



April 2010

### **A word from the President**

ICOM Canada activities are fast approaching and will take place during the CMA Annual Conference held in St. John's, Newfoundland, May 10-14, 2010.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Board Members.

Sylvie Morel  
President  
ICOM Canada

### **Membership Renewal**

If you have not already renewed your membership, please send in your renewal form as soon as possible. We also urge you to encourage colleagues to join ICOM Canada or to renew their membership.

### **ICOM Canada activities in May:**

**Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 4:15 – 5:30 pm** – The ICOM Canada **Annual General Meeting** will be held at the Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland.

The meeting will include:

- Minutes of the 2009 AGM. **Review the minutes**
- Chairperson's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of members of the Board. **Review the proposed slate** and the **biographies of candidates**
- If you cannot attend the meeting, **print out the proxy form** and fax it back by May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- To conduct any other business as may properly come before the meeting.

You will find the agenda for the meeting here: **Review the agenda**

**Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 7:00 pm** – Join us for the presentation of the **ICOM Canada International Achievement Award** and celebration dinner.

Advance registration is required.

**Thursday, May 13, 2010, 8:45 to 9:45 am**

**You are invited to participate in the Plenary session sponsored by ICOM Canada.**

***Is There a Future for Museums?***

**Moderator:** Françoise Enguehard

**Speakers:**

James Chung, Reach Advisors

Dean Brinton, The Rooms

Museums are no longer the exclusive enclaves of the elite. They have become centres of learning where doors to new experiences are opened to all. They have become our reinvented town squares where like-minded people with similar interests meet, share and engage. With visionary leadership museums can be at the core of a new civic culture. This plenary will explore questions critical to the future of museums: As you plan for the future, are you working to include your community? How are you retooling or redesigning programs and exhibitions to respond to the Net Gen? To a great extent we fashion the future by how we imagine it, what do you see for the future of museums?

To download the conference registration form:

[http://www.museums.ca/media/Pdf/2008%20Conference/CMA\\_Victoria2008\\_Registrati%20on.pdf](http://www.museums.ca/media/Pdf/2008%20Conference/CMA_Victoria2008_Registrati%20on.pdf)

**UPDATE ON HAITI EARTHQUAKE**

ICOM is a partner with the International Committee of the Blue Shield, which is the cultural equivalent of the Red Cross.

Blue Shield wants to help to enable experts from all over the world to support their Haitian colleagues in assessing the damage to the cultural heritage and therefore to the identity of their country. Subsequently, Blue Shield wants to support recovery, restoration and repair measures necessary to rebuild libraries, archives, museums, monuments and sites.

An important task of Blue Shield is to coordinate information. Blue Shield needs to know who and where the experts are. Blue Shield therefore calls upon archivists, restorers, curators, librarians, architects and other experts to register online as a volunteer.

Blue Shield wants to be able to bring experts in contact with those organizations that will send missions to Haiti, and make sure that volunteers will be informed about the situation in Haiti.

You will find the application form via: <http://haiti2010.blueshield-international.org/>.

You can find more information at the following:

<http://icom.museum/emergency.html>  
<http://www.blueshield-international.org/>  
Facebook: Haiti 2010 Blue Shield Solidarity  
Twitter: blueshieldcoop

## **ICOM E-BULLETIN**

The ICOM headquarters in Paris sends out an e-bulletin to members. If you would like to receive this e-bulletin, you need only send an e-mail to [nadine.amorim@icom.museum](mailto:nadine.amorim@icom.museum) and indicate your membership number and the language (English, French or Spanish) in which you would like to receive the e-newsletter.

## **INTERNATIONAL MUSEUMS DAY**

A reminder from ICOM headquarters in Paris: Please send us your information on International Museum Day before 6 April, 2010

Almost 100 countries are on the starting blocks for International Museum Day 2010! This year's theme is "Museums for Social Harmony".

This year we would like to increase the event's visibility through a press campaign that will detail the activities to be organised in your museum.

Please send us information on your planned events for International Museum Day before 6 April, 2010 by email at [communication@icom.museum](mailto:communication@icom.museum)

To help you organise International Museum Day, ICOM has put together a communications kit for its committees and members. In addition to the resource pack of ideas for suggested activities, this year, for the first time, it also contains posters to be printed and customised in your language as well as a media kit. For more information, see:

[http://icom.museum/doc/imd2010\\_links.html](http://icom.museum/doc/imd2010_links.html)

## **FUTURE MUSEUMS CONGRESS**

This congress takes place June 7-9, 2010 in Abu Dhabi - and as an ICOM member you can save 50%.

Simply enter the FMCI COM discount code online to qualify for a 50% saving on 3-day VIP passes and do make sure you go to the 'Planning your Trip' section of the website for the latest air fare and hotel deals.

Go to [www.FutureMuseums.com/register](http://www.FutureMuseums.com/register) to book your place now

See [www.FutureMuseums.com/conference](http://www.FutureMuseums.com/conference) for more on the conference