



ICOM Glass Annual Conference 2015

Joint meeting with AIHV

Association Internationale pour l'Histoire du Verre

Fribourg and Romont, Switzerland, 7 – 14 September 2015

Dear ICOM GLASS Members,

As we discussed in our 2014 General Assembly, in Romania, the 2015 GLASS Annual Meeting is organized in the frame of the 20th Congress of the AIHV - Association Internationale pour l'Histoire du Verre (International Association for the History of Glass) in Fribourg and Romont, Switzerland, from 7 to 14 September 2015. This will be a good chance to strengthen the relationship between ICOM GLASS and the AIHV, since a joint meeting of these two organizations hasn't happened for many decades.

Thanks to this partnership, we are offered a stimulating program of 100 lectures and 80 posters on several fields of investigation concerning ancient and modern glass, and a number of glass exhibitions specially conceived for this event. Two single-day post-conference tours to museums and other places of interest in Western Switzerland will take place on 12 and 13 September 2015. You can find enclosed the provisional program and the 3rd circular. More information is available at <http://www.aihv2015.ch>.

Please note that the registration and the payment of the fee concerning the congress and the post-congress tour must be made only through the organization of the 20th Congress of the AIHV, as indicated in the annexed 3rd circular and on the website of the congress. Please note also that the deadline for early registration (at a reduced tariff) will end on 30 June 2015!

Additionally, we will have some events exclusive to ICOM GLASS participants.

On **Tuesday 8 September**, at the end of the day, we will have our GLASS General Assembly, in a location to be confirmed.

For **Monday 14 September** ICOM GLASS is organizing visit to Zurich, which will allow participants to fly back from there that evening. The provisional program is as following:

8.00 Departure from Fribourg by private coach to Affoltern am Albis (near Zurich).

10.00 Arrival in Affoltern am Albis.

10.30 Visit of the **Collection Center of the Schweizerisches Nationalmuseum. Landesmuseum Zürich**, where the glass collection of the museum is kept. The visit of the medieval and modern glass collection, until the 20th century, will be accompanied by Dr. Christine Keller Lüthi, curator at the Schweizerisches Nationalmuseum. Landesmuseum Zürich, board member of ICOM Switzerland, and ICOM GLASS member. The possibility to see the archaeological glass collection is also considered.

12.00-13.00 Lunch (near the Collection Center).

13.00 Departure to Zurich.

14.00 – 15.00 Possible visit of the new Campus TONI-Areal where the 4 collections of the Museum für Gestaltung Zürich moved to. It is within the city-limits of Zürich, on the Western side. As in the early years of the arts and crafts collection, it combines collections, museum and school-campus under one roof.

15.00 Departure to the Railway Station and/or the airport.

There will probably be a fee in the region of 50 Euros to cover transfer costs.

Please note that the Schweizerisches Nationalmuseum. Landesmuseum Zürich is currently undergoing a major renovation and the new museum will be open on August 1st in 2016.