

ICOFOM Minutes of the 2025 AGM (48th General Assembly)

ICOM Dubai, 15 November 2025

Chair: Karen Brown (ICOM Ireland)

Board members present: Jamie Brown (UK), Marion Bertin (ICOM Belgium), Elizabeth Weiser (USA), Melissa Aguilar Rojas (Costa Rica), Anna Leschenko (Belgium), Supreo Chanda (India), Ernest Kpan (Ivory Coast), Janet Tee (Malaysia).

Apologies: Lynn Maranda (Canada), Scarlet Galindo (Mexico).

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda – approved
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting – approved
4. President's Report (Karen Brown)
 - 4.1.– KB presented the list of all Board Members 2022-25 and sincerely thanked each of them for their bespoke contributions to the work of ICOFOM during this mandate. She noted that we had established Working Groups in 2022, that had all worked very effectively towards achieving our strategy, namely: Communication and Website; Conferences; Publications; Ethics.
 - 4.2.– WG Communications reported their thanks to Marion Bertin, translating and proofreading (French), moderator on LinkedIn; Melissa Aguilar, translating and proofreading (Spanish), updating news on the website, moderator on Instagram; Jamie Allan Brown, moderator on "X" The main channels at present are: Instagram; Facebook; LinkedIn; X (Twitter); Youtube; Newsletter.

This year we did posts and stories featuring special posts dedicated to our board members, promotion of our publications and relevant news (i.e. ft in SCOPUS); symposiums of our colleagues at regional alliances and Special Project.

Total followers: **3249 (600 new followers since last report on December 2024)**

We had increase engagement in **posts**.

Most viewed post: **4.1 K views (about our elections)**

Most viewed story: 826 views (About SDGs Special Project workshop in CR, 10/16)

Most viewed story during Dubai GC: 568 views (About ICOFOM Panel (11/10))

For the Newsletter – there are 2,102 ccontacts, and 1,998 subscribers.

For ICOFOM Website - Published Pages Total (since beginning of times): **241**

Number of News 2025: 10

Updates on Special Project section

Continuously updated when needed (conference programs)
 - 4.3.– WG Conferences presented on the various conferences held by ICOFOM and JB provided details on the ICOFOM's SAREC special project, 'Young People Shaping the Future of Museology through the Lens of the SDGs', "continues in Year 3 to empower youth as agents of change in museology and society. Inspired by Hilda Flavia Nakabuye's call to action at the Prague General Assembly and our 2024 annual meeting, the project examines the role of museums in addressing climate change and advancing the UN's Agenda 2030, with a focus on underrepresented communities. Building on the successes of Years 1 and 2, Year 3 deepens youth engagement through hybrid workshops, innovative knowledge exchange, and youth-led recommendations, fostering sustainable practices and inclusivity in the museum

field globally.” Updated members on the process of creating **ICOM Resolution No. 4**, now adopted by ICOM, on “Empowering museums in achieving the SDGs, through youth by means of social inclusion and climate action”, which has been informed by youth voices around the world issuing from the SAREC-funded workshops (14 to date).

- 4.4. WG Publications presented on Publications, highlighting for 2025: the release of ICOFOM Study Series 53.1-2 bringing together papers from the St Andrews and New Caledonia conferences; Materials for Discussion for Dubai 2025; Translation of Museum Studies: Bridging Theory and Practice to Spanish; Forthcoming monograph on Hidden Stories Entangled Spaces from the St Andrews conference. In 2025, *ICOFOM Study Series* has furthermore been registered with Scopus. 2026 will see the publication of papers from ICOM Dubai, and another on MENA region museology.

5. Treasurer’s Report – expenses 2024, and Forecast 2025 presented by Treasurer Jamie Allan Brown, and approved

6. Sub-Committee Reports

6.1. ICOFOM-LAC

A detailed report was provided by Chair Scarlet Galindo, read out by Karen Brown. It included information on the SAREC project ‘Histories of Museology in Latin America and the Caribbean’; XXXII Meeting of ICOFOM LAC in Paraná, Argentina; Publications; Social Networks.

6.2. ICOFOM-ASPAC

- 6.3. Chair Janet Tee provided a report on the activities of ICOFOM ASPAC, including who their board members are, their roles, and recent activities, including conferences.

7. Future Plans

8. Results of ICOFOM elections for the new Board