

# ICMS News letter No. 2018/1

**Dear ICMS members,**

Since our last business meeting in Boston, USA in August 2017 the board of ICMS has managed to continue the work in her field of museum security and to try to extend our influence and to share our experiences with a number of contacts.

In Warsaw, Poland the work for the translation of our Emergency handbook is underway and possibly the Polish version will be ready by the end of 2018.

From ICOM Iran we have received a request for not only a workshop but also our approval for a translation of our Handbook into Farsi. With that translation the Handbook can be used in many Arabic countries.

In the meantime is a small working group based in the Rijksmuseum Amsterdam, The Netherlands busy with the update of our Handbook, after which we will translate the changes into the official ICOM languages (English, French and Spanish) and find a way to make the changes in the other languages.

The board urges all members to look around you and to check your contacts for a membership of ICMS. We would like to grow in numbers and in countries where ICMS could be represented, especially in countries in Africa, Asia and Australia. Please check your friends and try to bring them in our group.

Our board members from the USA, Stephen St. Laurent did resign as a board member of ICMS. Replacing him is Trygve Lauritzen from Oslo, Norway. The board will ask the members in the next business meeting to approve this change.

Due to the workload and for reasons of geographic importance the board would like to find two (2) more board members. The chair is urging everyone who is interested in participating in "running" the work of ICMS, please step forward and let the chair or the secretary know.

We would like to remind all members that the annual ICMS meeting will take place in Nairobi, Kenya from 17 – 19 September 2018. On our website you can link to the Kenyan website and register for the participation. The venue will be in the National Museum of Kenya.

We do hope that there will be a good turnout of members, to assist the Kenyan members and participants from African countries to share their and our experiences and to help each other to move forward in the field of museum security and the safeguarding of the cultural heritage.

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