



ICOFOM LAM
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SUB COMITÉ REGIONAL DE MUSEOLOGÍA DE AMÉRICA LATINA Y EL CARIBE

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Introduction:

The Subcommittee of Museology for Latin America and the Caribbean, ICOFOM LAM, was created under the decentralization and regionalization policies for the 1989-1992 ICOM triennial, in order to contribute with the International Committee of Museology ICOFOM objectives projection and thus, consolidating the museological movement in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Since 1992 Yearly Symposiums are organized in various countries of the region, with the participation of renown professionals, experts in the subject, who dictate masterly conferences, and encourage experiences interchange with local museum professionals.

To date, 19 Symposiums have been held, which have generated an unprecedented production of documents of studies and research on Museology Theory and Practices published in Portuguese and Spanish, which are analyzed and debated in workshops. The conclusions are recorded in Letters and Manifestos which have become the synthesis of the Latin American concepts on contemporary museology and the museums functions.

Within the work plan projected for the triennial to which I was assigned, an evaluation of all projects was carried out, identifying each and every undertaking of optimum quality with results of great benefit to the Latin America museology; therefore, the board decided to continue developing those bases for its functioning and regulating its meetings.

In accordance with ICOM's resolutions of the 22nd General Conference held in Shanghai in 2010, the ICOFOM Board of Directors dictated that the Chairman for the Triennial 2010-2013 would be elected at the upcoming Annual Conference to be held in Quito, Ecuador, this coming November; additionally shall recommend to be in charge of continuing the lines of action established by ICOFOM as the Museology Subcommittee to Latin America and the Caribbean, ICOFOM LAM.

The Interdisciplinary Conference of reflection discernment shall be held from the 7th to the 11th of November this year, strictly observing the ICOM Strategic Plan guidelines, which promulgates major global dissemination of its ethical and scientific standards by means of concrete actions in different countries of the world. Two regional committees dependent of ICOM International Committees shall meet; they are: the Cultural Education & Action (CECA) and the Museology (ICOFOM), both very well known and recognized since they have been working actively in Latin America during the last 20 years. We, thus, consider the possibility of achieving ample knowledge dissemination among our members and follower within the region.

Activities held:

1. The letter of Santiago de Chile was written and completed product of the XVIII ICOFOM LAM Meeting held in October, 2009 and shall be presented during the XX Meeting to be held in Quito on November, 2011.


























2. Production on CD of all work documents from the XVIII Meeting with the theme: "Museology and the Integral Museum in the Latin America and Caribbean stage".
3. Representatives of Belen, Brazil, made efforts to organize a Workshop to be held 25-28 of October, 2011; since it conflicted with the Annual ICOFOM Meeting, plans had to be cancelled.
4. The Interdisciplinary Conference of Reflection Discernment shall be held from the 7th to the 11th of November this year in Quito, Ecuador; subject to discuss shall be Museology, Education and Cultural Action: Interface. We have recruited the support of the National Ecuador Committee, the Regional Subcommittee of Education and Cultural Action (CECA LAC), the Foundation of Museums of the City of Quito, as well as Quito City Hall.
5. The web site <http://jornadas2011.icofom-lam.org/> was created with the objective to publicize The Interdisciplinary Conference of Reflection Discernment to be hold in Quito, Ecuador.
6. Promotion of the ICOFOM LAM and the XX Congress with the chairmen of national committees and ICOM LAC regional alliance.
7. Work meeting with the Board at the City of Buenos Aires, Argentina, September 26-27, to plan ahead activities for the 2010-2013 triennial.



8. Maintenance and actualization of the Web Site www.icofom-lam.org/. To the date we report 6,358 visits from Brazil, Argentine, Chile, Spain, United Sates, Guatemala, Mexico, Russia, Venezuela, Portugal, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Belize, the Netherlands, and Peru. Since May we have received visits from the following countries:

Countries

Brazil	
Guatemala	
Argentine	
Mexico	
Peru	
United States	
Russia	
Costa Rica	
Venezuela	
Spain	
Colombia	
Ecuador	
Chile	
Uruguay	
Nicaragua	
Netherlands	
Portugal	
Germany	
Bolivia	
China	
Greece	
Italy	
France	

9. The directory of members who participate in the Latin American and the Caribbean Subcommittee was conformed.
10. ICOFOM Reports and news were transmitted to the Latin American and the Caribbean Subcommittee.
11. Data Base of e-mail addresses of the Latin American and the Caribbean ICOFOM.
12. Preparation of the Triennial Report for ICOFOM.

WORK PLAN 2010-2013

During the Conference held in the City of Buenos Aires, the Board held several work sessions analyzing ICOFOM LAM trajectory of its 20 first years and establishing the continuance of each of its projects; after evaluating the current region and the world economical situation, the facts that affected the organization and the development of annual conferences, we submit the following Activities Plan.

- To concentrate efforts in strengthening the theoretical museological basis, principal objective of our subcommittee.
- To involve Latin American Universities and academic groups in researching museological theory.
- To establish two modes of Annual Meetings:
 - **Conferences** on the outmost current museums subject matter with the participation of prominent experts and museology professionals from countries within the region; theme selection should be in accordance with the host country interests, with ICOFOM established subjects, or themes adapted to the Latin American reality of life.
 - **Workshops** addressed by museology specialists, which should become work meetings where museum training to young museologist should be a must.
 - To continue producing the Annual Letters or Pronouncements, the publication of academic papers, as well as their projection in interactive CDs.
 - To create an ICOFOM LAM Membership Directory to initiate the Latin-American and the Caribbean Museologists data base.
 - To build up an editorial scientific committee responsible for evaluating and draw out the ICOFOM LAM bibliographic production.
 - To provide support to Latin-American countries study groups of major documents published by ICOFOM on current museological thoughts.

- To generate an electronic bulletin in order to spread out ICOFOM LAM production.
- To maintain servicing ICOFOM LAM Web Site with all work documents produced by annual congresses and their conclusions.
- To encourage and support participation of Latin American and the Caribbean professionals to annual scientific and academic symposiums organized by ICOFOM around the world.
- Establish discussion webs through video-conferences with universities support.
- To hold an Annual General Assembly, in each one of the conferences held. Also, to hold elections on 2011.
- To write up annual and triennial reports within the established work guidelines established by ICOFOM.

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