

**Minutes**  
**ICOFOM General Assembly**

**Online via Zoom**

18 March 2021  
12:30 – 1:30 EDT

**Chair:** Bruno Brulon Soares, ICOFOM President

**Present (from the ICOFOM Board):**

Bruno Brulon Soares (Brazil), Yves Bergeron (Canada), Marion Bertin (France), Karen Brown (Ireland), Supreo Chanda (India), Anna Leshchenko (Russia), François Mairesse (France), Lynn Maranda (Canada), Luciana Menezes de Carvalho (Brazil), Olga Nazor (Argentina), Michèle Rivet (Canada), Daniel Schmitt (France), Elizabeth Weiser (USA)

**Present (voting and non-voting members of IOFOM):**

Samuel Ayobami Akinruli (Brazil), Natalie McGuire Batson (Barbados), Johanne Bergeron (Canada), Indrani Bhattacharya (India), Stephanie Carwin (USA), Joanne Cote (Canada), Ann Davis (Canada), Manueline Duarte (Brazil), Eva Beatriz Guelbert (Argentina), Olivia Guiragossian (France), Rayen Gutierrez, Marta Ruiz Jimenez, Nada Guzin Lukic (Canada), Hector Valverde Martinez (Mexico), Chakir Ouhajji (Ethiopia), Raquel Pontet (Uruguay), Annette Viel (Canada), Markus Walz (Germany)

**Prelude:**

Bruno thanked the Symposium organizers and reported that there were 1000 registrants!!

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Bruno Brulon Soares

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda was **Approved**.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2020 Annual Assembly**

Minutes of the 2020 ICOFOM Annual Assembly, held on 28 August 2020, online from Southern New Hampshire University, USA, and posted on the ICOFOM website, were **Approved**.

**4. President's Report**

- a) Bruno's report began with an update on the ICOM generated issue of the Museum Definition. Much has progressed since our last Annual Assembly in 2020 and a new

- committee has been formed at the ICOM level to replace MDPP2. The new structure is known as ICOM Define and there are two Chairs, one of which is the ICOFOM President, Bruno Brulon Soares. A 12-step methodology has been mapped out and ICOM Define is currently entering Step 3, "Consultation 2: Key Words and Concepts". Step 12 is the vote on the "new" definition at the ICOM triennial in Prague in 2022. ICOFOM has a Museum Definition working group which is charged with analysing feedback from the new survey and putting forward the results to the ICOM Define committee.
- b) ICOFOM's publications for the period 2020-2021 in the current 2 categories – ICOFOM Study Series (the academic journal) and Materials for a Discussion (pre-symposium papers) are:
- i. ISS 48-1: The future of tradition in museology (12 articles)
  - ii. ISS 48-2: Defining the museum: challenges and compromises of the 21st century (15 articles)
  - iii. ISS 49-1: Theoretical museology in tribal contexts (guest editor Yun Shun Susie Chung)
  - iv. ISS 49-2: Decolonising museology: museums, mixtures and myths of origin (guest editors Yves Bergeron and Michèle Rivet)
  - v. Materials for a Discussion: The Decolonisation of museology: museums, mixtures and myths of origin – 43 papers
  - vi. Materials for a Discussion: Museums, Community action and Decolonisation – 2 Calls for Papers – 24 articles
- c) Conferences and symposia in respect of ICOFOM's Special Project on Decolonizing of Museology and funded by one of ICOM's technical committees, Strategic Allocation Review Commission (SAREC), are as follows:
- i. The Museum Experience: Museums, Community Action and Decolonisation – online conference with UNIRIO, Rio de Janeiro, 2-3 December 2020
  - ii. The Decolonisation of Museology: museums, mixtures and myths of origin – Online Annual Symposium organised by UQAM, in Montreal, 15-18 March
  - iii. Museums and Community Action: Decolonising the Curriculum – Online conference organised with University of St. Andrews, 22-23 April 2021
  - iv. Nouméa, New Caledonia, September 2021 – ICOFOM Symposium on Museums, Community Action and Decolonisation (topic to be defined)

## 5. ICOFOM LAM Annual Report

- a) ICOFOM LAM is now called **ICOFOM LAC**
- b) Annual conference of ICOFOM LAC - 28th ICOFOM LAC Regional Meeting under topic of "Towards a definition of the museum from a Latin American and Caribbean perspective: epistemological foundations" November 4th -6th (Virtual mode); Host Institution(s): Museo de Itaipu (Virtual platform). Organized with: Comité Argentino de ICOM; Sub-themes of the symposium: Theoretical considerations on the museum definition; Revisiting the classics: 2020, Nelly Decarolis year; Museology and critical approaches. Number of represented countries: 20
- c) 29th ICOFOM LAC Regional Meeting: "Decolonizing Museology from Latin America and the Caribbean: Museums, Mixing and Myths of Origin" is planned for November

- 16th and 19th, Escuela Nacional de Conservación, Restauración y Museografía "Manuel del Castillo Negrete", ENCRyM (Ciudad de México, México). Virtual mode.
- d) SAREC Project "Latin American and Caribbean Perspectives on the New Museum Definition"
  - e) Three monographs have been published.
  - f) The new Chair of ICOFOM LAC is Luciana Menezes de Carvalho who replaces the former Chair, Olga Nazor.

## 6. ICOFOM AAPEC Annual Report

- a) ICOFOM ASPAC Online Conference will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 22 September 2021
- b) ICOFOM ASPAC Annual Symposium for 2022 will be held in Seoul, South Korea on the topic: "Museums in Contemporary Metropolises: Museological Issues and Challenges"
- c) Publications have also been undertaken by ICOFOM ASPEC

## 7. Financial Report for 2020

The bank balance of the ICOFOM account on 31 December 2019 is € 18,647.66.  
During the year 2020, we received €15,742,31.

This amount breaks down as follows:

- € 14,539.00 in subsidies,
- € 910.46 in the sale of books and,
- € 292,85 a bank transfer to be regularised.

During the year 2020, we spent € 4,731.03.

This amount breaks down as follows:

- € 4,667.73 for printing and publication of books,
- € 63.3 in bank charges.

The financial balance of the ICOFOM account on 31 December 2020 is € 29,658.94

The Financial Report was **Approved**

## 8. Future Plans

- a) Nouméa, New Caledonia, September 2021 – ICOFOM Symposium on Museums, Community Action and Decolonisation (topic to be defined) – will probably be online
- b) Annual symposium in conjunction with the 26<sup>th</sup> ICOM General Conference, 20-28 August 2022, in Prague, Czech Republic, the theme being "The Power of Museums"

9. With no comments or questions forthcoming, Bruno thanked the attendees and the meeting was adjourned

Minutes prepared by Lynn Maranda, 19 June 2021