

ICOFOM 48th Annual Assembly – Imagining The Next Generation Of Museum Professionals: Bridging Gaps, Breaking Barriers

C3 Halls, Expo City Dubai
Connect Conference Centre



15th November 2025, 09:00 – 17:00

09.00 AM Registration And Networking

09:30 AM Welcome, Opening Remarks And Provocation

10.20 AM Parallel Session 1

10.20 AM India

Indian Institute of Heritage Noida
- University of Ferrara

Ju- Department of Museology
Museum Studies in India: Challenges, Adaptations, and Sustainable Models

10.27 AM UK

University of Leicester

Maria Chiara Scuder
“Dryad Basketry: A Global Collection”: Reflections on a cross-institutional collaborative PhD project

10.34 AM UK

University College London

Nina Pearlmann
Building Sustainable Capacity Through Digital Leadership and Networked Learning

10.41 AM

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Dr Kuoning Chen
The Role and Challenges of Museum in a Traditional Cultural Crafts Village in a Rapidly Changing Society

10.48 AM Parallel Session 2

10.48 AM Belgium

Université catholique de Louvain, ISPOLE

Marion Bérengère Bertin
Caring for human/ancestral remains preserved in museum collections: an overview from Belgium regarding human/ancestral remains originating from Congo

10.55 AM France

France Muséums

Etienne Bonnet-Candé
Ranya Camille Nasser (Abu Dhabi Department of Culture and Tourism)

Hervé Barbaret - CEO

Audrenn Trouillet
Bridging Expertise, Building Futures: France Muséums' Scalable Approach to Strengthening Museum Sector Capacity

11.02 AM Japan

Aichi Gakuin University

Hitomi Inoue
Role of Museum Curators in the Community: Focusing on Regional Festivals

11.09 AM Japan

Nagoya City Museum

Makoto Muto
Role of Museum Curators in the Community: Focusing on Regional Festivals

11.16 AM Taiwan

National Taipei University of Technology

Chelsea Wang
Cultivating Museum Professionals: Rethinking Talent Development for the Real World

11.23 AM Parallel Session 3

11.23 AM Italy

Museum of Palaeontology and Prehistory
- University of Ferrara

Chiara Parisi
De-Occidentalising Museology: Bridging the Western Gap in Natural History Museums through Asian Perspectives

11.30 AM Sweden

Umeå University

Olga Zabalueva
Precarious labour, diversity and (in)equality in Swedish museum sector

11.37 AM China

Jilin University

Zhang Zheng
From Archaeological Site to Living Lab: Jilin University's Museum Practical Course as a Chinese Model

11.44 AM Parallel Session 4

11.44 AM Italy

University of Rome La Sapienza

Nadia Cannata
Collecting Language as Intangible Cultural Heritage

11.51 AM US

Kent State University

Maia W. Gahtan
Collecting Language as Intangible Cultural Heritage

11.58 AM

Finnish Cultural and Academic Institutes

Uula Neitola
Trust, tools and capacities: Youth perspectives to capacity building in museum and cultural heritage sector

12.05 PM Benin

Ecole du Patrimoine Africain – EPA

Ogou Franck Komlan
La formation des professionnels des musées en Afrique : rôle de l'Ecole du Patrimoine AfricainEPA et perspectives

12.12 PM Mexico

Universidad de la Comunicación

Héctor Valverde Martínez
The Reverberation of the Museum: What's Missing in Mexican Museum Training Programs?

12.15 PM Lunch Break

13.15 PM Parallel Session 5

13.15 PM India

University of Calcutta

Supreo Chanda
The Future of Museology in India: Challenges and Transformations

13.22 PM US

National Museum of Ras Al Khaimah

Annissa Maulina Gultom
Private Museums and Collectors in Ras Al Khaimah: Communitybased act in safeguarding cultural heritage

13.30 PM Latvia

The Society for Promotion of the Museology in the Baltics

Janis Garjans
Baltic Museology School (BMS) for long-term strengthening of the sector's capacity

13.37 PM Latvia

Institute of Arts and Cultural Studies;
Latvian Museum Association

Elna Vikmane
Rethinking Professionalism in Museum Education: Findings from Latvia's First National Survey

13.45 PM Parallel Session 6

13.45 PM Canada

University Université du Québec en Outaouais

Nada Guzin Lukic
Trauma site museums and Collection Donors: Practices in the Canadian Context

13.52 PM Thailand

Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia, Mahidol University

Weetarawan Ratchatadamrongkit
Living with dead animals: Multispecies relation in natural history museum

14.00 PM Guatemala

Cooperativa El Recuerdo

Mauricio Vanheusden
Museology and indigenous languages: a call to action.

14.07 PM Guatemala

Museo Nacional de la Acuarela
Alfredo Guati Rojo

Scarlet Rocío Galindo Monteagudo
Museums our Museology Curricula in Latin-American and the Caribe

13.15 PM Parallel Session 7

14.15 PM France

University of Toulouse Jean Jaurès

Magali Tatiana Dufau & Kossi Gbemako Théodore Atrokpo
Overcoming barriers and authoritarian drifts: the strength of citizen and participative sciences applied to the museum

14.22 PM India

Indian Institute of Heritage

Sethu Kumar
Fostering a Transdisciplinary, Inclusive, and Resilient Museum Community for a Sustainable Future

14.30 PM China

Shanghai University; 5-12 Wenchuan Earthquake Memorial Museum

Hu Kaiyun, Liu Lang & Zuo Qi
Trauma site museums and Collection Donors: Practices from the 5-12 Wenchuan Earthquake Memorial Museum

14.37 PM Scotland

Hsiao-Chiang Wang

Hsiao-Chiang Wang & Yen-Ting Lin
Migration Museology: Museums as Methods for Integration

14.45 PM Coffee Break

15:15 PM ICOFOM Board Meeting

16:15 PM ICOFOM-ASPAC Board Meeting & ICOFOM Workshop: Museum Pedagogies In Times Of Change Workshop