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**REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

**Meetings of the Board of RA ICOM SEE in 2016**

1. Meeting of the Board Officers in Skopje, Macedonia.

The meeting was held after the completion of the Regional Workshops RE-ORG in Skopje (18 to 22 April 2016.). It was attended by Prof. Dr. Mila Popovic Živančević, President of the RA ICOM SEE (Serbia), mr. sc. Branislava Mihajlova, vice-president of RA ICOM SEE (Macedonia) and Zaharinka Alesoska Bačev, a member of the Board of RA ICOM SEE (Macedonia). The agreements drafted during this meeting were later circulated to other members of the Board by email and adopted.

The main topics of the meeting are listed below.

In order to continue preparations for the organization of the III Regional scientific conference "Revitalization of Cultural and Natural Heritage in South East Europe, 2006 - 2016" it was decided that Mila Popovic Živančević, Branislava Mihajlova and Zaharinka Alesoska Bačev prepare a proposal for a detailed synopsis of the conference including program goals and tasks, preparatory stages and deadlines. After that the proposal should be sent to other members of the Board for adoption and to continue with the conference preparations.

Next topic was the preparation of RA ICOM SEE for participation in the 24 General Conference in Milan, from 3 to 9 July 2016. Since the Chair would not be able to attend Branislava Mihajlova will preside over the meeting.

2. Annual Meeting of the Board of RA ICOM SEE, July 5, 2016, Milano.

The meeting was held during the General Conference in Milan and was attended by members of the Board of ICOM SEE and representatives from the National Committee members: Branislava Mihajlova, Zaharinka Aleksoska-Bačev, Maja Cankulovska-Mihajlovska and Meri Stojanova (NC Macedonia) Goranka Horjan, Darko Babic and Markita Franulic (NC Croatia) Alma Leka and Sarita Vujkovic (NC Bosnia and Herzegovina) Slavko Spasic (NC Serbia) Jan Octavian Pol (NC

Romania) Valeria Suruceanu (NC Moldova) and Aleksandra Bounia (NC Greece). Due to the absence of the President of RA ICOM SEE Mile Popović-Živančević, Annual Meeting of the Board led by the vice president of RA ICOM SEE Branislava Mihajlova. Several points of the agenda were discussed:

- a) Information on the program of III Regional Scientific Conference RA ICOM SEE - Revitalization of cultural and natural heritage in the region of SE Europe, 2006-2016 was given. Suggestions and remarks of the members were taken into account. Slavko Spasić made suggestions for the day trip as a post-conference programme.
- b) The discussion about the new methodology of work in accordance with the Statutes of ICOM for the election of new members of the Board of ICOM SEE was discussed. Goranka Horjan pointed out that the method of election of new members of the Board of ICOM SEE has to be in line of new statutes of ICOM that will be adopted at the General Conference in Milan. It was agreed that the elections will take place at the next meeting in Belgrade in December.
- c) Implementation of the project RE ORG in Macedonia. Zaharinka Aleksoska Bacheva confirmed the success of the project RE-ORG in Macedonia, which was implemented in April 2016 at the Museum of Contemporary Art-Skopje and with the participation of 15 professionals from 7 Macedonian Museum. All agreed that this project should continue to be part of the ICOM SEE work.
- d) Participants discussed the project that ICOM SEE will send to the call for special projects of ICOM in 2017. The idea to continue with the successful implementation of RE-ORG was adopted.
- e) At this meeting, attended by the President of the NC ICOM Greece, Ms A. Bounia has expressed a desire to join the RA ICOM SEE and the work of the Conference.
- f) Goranka Horjan informed the participants and the decision of the Executive Council to support financially regional alliances (aprox. with 3,000 euros) in 2016.

3. The General Meeting of the Board of RA ICOM SEE, 9 December 2016, Belgrade, Serbia.

The general meeting was held after the end of the working part III Regional Scientific Conference "Revitalization of cultural and natural heritage in the region of Southeast Europe, 2006 -2016". The agenda of the meeting was as follows:

- a. The report on the work of RA ICOM SEE for the period 2006-2016
- b. Election of new Board members

c. The agreement for the application of projects RA ICOM SEE Grant for ICOM 2017.

d. Miscellaneous

After adopting the agenda discussions followed:

a) The report on the work of RA ICOM SEE for the period 2006 to 2016.

President of the RA ICOM SEE Mila Popović-Živančević announced that her presentation at the plenary session on December 8 during the opening of III Regional Scientific Conference "Revitalization of cultural and natural heritage in the region of Southeast Europe, 2006-2016", is largely a ten-year summary of the work. After some formal adjustments it will take the form of a written document of the Report on the Work of RA ICOM SEE in the period of her presidency. Mila Popović-Živančević announced that this report should be prepared by 31 December 2016 and forwarded it to the members of the Board for approval via email. (Special Feature)

b. Election of new Board members

Member countries proposed the following candidates for members of the Board of RA ICOM SEE for the period 2017-2020:

*Albania*

Dr. sc. Sabina Veseli, National Archaeological Museum of Tirana,

Melsi Labi, Director of the National History Museum

*Bosnia and Herzegovina*

Dr. sc. Sarita Vujkovic, Director of the Museum of Contemporary Art Banja Luka, a candidate for the Vice-president of RA ICOM SEE,

Azra Bečevica Šarenkapa, the National Museum in Sarajevo

*Croatia*

Goranka Horjan, director of the Ethnographic Museum in Zagreb, a candidate for the President of RA ICOM SEE

Markita Franulic, director of the Technical Museum Nikola Tesla in Zagreb

*Serbia*

Prof. Dr. sc. Biljana Djordjevic, National Museum in Belgrade, a candidate for Secretary of RA ICOM SEE

Dr. sc. Tijana Palkovljević, director. Gallery Matica Srpska, Novi Sad

#### *Slovenia*

Dr. sc. Tanja Roženberger, director of the Slovenian Ethnographic Museum, a candidate for the Vice-president of RA ICOM SEE,

Mr. sc Estera.Cerar, Technical Museum of Slovenia, the head of the Museum of Post and Telecommunications, (second term)

#### *Romania*

Dr. sc. Dan Octavian Paul, Banat Museum - Temisoara (second term)

A proposal for another member of the Board of RA ICOM SEE is needed.

#### *Bulgaria*

Alexander Watts, restorer at the National Museum of History, (second term)

Prof. Dr. sc. Mirella Decheva, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", (second term)

#### *Moldova*

Dr. sc. Sergiu Pana, National Museum of Ethnography and Natural History of Moldova (second term)

Valeria Suruceanu, Curator at the National Museum of Arts, (second term)

#### *Macedonia*

Mr.sc. Gordan Nikolov, curator, advisor at the Museum of Macedonia, an ethnologist, a permanent member

Rubinco Belčeski, curator-adviser in the Bureau for protection of monuments of culture and Museum Prilep.

#### *Montenegro*

Mr. sc. Pejaković-Mileva Vujosevic, Director of the Maritime Museum in Kotor, (second term)

Ana Ivanovic, National Museum of Montenegro, Art Museum

At the elections all proposed candidates are elected as members of the new Board RA ICOM SEE. The new President of the RA ICOM SEE, Goranka Horjan, Director of the Ethnographic Museum in Zagreb, Croatia will start the mandate in January 2017 with other elected officers Dr. sc. Sarita Vujkovic, Director of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Dr Tanja Roženberger, director of the Slovenian Ethnographic Museum, Slovenia as two Vice-presidents of RA ICOM SEE and Prof. Dr. sc. Biljana Djordjevic, National Museum in Belgrade, Serbia as the Secretary of RA ICOM SEE.

The newly elected Board of RA ICOM SEE has accepted a proposal to form the Advisory Committee RA ICOM SEE, which would include part of the former members of the Board of RA ICOM SEE. Their experience and knowledge should contribute to the further development of regional projects, activities and work of the RA ICOM SEE. The Advisory Committee includes: Nina Zdravić Polič from Slovenia, Mila Popović-Živančević from Serbia, Ljiljana Zeković from Montenegro, Branislava Mihajlova and Zaharinka Alesoska-Bačev from Macedonia, Vlatka Filipčić Maligec from Croatia and Alma Leka from Bosnia and Herzegovina .

It was agreed that the new Board of RA ICOM SEE official takes over from 1 January 2017.

c) The agreement for the application of projects RA ICOM SEE Grant for ICOM 2017.

It has been suggested that because of the importance of the project, designed the methodology and positive results to go ahead with the project RE ORG. It was agreed to prepare applications for ICOM 2017 Grant for two new regional workshops RI ORG, which would be held in Croatia and Slovenia in 2017 and 2018 with the following partners: NK ICOM Montenegro, Slovenia, Croatian and Albanian. The realization of the Workshop will be made ICRROM the Central Institute for Conservation in Belgrade-CEC.

d) Miscellaneous

No topics were discussed.

## **REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP**

RE-ORG SEE (Training Program for the Reorganization of the Museum Depots in the Countries of South East Europe), training program for the reorganization of the museum depots in South Eastern Europe.

RE-ORG workshops, 18 - 22. April 2016 at Skopje, Macedonia. The workshop was organized at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Skopje. Educators and facilitators of this program RE-ORG workshop were Veljko Džikić and Natalija Cosic from the Central Institute for Conservation in Belgrade-CEC (attached to a special report).

The workshop was attended by 15 curators and conservators from 7 museum in Skopje.

RE-ORG methodology looks at the museum depot through the 4 aspects: management, building / space, collections and furniture / equipment. Accordingly, formulated 10 criteria that represent the optimal situation, we want to achieve in each RE-ORG workshop:

1. one trained staff member is responsible
2. Key policies and procedures exist and are applied
3. Building and space depots provide adequate protection for collection
4. Space is committed to supporting the depot
5. Space depot contains only objects that are (or will be) accessioned
6. Objects are not located directly on the floor
7. Each item is in a stable condition, ready to be used for the activities of the museum.
8. Each case is assigned to a certain location in the depot
9. Each item can be physically taken without moving more than two other cases
10. Each item can be found in the physical within three minutes (maybe a little more time for the museum).

RI ORG Workshop at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Skopje contributed to the reorganization of the selected depots improve access to cases, form new passes that allow seamless communication through the depot, both users and

the necessary equipment. No object is no longer on the floor. In the context of criteria of professional depot, now treated depot meets 7 out of 10 criteria.

## REGIONAL CONFERENCE

### III Regional Scientific Conference

"Revitalization of Cultural and Natural Heritage in South East Europe", 8 - 10 December 2016, Belgrade.

The conference was held at the ALFA BK University in Belgrade, RA ICOM SEE partners were ALFA BK University and the Karic Foundation. They helped to organize the conference together with ICOM Grant, in the amount of 3,000 euros, which RA ICOM SEE received in October 2016.

III Regional Scientific Conference is the result of many years and the finalization of the project "Revitalization of Cultural and Natural Heritage in South East Europe" which was a strategic platform since the establishment of RA ICOM SEE. From 2006 to today, this project consisted of a number of sub-projects, workshops and major regional conference that were the main carriers of this project, and on a phase by phase were systematically monitored its results.

The first ICOM SEE Regional Conference on "The State of cultural and natural heritage in the Balkan region" Kladovo, Serbia, October 2006 was able to analyze and determine the status of heritage.

The second Regional Science RA ICOM SEE Conference "Risk assessment of cultural and natural heritage in South East Europe", Niš, May 2012, managed to identify and define the risks and prioritize the most vulnerable content of heritage protection.

The third Regional Scientific Conference RA ICOM SEE "Revitalization of Cultural and Natural Heritage in South East Europe", Belgrade, 8-10. in December 2016, was able to show all the results achieved in the revitalization of the cultural and natural heritage in the region of Southeast Europe in the period from 2006-2016., institutional, professional and social.

The conference was attended by about 70 participants from different countries of the region of South Eastern Europe, of which 48 participants with presentations and 3 with posters.

The programme included 6 sessions:

Session 1 Science and Heritage (Scientific research and heritage)

Session 2. Education and heritage (Training and Education)

Session 3. Heritage and Society (Law and heritage; Heritage and Social Development; Management heritage)

Session 4 heritage protection (protection of cultural heritage, protection of natural heritage)

Session 5. Documentation heritage

Session 6. Security heritage (Extraordinary opportunities; Illegal activities; unsuitable professional intervention on heritage)

The most important outcome of the Conference is to be the first time shown that the professional activity of the participants of the Conference succeeded in integrative, interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary unite material, intangible and natural heritage, as a unique system Why can and caring for our heritage.

After the opening part III Regional Scientific Conference, December 10, members of the ICOM SEE extend their stay in Belgrade and visited the most attractive tourist site-in, at Kalemegdan fortress, which is a museum of the past Belgrade outdoors. It was created over a long period from the 1st to the 18th century, from the Roman fort, through the Byzantine castle, medieval Serbian capital, to the Austrian and Ottoman artillery fortification. On that occasion, colleagues visited the Natural History Museum Gallery at Kalemegdan and visited the magical world of dinosaurs.

III Regional scientific conference "Revitalization of Cultural and Natural Heritage in South East Europe", followed the book of abstracts, in native Slavic language and English, appropriate informative and promotional material such as posters, bags, pens, notepads, calendars, bookmarkers. During the preparation of the conference, in September 2016, we opened a special site with the address: // [www.see.rs](http://www.see.rs) wire, and email: [rsc.icomsee@alfa.edu.rs](mailto:rsc.icomsee@alfa.edu.rs)

#### FUTURE PROJECTS PREPARATION

Several topics were listed as future project proposals:

1. Regional Workshop on Protection of Cultural Heritage in Emergency Situations (continuation of the project from Banja Luka 2015).
2. Regional project Combating illegal trafficking and other illegal activities in the field of heritage.



3. Project Database Registry of incidents - Cultural Heritage in Southeastern Europe.
4. Publishing new edition of RA ICOM SEE Newsletter 3rd
5. Preparation of publication of Selected Papers from the II Regional Scientific Conference (vol. 3).
6. Preparations for the establishment of academic education in the field of Heritage protection. Prepare to complete basic studies, master's and doctoral at ALFA BK University in Belgrade, in principle, 4 + 1 + 3 in 2017 and is expected to obtain accreditation and commencement of work.
7. Continuation of Project Preservation of gastronomic heritage of the SEE region from 2012

#### PARTNER COOPERATION

RA ICOM SEE has regularly collaborated in 2016 with all the national committee of ICOM from the region of southeast Europe. It also regularly worked in 2016 with many professional organizations, institutions and universities: ICCROM from Rome, Central institute for conservation in Belgrade, Alfa BK university of Belgrade and others.

RA ICOM SEE in addition to regular meetings, the board successfully finalized a major strategic project from the previous period, "Revitalization of natural and cultural heritage in the region of southeast Europe, 2006-2016". The third regional scientific conference successfully demonstrated concrete results and showed quality of interdisciplinary experts and researchers on the revitalization of heritage in all the countries of SE Europe.