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Call for Papers

The ICFA Annual Conference 2020 Fine Arts without Cultural Boundaries: Research, Display, Perception

The ICFA Annual Conference will be held in Richmond, Virginia; USA on October, 5 & 6, 2020.

1) Venue: Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond VA

2) Theme: "Fine Arts without Cultural Boundaries: Research, Display, Perception"

For the past three years ICFA has been enlarging its field of activity to become the International Committee of Museums and Collections of Fine Arts of all types, all regions, all ages. Fine Arts are displayed not only in their place of creation, but in museums around the world; visitors see Fine Art from all over the world. This poses challenges for curators and audiences:

How do we present Fine Arts and for whom? Can Fine Arts from different regions create a fruitful dialogue when placed under one roof? What knowledge is necessary or useful and who creates and presents this knowledge? And for whom? Where does the act of research subvert its own cultural origins? What visitors desire which information? How does display affect perceptions of cultures; how does conservation?

We plan to discuss all of these questions and many more on October 5th and 6th in Richmond - we hope you will join us either as a speaker or an attendee.

3) Presentation Formats:

Research Paper

- 20 minutes maximum with 40 slides at most
- Pertains to the conference theme
- Attempts to address one or more of the "driving questions"
- Possibility of publication in ICFA online journal

Lightning Talk

- 7 minutes maximum with 10 slides at most
- Pertains to the conference theme
- Describes a specific best practice project that could be transferable, a research project/outcome, or provocative idea/insight

4) Deadline for submission of presentations is: May 30, 2020.

Please submit using our online form: https://bit.ly/2U4on30 If you have any trouble in submitting your data, please send the all the information to the following address: icom.icfa@gmail.com

5) Fees / Stipends

- No conference fee; however attendees and speakers will be expected to cover travel to and from the conference, lodging and some meals.
- A limited number of travel stipends will be available for students selected as speakers.