

ICOM THE NETHERLANDS

Annual report 2017

The National Committee of The Netherlands (ICOM-NL) experienced a frugal year. After our multiparty presentation in the 2016 General Conference in Milano we issued a publication. We issued travel grants and supported an ICOM rescue and salvage activity in the Caribbean. The annual members conference and thesis award were canceled. The number of our members augmented from 3.487 to 3.733.

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE MILANO 2016

*“The Roman frontier along the River Rhine
The role of museums in revitalizing cultural landscapes”*

ICOM-NL organized for the General Conference in Milano a programme on the Roman Frontier called: **The Roman Frontier along the River Rhine- the role of museums I revitalizing cultural landscapes**. We co-operated with the NC Germany, the ICs CECA, ICOMOS, MPR, the AO EXARC, and the foundation ‘Roman Limes Netherlands’. This multiparty co-operation proved to be very fruitful. After presentations in the Separate Meeting of the National Committees, CECA and ICMAH the authors produced an E-publication, to be issued in 2018. The editors were the ICOM-NL board members Renger de Bruin, historian and curator Urban History Centraal Museum Utrecht and Astrid Hertog, museologist and director of the foundation Roman Limes NL, and Roeland Paardekooper, director of AO EXARC.

2. GENERAL CONFERENCE KYOTO 2019

“Museums as cultural hubs. The future of tradition”

As the multiparty project in Milano proved, ICOM-NL is able to organize an attractive presentation in the General Conference. Again we started a multiparty project, looking forward to the GC Kyoto 2019. The Netherlands have a long and important history in Japan. In 1641-1859 the Dutch settlement at Deshima island was the only contact point between Japan and other nations. The ICOM-NL board members Renger de Bruin and Anna Tiedink started a co-operation with the Von Sibold Huis, official Japanese cultural hub in The Netherlands, and Roeland Paardekooper, director of AO EXARC. Next steps follow in 2018.

3. THESIS AWARD

The annual ICOM-NL Thesis Award for the best museological thesis on innovative international developments in the museum world, was not issued in 2017. The jury of five museum professionals, one of them ICOM-NL board member Susan van 't Slot, found the received theses to be of insufficient quality.

4. TRAVEL GRANTS

We budgetted travel grants for ICOM NL members, preferably for Board Members of International Committees or active participants/lecturers. In 2017 five members received a grant.

5. DONATION TO ICOM-DRMC

After a disastrous hurricane season in the Caribbean region ICOM-NL decided to donate € 6.000 to an assistance plan of the ICOM Directorate of Programmes and Partnerships. We do not want to specify the allocation of the money, as we do not like any favoritism towards fellow ICOM members. It is up to ICOM to make the over-all plan and its budget.

6. GENERAL SECRETARIAT / NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

The General Secretariat of ICOM introduced a centralized membership administration. As a result ICOM Netherlands participated in a pilot for this new administration. Our chairman, secretary and secretariat were involved in designing the new system. This will be implemented in 2018.

Board members in 2017 Chair: L.L.M. Eekhout

Secretary: D.E.J. von Bönninghausen

Treasurer: R.J. Moesbergen

members:

R.E. de Bruin, mrs. A.F.E. Hertog (until 29 June 2017), mrs. S.R. van 't Slot-Koolman, mrs. F.C. van Steekelenburg-van der Stelt, mrs. A.M. Tiedink (since 29 June 2017)

Bureau: mrs. M. Visser-Stoker

Numbers of members:	2014	2015	2016	2017
Individual	1.998	2.279	2.425	2.319
Student	559	419	644	766
Senior	327	363	364	589
Institutions	52	51	54	59
Total	2.935	3.112	3.487	3.733