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You are invited to participate in ICME 97:

**Museums of ethnography/ethnology and the public -
exhibitions and visitor-oriented programmes.**

Amsterdam November 29 - December 2, 1997

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ICME 96 was held at the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS - The National Museum of Man) in Bhopal, India. Thanks to the staff of that museum and its director, Dr. K.K. Chakravarty, the conference became a memorable experience for all participants. The museum itself is one of the most exciting of its kind. It is a large and impressive open air museum, but also something more: the "museum considers itself .. a dynamic instrument for preserving communities, their habitats, their bio-cultural diversity, their specific bio-conservation strategies, their life enhancing knowledge and skills. It considers *ex situ* conservation .. as an unavoidable and evil necessity, and as a very insignificant contribution to its primary objective of *in situ* salvage and revitalisation." The proceedings of the conference will be published by IGRMS. Readers of this newsletter who have an article on indigenous knowledge systems - which was the theme of the conference - and would like to have it published together with the proceedings, can write to: DR. K.K. Chakravarty, IGRMS, Post Bag No 2, Shamlu Hills, Bhopal-462 013, India, or fax 91 - 755 542076.

The coming 14th International Conference of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences includes a symposium on **THE SYSTEMATIC PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE: FROM FIELD COLLECTION TO MUSEUM AND OTHER RELATED INSTITUTIONS**. The symposium will attempt to discuss the related issues on the diverse forms of tribal and ethnic collections which are sometimes considered as a regional collection and national collections. When they are considered as a regional collection they automatically become a secondary level of heritage and do not get a proper attention either by the State (region) or by the Central (Federal) governments. The science of anthropological museology intends to present a set of strategies and methodology which will help the scientists in their various research situation, i.e. from field inquiry to the preservation and maintenance of anthropological, ethnographical, folk-cultural, ethno-historical and archaeological research collections in Museums, University Departments and other concerned institutions of cultural heritage. By comparing the various case studies of the cultural areas and collections the symposium will be able to achieve certain methods of scientific collection, documentation, preservation, maintenance and research publications of the cultural and ethnic identities of the people of our planet, the mother earth.

The conference will be held from July 26 to August 1 1998 at Williamsburg, Virginia, U.S.A. The main theme of the conference is "The 21st Century: the century of Anthropology". The deadline for the receipt of Abstracts is October 15, 1997. Information from Oriana Casadei, Conference Coordinator, 14th Intl. Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences tel: (757) 221-1870, fax: (757) 221-2572, e-mail: oxcasa@facstaff.wm.edu

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DES MUSEES

Costs

All costs mentioned are in Dutch currency.

Travel grants

No specific travel grants are set off for this conference, but you can try UNESCO, your national ICOM committee, find out whether there are cooperation agreements between your country and the Netherlands, contact the Dutch embassy in your country for information and/or other relevant foundations.

Travel to and from the conference

Participants have to arrange for travel to and from Amsterdam.

Hotel

You can stay at any hotel you wish in Amsterdam. However, it is always nice to have most of the participants in one hotel, and we recommend the Tulip Inn Tropen, which is situated next to the Tropen Museum. This hotel can offer you a room for f. 195 per person per night (same price per person for single and double rooms). Breakfast is included.

Meals at the Tulip Inn Tropen

Since many of our meetings will be at this hotel, some of our meals will also take place here. Each lunch costs f. 20 (some drinks included) and each dinner f. 35 (drinks not included).

Conference fee

Which is rent of conference rooms, transport on excursion day, etc. amounts to f. 130 per person (with full attendance this will be reduced to about f. 100) and must be paid to the ICME-secretariat upon arrival.

Other meals - other costs

All meals and other costs not mentioned above must be paid directly by the participant.

Number of participants

For practical reasons the maximum number of participants are 50. Ideally we should not be more than 40. The ICME 97-secretariat can reduce the number of participants from the Netherlands to the advantage of participants from other countries if the maximum number is exceeded. This is not a message to the Dutch to stay off! On the contrary, discussions are often best with a good blend of "insiders" and "outsiders", and the number of participants are not likely to exceed 50 in any case. As a general principle we adhere to "first come, first served". Accompanying persons are very welcome to join us at all social occasions, but - if the number of ordinary participants goes up to 50 - there is not room for them to follow in the museums and the bus excursion.

Registration and reservations deadlines

Registration form for the conference and reservation form for the Tulip Inn Tropen and/or meals there, is the same. Send the original to the hotel and a copy to the ICME secretary. November and December are busy periods for the hotel. To be on the safe side you should make your hotel reservations before September 1. Lunches and dinners should be reserved before November 15. Please send a registration form to the ICME secretary even if you are not staying at the Tulip Inn Tropen or participating in any of the meals in that hotel.

Registration and reservation for lunch, dinner, hotel

Send to:

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OBS! Nov./Dec. are busy periods: To be on the safe side: make your hotel reservations before Sept. 1! Lunches and dinners should be reserved before Nov. 15!

Name: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Tel.: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

If you are two together, name of the other person: _____

I am neither staying at the Tulip Inn Tropen, nor participating in any of the meals there, so I send this registration form only to the ICME secretariat: _____

Hotel reservation at the Tulip Inn Tropen:

Date of arrival: _____ Date of departure: _____

I want a single room for ___ nights à f. 195 pr. person sum _____

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Meals at the Tulip Inn Tropen:

Saturday November 29 Lunch á f. 20 pr. person sum _____

Saturday November 29 Dinner á f. 35 pr. person sum _____

Sunday November 30 Dinner á f. 35 pr. person sum _____

Tuesday December 2 Lunch á f. 20 pr. person sum _____

To be paid to the hotel total _____

(Additionally conference fee f. 130. Must be paid in cash to the ICME-secretariat upon arrival.)

The reservation is guaranteed by giving the credit card number and expire date:

Credit card type: _____ Number _____ Expire date: _____

Place _____ Date _____ Signature _____

Reservations can be paid on the day of check out and be made in cash, cheques and foreign currencies.