ICOM Triennial in Shanghai

The ICOM Triennial will be taking place in Shanghai November 7th to 12th. The theme of the conference is *Museums and Social Harmony*. The following ICOM board members and members have agreed to be the 5-member voting team for Canada for the elections of the ICOM Board: Manon Blanchette, Nancy Hushion, Shirley Madill, John McAvity and Robert Spickler.

The CMA has made arrangements with a travel consultant, Uniglobe River Valley Travel, to help any Canadians who wish to attend the Triennial. The company is located in St. John, NB. Attached is the information from the company. If you are going to Shanghai, we strongly encourage you to deal with this travel agency. Please note that you should contact the agency as soon as possible since the hotel rooms can only be held for a limited time. A big thank you to John McAvity of the CMA for making this arrangement for us.

The ICOM Canada Board will also be arranging a reception for Canadian delegates attending. If you are attending the Triennial, please let us know as soon as possible so that you can be included in the invitation. Contact Sylvie Morel, President, ICOM Canada at sylvie.morel@rogers.com.

Annual General Meeting

The ICOM Canada Annual General Meeting was held in St. John’s on May 12th. The President of ICOM Canada briefed the members in attendance on the activities of the last year. The Treasurer presented a financial statement that was approved. Katy Tari was elected for a second term and two new board members were elected: Adriana Davies (Edmonton) and Audrey Vermette (Ottawa). We are delighted to have them on board.

Following the AGM, the board selected Manon Blanchette as Vice-president and Adriana Davies as Treasurer.

ICOM Canada session at the CMA, St. John’s

ICOM Canada sponsored a plenary session entitled *Is There a Future for Museums?* Moderated by Françoise Enguehard. The speakers, James Chung, Reach Advisors, Dean Brinton, The Rooms, Marc Mayer, National Gallery of Canada and Lois Luke, Parks Canada explored questions critical to the future of museums.
ICOM Canada Award

The 2010 ICOM Canada International Achievement Award went to Mr. François Tremblay in recognition of his invaluable contribution to international museology. During his long career as a museum professional, François has demonstrated and encouraged professional excellence. His willingness to share his expertise on an international level has been remarkable. He has been instrumental in bringing Canadian museum practice to the international arena and has made significant contributions to international museology.

Congratulations François!

I’d like to remind you to send in your nominations for next year’s award.

Board members

Current Board members are:

Sylvie Morel, President, (Oxford Mills, Ontario, sylvie.morel@rogers.com)
Manon Blanchette, Vice-President (Montreal, Quebec, mblanchette@museesmontreal.org)
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Katy Tari (Montreal, Quebec, katy@orange-kiwi.com)
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Conferences and events taking place in Canada

Note: if you know of any events related to ICOM taking place in Canada, please let us know and we will post it in our e-bulletin.
UNIGLOBE River Valley Travel is pleased to be considered as the official Canadian travel agent for the ICOM 2010 Shanghai China event to be held from November 07 to November 12th 2010. We have just completed a package of the World Fair Visit for CMA and have strong supplier connections in Shanghai. Barbara Lee-White has visited this part of China and has extensive experience in this market.

It is in our best interest, as well as yours that we continually search out and provide the most cost-effective travel packages available for our clients. At the same time, we aim to make the travel planning process as convenient as possible and give your travelers peace of mind. We are here to take the stress out of travel and to make it simple.

As the official travel agent we will be responsible for all your travel arrangements including the procurement of your Chinese visa which is mandatory. Transfers to and from the airport, 7 nights hotel accommodation including all breakfasts and taxes. Should there be any flight delays both the transfer company and the hotel will be advised so travel will be seamless.

We have included a half day tour of Shanghai in order for your delegates to become acquainted with the city that is to be your home for the next 7 days. This will be an exclusive Canadian tour on Sunday November 07. We are also offering an optional day trip to Suzhou just for the Canadian delegates. Should you wish to extend your time in China we can arrange for additional tours and airfare. Should you wish to spend less time in Shanghai the price will be adjusted. Should you wish to include other venues we would be most happy to incorporate this in the package.

We have chosen three hotels for you to look at based on location and on price. The first two hotels are in the Huangpu district (central Shanghai) rather than in Pudong District. Pudong is the new financial, commercial and industrial district. You are closer to the Expo site however you are miles from anywhere and in an industrial park. This is the area ICOM has chosen for their hotels. My feeling is you will spend a great deal on transportation for sightseeing, shopping and dining and not experience the true Shanghai.

Shanghai is one of the world’s most incredible cites with a population of more than 20 million people. The story of Shanghai is marked by three great transformations. It is China’s city of commerce. English is the most widely spoken foreign language.

The Radisson and the Salvo are close to the Bund and to Nanjing Road which is the main shopping street in Shanghai. Transfers to and from the expo are not included in any of the properties listed.

My first choice is The Radisson New World Hotel on Nanjing Road. You can find this at [www.radisson.com/shanghaicn_newworld](http://www.radisson.com/shanghaicn_newworld). The location is very good and this is considered to be a 5 star deluxe hotel. Amenities include five food and beverage outlets, satellite television, spa, swimming pool, Fitness Center and complimentary high-speed broadband internet access, both cable and wireless. The hotel is directly above the People’s park subway station. Package cost per person 2182.35 Canadian for 7 nights. If this is a twin share the second person pays 309.35.

Second choice is the Salvo Hotel which is a 4 star hotel close to the Bund. Again this property has 3 restaurants and 2 bars, a health club and fitness center, massage service and complimentary broadband Internet access. This hotel is used by many groups and the price is right. It is 10 years
You can find this under www.salvohotel-shanghai.com. Located on Guangdong Road the Salvo is a short distance from Huangpu River. This prime location provides guests with panoramic views of the city’s skyscrapers as well as the river. A 5 to 10 minute walk from the hotel to Nanjing Road and a short distance way from Line 2 Metro Station. Package cost per person 1681.80 Canadian for 7 nights. Again if twin share the second person pays 309.35.

Third choice is the Holiday Inn in Pudong. This would be in the financial district however you are still in an industrial park and not in the “real Shanghai.” Package cost 1832.80 and for the twin share 303.35.

Uniglobe has negotiated a special rate with Air Canada with savings of up to 20 percent savings. This is based on space availability at time of booking and class of service used.
Ticketing will be at time of booking and normal fare rules will apply.

Discounts are available in both business and in economy classes. Seat assignment, aeroplane numbers, special meals will be completed at time of booking. Should your delegates wish to use aeroplane points we are able to make those arrangements.

Should you require assistance when traveling our Canadian based 24/7 Rescue line offers prompt, efficient service day or night and is accessible from China in the event an emergency arises and you need immediate help.

A complete package with pricing, services, 1 800 numbers and emails will be provided once the package has been finalized. One of the advantages of working with a travel agency is that it is one call and we look after it all. Rather than booking over the internet you are dealing with an individual who is looking after your best interests.

Included in this package will be a Travel Advisory on China, Chinese Visa application and a breakdown of deposit and final payments. We are including a non medical cancellation insurance policy in this package due to the fact this will be 100 percent non refundable after final payment. This quote is good until August 07. At this time we will have to have a 250.00 non refundable deposit from each person who has committed. We need a minimum of 15 hotel rooms. Final payment will be due September 15, 2010. As mentioned airfare will be due at time of booking and depending on the class of service booked there will be cancellation and change fees involved.

The following items shall be the responsibility of ICOM Canada. Designate UNIGLOBE River Valley Travel to its members as the official travel agency for ICOM 2010 Shanghai. Promote this service to the membership through email blasts, blogs and postings on your website. The benefits of having one central location processing everyone far outweigh each individual looking after their own travel.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting me at 1 800 645 8747.

I look forward to working with you and thank you for the opportunity to be the official Canadian Travel agent of ICOM Canada.

Barbara Lee-White
President
UNIGLOBE River Valley Travel