

Dear members of ICOM,

I am happy to announce the Members of the Executive Board unanimously decided on a name you know very well and they appointed Peter Keller as ICOM's Director General. Below I share with you our official announcement.

Peter Keller has been appointed Director General of the International Council of Museums (ICOM), effective 1 February, 2017. Keller, who is currently serving his second mandate as ICOM Treasurer, has been Director of the Salzburg Cathedral Museum (Dommuseum), Austria, since 2002. In 2014, he initiated a merger with three other museums to form the DomQuartier Salzburg, a progressive institution whose visitor numbers soared to five times those of the Dommuseum.

Peter Keller studied art history in Vienna, Bonn and Cologne as well as museology in Paris. For three years, he worked at the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin before joining the Dommuseum. In addition to his role of Treasurer at ICOM, Keller has also served as Chair and Secretary of the organisation's International Committee for Historic House Museums (DEMHIST) and as a board member of the Austrian National Committee. In Austria he was also a member of the jury for museum accreditation and of the national advisory council for museums.

As ICOM Director General, Peter Keller will focus on enhancing the organisation of the head office, and on improving communication both internally with the National and International Committees and externally with ICOM's various partners. He will work to strengthen ICOM's network, intensify its publication, programme and capacity-building efforts, and reinforce the organisation's presence to ensure members benefit from their affiliation. "ICOM is an association of museum professionals", he underlines, "and the only global museum association." As such, he intends to manage the association in accordance with the principles of transparency, efficiency and subsidiarity.

Peter Keller succeeds Anne-Catherine Robert-Hauglustaine, who was also appointed Director General while serving a mandate as Treasurer in 2014. During her term as Director General, Dr Robert-Hauglustaine led the launch of the organisation's re-branding process, the introduction of a new logo, and the organisation of a successful triennial General Conference in Milan in 2016.

The President appointed Emma Nardi, member of the Executive Board and former Chair of ICOM's International Committee for Education and Cultural Action (CECA), to succeed Peter Keller as Treasurer.

We wish the incoming and outgoing DGs and the new Treasurer much success in this new phase of their professional life.

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