – The General Assembly, Advisory Committee and the Executive Council will hold meetings in Paris. The International Committees plan to discuss the world economic crisis and it's effect on museums worldwide.

Association des Musées d'Égypte: New Chairperson is Sonia Ramzi. Objectives of AME: to promote museums of Egypt, create several projects – such as educational, training programs, publications, etc. Ms. Ramzi indicated interest in AME collaborating with CIPEG on some projects. She will be in touch with possible proposals.

Dr. Derriks read the report from CIPEG Secretary, Gabriele Pieke, who was not able to attend the meeting in Atlanta.

Dr. Derriks requested one minute of silence in tribute to CIPEG member Dr. Johanna Aksamit, who passed away last November, 2008. Johanna was a member of the CIPEG Board since 2000 and was Secretary from 2004 to 2007. Her presence and input will be greatly missed.

Dr. Regine Schulz reported on ICOM Ethics Board meeting: At issue was an important discussion on AAM's new wording regarding ethics of acquisition of art from "licit" or legal markets – big change for US museums. It was proposed to have a special meeting for discussion of museums in countries that are both "art producing" and "art find sites."

Museum reports: members presented brief reports on the current news from their respective museums.

Morning session adjourned at 12:30 PM.

CIPEG Board meeting 1:10 PM.

Members present: Claire Derriks, Regine Schulz, Ossama Meguid, Rolf Gundlach, Krzys Grzymiski, and Christianne Henry.

Three main issues discussed:

1 – Replacement on CIPEG Board for Johanna Aksamit and regulation of CIPEG member terms. Rules of Board members' terms discussed. Chris Henry co-opted for one year term.

2 – Venue for CIPEG 2010. Montepulciano, Italy is 2010 CIPEG meeting. Elections to be held at that meeting. Results will be given in Shanghai (2010 ICOM meeting) by delegation from CIPEG.

3 – Formulation of resolution from CIPEG to promote support from local universities to support research in museums. Resolution will have 2 parts:

- 1 – Support of research in museums.
- 2 – How does the public benefit?

Also discussed:

CIPEG Chair and Board support for Regine Schulz' nomination to Executive Committee of ICOM. Ossama Meguid is on nominating committee of ICOM. He will furnish list of 45 Egyptian members of ICOM.

Board will reconsider formulation of long-time loans from Egypt – to clarify language. (Egyptian law will be finished by August 2009 – issue is problematic as to how to enforce Egyptian law abroad?)

Board meeting adjourned 1:55 PM.

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Afternoon Session:

2:00 PM. – Emily Teeter: Keynote Address: “Museums and Research – The Life of Meresamun at the Oriental Institute.”

Continuation of scheduled talks presented by CIPEG members.

Remarks following presentations:

Discussion of several issues affecting museums:

How can museums retain standards - how to maintain quality of research?

Is it the museum's role to do research or it the university's role?

Role of curators changing in museums. Role of museums changing – a form of entertainment?

Role of the museum in society – what value?

How to link research from academia to research in museums – there is need for support for research in museums from academia.

Defining the role of museums an ongoing discussion in ICOM for several years. A need to clarify the definition of research.

Meeting adjourned 5:00 PM.

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Morning session:

10:00 AM. – Continuation of scheduled talks presented by CIPEG members.

Morning session adjourned at 12:00 PM.

CIPEG Board meeting 12:30 PM.

Members present: Claire Derriks, Regine Schulz, Ossama Meguid, Rolf Gundlach, Krzys Grzyski, and Christianne Henry.

Discussion included the formulation of a 2-part **Resolution** citing that CIPEG encourage museum administrations to recognize value of scholarly research by curatorial staff and support it, and that CIPEG recommends museum professionals invite participation of academic institutions for scholarly research in museums worldwide. Museums are urged to present their research for the benefit of public audiences.

A **Recommendation** was formulated to express CIPEG's interest in the preservation of traditional pottery making workshops at el-Nazla, Fayoum, Egypt.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Wednesday, April 29, 2009 (con't.)

Afternoon session:

2:00 PM. - Continuation of scheduled talks presented by CIPEG members.

Francesco Tiradritti presented information on the CIPEG 2010 meeting in Montepulciano, Italy – dates to be decided.

Discussion issues for Montepulciano:

2 days for meeting, 1 day for round table discussions.

CIPEG elections.

Accommodations to be arranged, tours to be arranged.

1 day excursion to Egyptian collections in Florence, Bologna?

Theme for next meeting – “Collecting: Past, Present and Future”

Theme for round table discussion – “Museum Ethics”

Dr. Derriks reported on the CIPEG Board meetings discussions:

Overview of new CIPEG Resolution and Recommendation. Comments by members followed with some restructuring of wordage of the Resolution and Recommendation.

Chris Henry co-opted to fill out 1 year term for Johanna Aksamit, including next meeting in Montepulciano.

Emily Teeter: Discussion of digital reproductions “rights.” Museums should have agreement with CIPEG to reproduce publications – and put texts online on CIPEG website. Dr. Teeter will make up list of texts “out of print” and send to members.

2009 CIPEG meeting concluded 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Christianne Henry