

ICOM The Netherlands
Annual report 2016

The National Committee of The Netherlands had a productive year. We participated in the 2016 General Conference in Milano with a multiparty presentation, we had an intensive co-operation with the secretary-general and the General Secretariat, issued travel grants and a thesis award. The growth of our number of members continued.

1. GENERAL CONFERENCE

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

NC The Netherlands 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.

Programming of the ICOM Netherlands initiative at the General Conference in Milan, 2016

The Roman Frontiers in the UK (Hadrian's Wall; Antonine Wall) as well as sections of the German Limes have been ascribed as parts of the transnational serial World Heritage Site (WHS) "Frontiers of the Roman Empire". For the Frontier along the River Rhine, the Dutch Government has decided for a WHS candidacy in cooperation with Nordrhein-Westfalen and Rheinland-Pfalz in Germany. Many initiatives and solutions were created to enhance the visibility of the Limes, which is mostly invisible, underground, and partly formed by the (former flow of the) Rhine. What is the role of museums in these challenges?

Sunday 3 July, presentation at the Separate Meeting of the National Committees, By Astrid Hertog, with 300 participants.

Tuesday 5 July, presentation at the CECA meeting
By Arja van Veldhuizen, 134 participants.

Tuesday 5 July, presentation at ICMAH meeting
By Renger de Bruin, with 25 participants.

Wednesday 6th July, at the General Conference in Milan

The following experts talked about museums and cultural landscapes, visitor engagement, tourism, cooperation, governmental responsibility and developing areas: **David Breeze (UK)**, archaeologist and scholar of Roman frontiers; **Erik Graafstal (NL)**, archaeologist Castellum Hoge Woerd, Utrecht; **Christof Flügel (GE)**, archaeologist and Bavarian Department for Museums, **Martin Müller (GE)**, archaeologist and director of the LVR-Archaeological Park Xanten; **Frederike van Ouwerkerk (NL)**, tourism expert; **Tamar Leene (NL)**, Programm-manager World Heritage Site nomination/Province of Utrecht, **Thomas Otten (GE)**, Programm-manager World Heritage Site nomination/ Province of NordRhein Westfalen. and **Jurn Buisman (NL)**, secretary of ICOMOS NL.

The session was organized and moderated in Milan by 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. The programm and organization was supported by

Marliene Stolker (museologist), Maïke Sieler (LVR Xanten), Christof Flügel (Museen Bayern) and Roeland Paardekooper (EXARC), Arja van Veldhuizen (ICOM CECA) and Marc Kocken and Jurn Buisman (ICOMOS NL), Björn Stenvers (ICOM MPR).

Publications on The Roman frontier along the River Rhine in ICOM media

- *Article in the ICMAH reader, to be issued in 2017.*

Author Renger de Bruin

- *Article in Museum International, to be published in 2017*

Authors Renger de Bruin, Astrid Hertog and Roeland Paardekooper.

- *E-publication on ISSUU platform from ICOM*

The six international speakers from the conference session will be writing a paper for a planned e-publication in 2017. The e-publication will be published on the ISSUU platform of ICOM,. Via this platform, the e-publication reaches about 35.000 international ICOM members.

We stimulated the participation of Dutch ICOM members, partly with travel grants. As a result the Conference was attended by 52 Dutch ICOM members. A Dutch whatsapp group helped to communicate and intensify the attendance at various meetings.

2. THESIS AWARD

The annual ICOM/NL Thesis Award for the best museological thesis on innovative international developments in the museum world, was won by the Dutch Reinwardt Academy student Kristel Witkam Her thesis is about Cultural heritage in conflict; Supporting military personnel in the protection of cultural heritage in conflict areas; Kristel wrote the tesis and practical tool for military personnel for the protection hertige. One jury member is a representative of the ICOM/NL board. All 5 jury members are museum professionals.

3. TRAVEL GRANTS

We budgetted travel grants for ICOM NL members, preferably for Board Members of International Committees or active participants/lecturers. In 2016 seven members received a grant.

4. GENERAL SECRETARIAT / NATIONAL SECRETARIAT

The secretary general had a meeting with a delegation of our Board in Amsterdam, and discussed the professionalization of the internal organization of both the secretariat and the Dutch committee. From January 2016 on the Dutch NC hired a part time secretary to professionalize the membership administration and facilitate the internal communication. This national secretariat resolved the structural problems of a volunteer-driven bureau.

In the AGM of May 23 we received representatives from ICOM Paris: Matteo Tassi (Head of Membership) and Alexis Mocio-Mathieu (accountmanager ICOM Netherlands). They introduced the plans for 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.

Board members in 2016

Chair: L.L.M. Eekhout

Secretary: D.E.J. von Bönninghausen

Treasurer: L.L.M. Eekhout (a.i. until May 23), R.J. Moesbergen
members:

A. van Aalst (until May 23), R.E. de Bruin, mrs. A.F.E. Hertog, mrs. S.R. van 't Slot-Koolman, mrs. F.C. van Steekelenburg-van der Stelt,

Bureau: mrs. M. Visser-Stoker

Numbers of members:

	2014	2015	2016
Individual	1.998	2.279	2425
Student	559	419	644
Senior	327	363	364
Institutions	<u>52</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>54</u>
Total	2.935	3.112	3.487