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ICOM Canada

E-Bulletin

A word from the President

I am pleased to send you this update on the recent activities of ICOM Canada.

Sylvie Morel
President
ICOM Canada

Strategic Plan and Action Plans

Following the approval of the ICOM Canada Strategic Plan at the 2008 AGM, the board worked on identifying concrete actions to achieve the goals we had set out. The action plan is attached. Each board member has taken responsibility for some short- and medium-term tasks. If any member of ICOM Canada would like to get involved, please let us know. We have an ambitious agenda and since the board members are involved on a volunteer basis any help we can get is appreciated.

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

ICOM Canada hosted Craig Richards, Curator of Photography, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Tim Willis, Director of Exhibits & Visitor Experience, Royal British Columbia Museum, and Nicolas Gauvin, Director of Travelling Exhibitions, Exhibition Planning and Partnerships, Canadian Museum of Civilization in Toronto on March 27th, to present their perspectives on international collaborations.

We were also delighted that the Harbourfront Center and York Quay Galleries hosted us for a reception and tour of their facilities. This was a great evening of art and craft, good food and conversation. Thank you to the staff of Harbourfront and York Quay Galleries for making it a special evening.

Annual General Meeting

The ICOM Canada Annual General Meeting was also held in Toronto on March 27th. 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. The (yet again) revised by-laws were presented and approved, as were the revised Letters Patent. Two new board members were elected: Mary Bradshaw (Yukon) and Gerry

Osmond (Newfoundland). We are delighted to have them on board. George Harris was re-elected as a Director and Sylvie Morel was re-elected as President.

ICOM Canada Award

The 2008 ICOM Canada International Achievement Award went to Dr. Carol Mayer in recognition of her invaluable contribution to international museology. As a professional, researcher, writer, teacher, mentor and volunteer, she has been instrumental in bringing Canadian museum theory and practice to the international arena and has made significant contributions to international museology.

Congratulations Carol!

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

Upcoming activities

The 2009 ICOM General Assembly and meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held in Paris June 8th to 11th.

Board members

Current Board members are:

Sylvie Morel, President, (Oxford Mills, Ontario, sylvie.morel@rogers.com)

Michale Lang, Vice-President (Whyte Gallery, Banff, Alberta, mlang@whyte.org)

Manon Blanchette, Treasurer (Montreal Museum Directors Board, Montreal, Quebec, mblanchette@museesmontreal.org)

Mary Bradshaw (Yukon Art Centre Public Art Gallery, Whitehorse, Yukon, gallerdirector@yac.ca)

George Harris (Two Rivers Gallery, Prince George, BC, george@tworiversartgallery.com)

Shirley Madill (Rodman Hall Arts Centre, St. Catharine's (Ontario) smadill@brocku.ca)

Lisa Making (Royal Tyrrell Museum, Drumheller, Alberta, lisa.making@gov.ab.ca)

Gerry Osmond (Provincial Historic Sites, Department of Culture, St. John's, Newfoundland, gerryosmond@hotmail.com)

Katy Tari (Orange-Kiwi, Montreal, Quebec, katy@orange-kiwi.com)

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)

International Committee on Museum Security (ICMS) conference will be held in Québec City September 14-18, 2009 (<http://icms.boom.ru/quebec2009.html>).

International Museums Day

Don't forget to mark International Museums Day on May 18th. The theme for this year is Museums and Tourism.

I would like to bring your attention to a Small Canadian living history museum in Ontario that has launched an impressive international program and how it is celebrating IMD. Their press release is attached.