

Report 2015-2016 on Professional development for the **CECA General Assembly**

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2015 Pre-conference workshops Washington

During the CECA 2015 conference in Washington DC two workshops took place at the Smithsonian Offices at l'Enfant Plaza on Wednesday September 16:

- A "How-To" Workshop: *Connecting Learners to Your Museum through Digital Access* by Ashley Naranjo and Randal Woodman from Smithsonian Museums (in English and Spanish)
37 participants from 19 countries
- *Making museums accessible: learning from experience* by Luciana Sepúlveda Köptcke from Programa de Educação, Cultura e Saúde, Fiocruz-Brasília, Brazil (in English)
45 participants from 22 countries



Both workshops were very rich, **please do read the workshop report on the CECA website:**

<http://network.icom.museum/ceca/conferences/pre-conference-workshops/>

2016 Pre-conference workshops Milan

The Pre-Conference workshops are scheduled for Sunday July 3., 2016 at the Museo Nazionale della Scienza e della Tecnologia "Leonardo da Vinci". There are two workshops:

- El paisaje cultural como estrategia didáctica para el reconocimiento "del otro" / The cultural landscape as a didactic strategy for the recognition of "the other" / by **Jorge Albuja**, CECA Ecuador
- Story-lines connecting memory-scapes and museums; from best practice to next practice / by **Frederike van Ouwerkerk**, NHTV Breda University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands

Both workshops will be held twice, and Jorge's morning-workshop will be in Spanish. The other three are in English.

Concluding remarks

It has been a pleasure to me to organise these workshops over the last 6 years. We started with this new phenomena in 2011 in Croatia. The whole idea of offering members the opportunity to profit from expertise of CECA colleagues has worked out well. The workshops have been highly appreciated, thanks also to the great contributions made by so many wonderful workshop leaders! In addition we always hear that workshops are a perfect start for the conference, offering an informal way of meeting colleagues. The strategy to match the workshop themes with the theme of the annual conference has proved to be an extra value.

Now I am happy to leave next year's workshops to the new Board. And I am ready to support my successor as much as I can.