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MINUTES OF THE
45th SESSION OF THE ICOM EXECUTIVE COUNCILParis, 21-22 June 1979PARTICIPANTSPresident: H. Lendais (France)Vice-Presidents: P. Perrot (USA); V. Souslov (USSR)Treasurer: P. Cadotin (Switzerland)Members: A. Bose (India); H. Ganslmayr (Fed. Rep. of Germany); J. Kuba (Czechoslovakia); U.K. Olofsson (Sweden); M. Vásquez (Mexico)Member represented: K. Dabrowski (Poland) by Mrs. I. AntonovaEx Officio: G. Lewis (UK), Chairman of the Advisory CommitteeMember excused: T. Moulefera (Algeria)Observers: J. Antonescu (Rumania); H. Auer (Fed. Rep. of Germany); H. Bjerre (Denmark); F. de Camargo-Moro (Brazil); C. Chongkol (Thailand); S. Fukuda (Japan); F. Fülep (Hungary; Archaeology and History); M.T. Gomes Ferreira (Portugal); C. Hill (UK); J. Jelinek (Museology); P. Kåks (Architecture and Museum Techniques); P. Lundeborg (Security); M. Maure (Norway); M.T. Mendes Pinto (Portugal); T. Messer (USA); I. Pantykina (USSR); G. Póleguin (Architecture and Museum Techniques); J. Peltonen (Finland); P. Smolarek (Transport); V. Sofka (Museology); B. Stürup (Denmark); V. Velkov (Bulgaria)UNESCO: Y. Turchenko (Division of Cultural Heritage)ICOMOS: F. Leblanc (Director)OMMSA: J.M. Essomba (President)Asia Agency: J. Schotsmans (Head); G. Morley (Advisor)ICOM Foundation: E. Stone (USA)ICOM Secretariat: L. Monreal (Secretary General); P. Olcina (Head, Documentation Centre); T. Hume (Director, MUSEP Project)

The President of ICOM took the chair and opened the session. He noted with regret the absence of Mr. Dabrowski, due to ill health, and welcomed Mrs. Antonova who was representing him.

The Agenda was adopted with minor amendments. Council decided that certain points would be discussed in closed session.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Session of the Executive Council of 22 and 23 March 1979, were adopted without amendment.

Several matters debated by the 36th session of the Advisory Committee (18-19 June) were submitted to Council for decision.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE 1980-83 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Council instructed the Secretariat to obtain written confirmation from each candidate of their acceptance to stand for election.

Regretting the absence of representatives of African National Committees on the list of candidates, as well as the non-representation of Africa at the last meeting of the Advisory Committee, Council studied several possibilities for remedying this situation: creation of a special fund to ensure Third World participation; financial aid supplied by a museum with a large budget for a poorer institution, etc. Mr. Essomba, President of OMMSA, attending the meeting as an observer, took the occasion to thank ICOM for its contribution towards setting up his organization and suggested a new basis for co-operation between the two bodies which would ensure African participation in the work of ICOM's Advisory Committee and Executive Council, i.e. that the African continent should be represented on these bodies by OMMSA. Council felt that ICOM's presence should be manifest in all regions of the world if its work is to be fully effective and that it is through the intermediary of its National Committees that it can best operate. Discussions should be held between ICOMOS, OMMSA, and ICOM with a view to planning increased collaboration within the activities programmes of the three organizations. Finally it was decided, on the one hand, to study the possibility of amending the Statutes at the next General Assembly so as to enable the list of candidates to be closed sufficiently in advance, and on the other hand to nominate an ad hoc committee to study future procedures for enabling a better representation of the ICOM membership on the Council. This study will be carried out by correspondence between the appointed members: Mrs. Olofsson, and Messrs. Ganslmayr and Perrot.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES

(a) Creation of new Committees

The creation of certain new Committees having been proposed (Museums and collections of replicas, Biographical and Memorial museums, Museum sociology, Underwater archaeology), Council felt that fragmentation should be avoided and agreed with the decisions of the Advisory Committee (cf. doc. 79/AD.15).

(b) ICOM International Committee for International Art Exhibitions

After studying this Committee's situation and the system of patronage of exhibitions, Council felt that this body should temporarily suspend its activities and be reformed, on a new basis, after the 1980 General Conference. The planned Exhibitions Manual, which the Committee commented on in its annual activities report, must be studied with particular care by Council if it is to be published under ICOM's name. Council requested Miss Bizot (France) to contact Miss Joanna Drew of the Arts Council of Great Britain and Mr. George Breeze, Secretary of the Exhibitions Committee, with a view to working out new bases for activity of this Committee, before the next ICOM General Conference.

(c) CIMUSET

Mr. Kuba reminded members that the International Committee for Museums of Science and Technology wishes to found an Association of European science museums, which would allow for a more rational distribution of tasks within CIMUSET. The Advisory Committee must in any case decide in Mexico whether or not this project can be realized. Council, here again, fears fragmentation of ICOM, but nevertheless acknowledges that when the membership of an International Committee is very large, the creation of regional committees could perhaps facilitate its work. However, care must be taken to ensure that such regional groups remain within the general body of ICOM.

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

Dr. Smolarek, President of the International Association of Transport Museums (IATM), an Association affiliated to ICOM, drew members' attention to the IATM's misgivings concerning the parallel development of the Congress of Maritime Museums. He would like the Congress to work under the aegis of IATM, which groups all transport museums. After discussion on the size and scope of the Congress, Council felt it would be difficult to carry out simultaneous negotiations with an organization affiliated to ICOM on the one hand and with an independent organization on the other hand, and felt that a round table bringing together the parties concerned would be the best way of handling this problem. Dr. Smolarek will work with the Secretariat to decide whether IATM or Council will take the initiative of organizing such a meeting.

COOPERATION WITH UNESCO

Mr. Y. Turchenko, representing the Director General, reported to Council that cooperative relations between UNESCO and ICOM continue satisfactorily; he drew particular attention to the issues of Museum currently being prepared by ICOM under contract with UNESCO.

Mr. Turchenko pointed out that the Division of Cultural Heritage hopes to include in UNESCO's next triennial budget, to be voted by its 1980 General Conference, two major chapters: the first for the financing of studies on the organization and development of ecomuseums and on the question of training of specialists in this field, and the second for a financial contribution towards realization of the Treatise on Museology, currently under preparation by ICOM. At its recent meeting in Paris, the Planning Committee for the Treatise recommended that UNESCO's contribution should be in the order of \$5,000 for 1979, \$50,000 for 1980, and approximately \$100,000 for 1980-83.

CONTRACTS POLICY

Before Mr. G. Bolla, Assistant Director General (Operations), Sector of Culture and Communications, UNESCO, addressed Council concerning contacts taken by the World Bank with UNESCO and ICOM for a contract for a re-development study for the Egyptian Museum, Cairo, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee reported that his Committee had accepted in principle the creation of a special unit to administer such a contract but considered that the present structure of the Secretariat should not be altered as a consequence. Mr. Perrot insisted that a working group be appointed to study the financial implications of this contract and, in a more general way, of all contracts, and to take care that they do not result in financial loss for ICOM.

Greeted on his arrival by the President, Mr. Bolla thanked Council for its welcome. He presented the major lines of the renovation project for the Egyptian Museum, which is part of a general renovation scheme. It would in fact be desirable that a global study and solution be proposed for all the Egyptian museums. Having recalled the important realizations undertaken by UNESCO in Egypt he noted that his Organization has agreed to carry out a study for the construction of a National Museum in Cairo which would house departments of ethnography, archaeology, and, possibly, science and technology. This project does not, however, impede the renovation of the Egyptian Museum, as part of an aid programme for the development of tourism in Egypt. He recalled a former session of the Executive Council a few years previously where the basic difference between UNESCO and ICOM had been defined; ICOM being concerned with professional matters, studies, research, publications, and UNESCO with field operations, training of personnel, questions of classification, having, of course, recourse to ICOM experts for all these problems. In this particular case of the renovation of the Egyptian Museum, by reason of the

speed with which the project must be realized and of the importance of the collections currently housed in this Museum, a co-operative relationship between UNESCO and ICOM for work in the field could be possible. UNESCO could provide a permanent infrastructure in Cairo: offices, a secretariat, and a liaison officer to co-ordinate the work of the various experts. This specialist would be assisted on-the-spot by associated experts and consultants who would carry out cataloguing or conservation work. From the practical point of view there are two possible solutions: an agreement between the World Bank and UNESCO, the latter subsequently offering a contract to ICOM, or two agreements, one between the World Bank and UNESCO for the infrastructure mentioned above, the other between the World Bank and ICOM.

The President thanked Mr. Bolla and assured him that ICOM is open to all workable solutions. In the event of the Egyptian authorities entrusting ICOM with this project Council expressed the wish that appropriate links be established with UNESCO. The Secretary General stated that all the International Committees and the network of experts they represent would be called upon systematically. Contacts have already been made with the International Committees for Conservation and for Architecture and Museum Techniques.

Council set up an ad hoc Committee composed of Messrs. P. Cadorin, G. Lewis, and H. Ganslmayr, to study the financing of contracts signed with UNESCO or other bodies.

FINANCIAL REPORT

In presenting his report the Treasurer recalled the factors which had resulted in a deficit of \$70,000 in the budget at the end of the 1978 period: decrease in value of the U.S. dollar, inflation, cost-of-living increases in Paris, site of ICOM headquarters. He reminded Council that at his request, the auditing firm GEC now carries out a regular control of ICOM's financial administration. Mr. Cadorin stressed the devotion to duty of the Secretariat and Documentation Centre personnel and felt strongly that a reduction in the number of personnel must be avoided if current activities are to be accomplished. In addition, the International Committees cannot continue financing their activities without help from the Organization: at the last meeting of the Council a decision had been taken to suspend subventions granted to these Committees. The Treasurer thanked the Board of the ICOM Foundation which at its last meeting (20 June 1979) had voted a \$17,500 contribution to ICOM. Mr. Cadorin finished by stressing the fact that the only way of partially covering the current deficit was by raising membership subscriptions.

Before starting discussions on the increase of subscriptions Council asked the Treasurer to study requests for subventions submitted by International Committees and to grant subventions in consideration of priorities.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mr. G. Lewis reported on discussions and decisions of the 36th Session of the Advisory Committee concerning the raising of subscriptions as from 1980 (cf. doc. 79/AD.15). After prolonged debate the President called for a vote. A 30% increase in Institutional subscriptions and a 50% increase in Individual subscriptions was voted: six votes for, three against, and one abstention.

GENERAL CONFERENCES: ICOM '80 and ICOM '83

ICOM '80

Council approved the major lines of the programme prepared by the ad hoc Committee for the 12th General Conference (doc. 80/CG.1), making two amendments

to accommodate the concepts of historic heritage and of natural heritage. Internationally known personalities, whether or not they may be ICOM members, should be invited to speak on the main Conference themes. Council requested that suggested names for principal speakers be addressed to the ad hoc Committee by correspondence before October 1979.

Mr. Vásquez reported to Council on preparatory measures for the Conference already undertaken in Mexico. Various members of the Mexican National Committee are ensuring liaison with International Committees for the organization of the latter's meetings. A Conference poster, designed by the Mexican Committee, is ready to be printed. Mr. Vásquez requests all ICOM National Committees to let him know before 21 October 1979 how many copies of the poster they would like to receive.

ICOM '83

Council thanked the British National Committee for its invitation to hold the 1983 General Conference in the United Kingdom.

MUSEP

The MUSEP project, due to terminate on 31 August 1979, was examined by Council in closed session. Dr. Ganslmayr informed Council that his Museum, the Übersee Museum, Bremen, is prepared to offer ICOM a \$3,000 contract which would permit an extension of the Project Director's, Mr. Tom Hume, contract. It was decided to extend Mr. Hume's contract until 31 October 1979 whilst awaiting the results of requests for funds already made.

ASIA AGENCY

After having discussed in closed session the development of the Asia Agency since its new Head, Mrs. J. Schotsmans, took up her duties, Council requested the Secretariat to support the running of the Agency, and the Secretary General to maintain permanent contacts with Mrs. Schotsmans.

SECRETARIAT

The President announced that, according to the decision taken by Council at its extraordinary session of 22-23 March 1979, he had asked the Secretary General if he would be prepared to continue working for ICOM after the next General Conference. Mr. Luis Monreal having confirmed his willingness to continue in this position, Council expressed its satisfaction and decided to renew his contract as Secretary General in 1980.

On a proposal from the President Council decided that, funds permitting:

- (a) The Secretary General would be officially assisted by Mrs. Olcina, Head of the Documentation Centre;
- (b) The Documentation Centre staff would be increased to enable Mrs. Olcina to fulfil the role of Assistant Secretary General.

HOMAGE TO MR. CHARLES C. CUNNINGHAM

During its Session Council received notice of the death of Mr. Charles C. Cunningham (USA), President of the ICOM Foundation. In announcing this sad news the President of ICOM noted what a great loss Mr. Cunningham's death would be to the museum world and to ICOM. Council observed one minute's silence.

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL

The 46th Session of the Executive Council will be held in Paris on 3 and 4 December 1979.

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MINUTES OF THE 47TH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Paris, 20-21 May 1980

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman: H. Landais, President of ICOM (France)

P. Perrot, Vice-President of ICOM (USA); V. Souslov, Vice-President of ICOM (USSR); P. Cadourin, Treasurer (Switzerland); R. Leroy-Thiébaud, Assistant Treasurer (France); A. Bose (India); H. Ganslmayr (Fed. Rep. of Germany); J. Kuba (Czechoslovakia); U.K. Olofsson (Sweden).

Ex officio: G. Lewis, Chairman of the Advisory Committee (UK).

MEMBERS EXCUSED: T. Moulefera (Algeria); M. Vásquez (Mexico).

OBSERVERS: B. von Bonsdorff (ICOM Foundation, Finland); J.B. Cuypers, (Training of personnel); D. Kenney (ICOM Foundation, USA); I. Pantykina (USSR); J. Schneider (Costume, ICOM Foundation); E. Stone (ICOM Foundation, USA).

UNESCO: A. Pasquali, Deputy Assistant Director General Programme, Sector of Culture and Communication; H. Daifuku, Acting Director of the Division of Cultural Heritage; S. Naqvi, Division of Cultural Heritage.

ICOMOS: R. Keo-Kosal (Secretariat).

WORLD FEDERATION OF FRIENDS OF MUSEUMS: M.-J. Béraud-Villars (France).

ICOM SECRETARIAT: L. Monreal, Secretary General; P. Olcina, Head of Documentation Centre; G.H. Rivière, Permanent Advisor; B. de Chauliac, French Secretariat.

The Chairman welcomed the representatives of UNESCO, Mr. A. Pasquali, Deputy Assistant Director General Programme, Sector of Culture and Communication, and Mr. S. Naqvi, Division of Cultural Heritage. He proposed to the members that Council hold two closed sessions for the purpose of interviewing the candidates for the post of consultant.

The agenda and the minutes of the 46th session of the Executive Council (3-4 December 1979), were adopted.

RELATIONS BETWEEN UNESCO AND ICOM

Mr. Pasquali, representing the Director General of UNESCO, noted that ICOM is among the Non-Governmental Organisations closely cooperating with UNESCO for the preservation and enhancement of the cultural heritage, a subject with which the Member-States of UNESCO are increasingly concerned in proportion to the affirmation of their cultural identity. In another direction, modern scientific methods alter the concept of the world's cultural heritage. It no longer suffices to simply study an object; it must be decoded and treated by new conservation methods which will have enormous significance. UNESCO's medium - term plan (1984-89), which will be discussed in 1982, will be clearly oriented towards the prospective of the early years of the next century. The concept of the heritage will be re-defined; UNESCO is anxious to have the views of ICOM specialists and is looking forward to seeing the results of the Mexico General Conference, the theme of which is "The World's Heritage - The Museum's Responsibilities". Mr. Pasquali reminded Council that although

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there is already very close collaboration between the two Organisations on problems concerning ethics, security, and international exhibitions, it is now essential to look ahead towards prospects of the coming new century. In conclusion, the Deputy Assistant Director General expressed his best wishes for the success of ICOM's 12th General Conference.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Pasquali and assured him that ICOM is aware of evolution in the concept of the heritage; he stressed the fact that the concept museum is also in the process of alteration. The Organisation is anxious to promote new structures and the present collaboration between UNESCO and ICOM is both a source of satisfaction and a token for future effectiveness.

FINANCIAL SITUATION

The Treasurer presented the revised budget for 1980. He reported a net improvement of the situation compared with the recent past. The increase in ICOM activities and the work involved in the preparation of the General Conference rendered impossible the reduction of personnel envisaged by the last session of Council.

The Secretary General pointed out the accountants had included unpaid membership subscriptions for the years 1974-77 in the profit and loss account.

The Chairman noted that it was not the French National Committee of ICOM (as stated in document 80/SEC.14) but the Réunion des Musées Nationaux that had accorded a subvention to ICOM (\$12,165 for one year). The Chairman informed Council that this subvention had been renewed for 1980 and he hoped it would be maintained in the future. Council expressed its gratitude to the Réunion des Musées Nationaux of France for its generous support for the Organisation. Messrs. Lewis and Perrot congratulated the Secretary General for the results obtained but noted that the improvement in the financial situation was in large part due to activities carried out under contract; Mr. Perrot expressed appreciation for the efforts of ICOM's personnel which had made possible the realization of these activities. The increase in the Organisation's income remains slight if one excludes the amount corresponding to contract work. He felt it was necessary to find new regular sources of funding. The revised budget was adopted with a few minor amendments.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

The Secretary General presented the report of activities covering ICOM's regular programme, as well as document 80/SEC.7: "Financial Statement of Contracts 1980". Priority had been given to the General Conference. As often happens before a General Conference, there had been a considerable increase in the number of new members. The Secretariat is doing its utmost to facilitate the participation of members from developing countries in the work of the Mexico General Conference. Chairmen of International Committees have been requested to propose from amongst their members possible recipients of travel grants.

Mr. A. Bose noted that the seminar held in Bangalore, India (11-20 February 1980) had been organised in collaboration with UNESCO. Mr. J. Kuba remarked that the ASTC (Association of Science Technology Centers) had also participated in the meeting organised by the ICOM International Committee for Museums of Science and Technology (Prague, Czechoslovakia, 13-18 April 1980).

The Secretary General reported on projects accomplished and on contract activities under way: preparation of "Museum" with the aid of consultants; collection of ethnographical material in Algeria; meeting, planned to take place in Tahiti, of conservation specialists of the oceanic region; technical

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dossier on site museums; pilot study in Bangladesh on the inventory of ethnographical objects. Complementary information on two important projects was given to Council: the creation of the National Republican Museum of Libya, in Tripoli, and the renovation of the Egyptian Museum, Cairo.

Libya project:

A preliminary construction project has been drawn up by the team headed by Dr. J. Jelinek and several field missions for collecting archaeological and ethnographical material have been undertaken. Dr. Jelinek's team has also taken casts of prehistoric sites in the region and made documentary films. ICOM has engaged a coordination team to make a critical evaluation of the architectural project realized by an architectural firm employed by UNESCO on the basis of Messrs. I. Ruller and J. Jelinek's preliminary construction project. Several meetings with the Libyan authorities for a final study of the project are planned for the month of June, in Paris and in Prague. Construction is planned to start at the beginning of 1981.

Cairo project:

Numerous meetings have been held in which Dr. Chehata Adam, President of the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation, and representatives of the World Bank participated. The Egyptian Council of State has approved the final project submitted by ICOM and signature of an agreement is expected in the near future. The work schedule will have to be revised, however, and ICOM has proposed 1st September as the starting date. Messrs. P. Perrot and G. Lewis are members of the international advisory committee responsible for studying this project. The Secretary General also informed Council that ICOM will no doubt be requested to assist the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation with the renovation of the Islamic Museum, Cairo.

Council discussed the problems involved in pursuing the regular programme and the projects. Dr. Ganslmayr noted that certain ICOM members fear that the Secretariat is concentrating too much effort on the latter to the detriment of the regular programme and of preparations for the General Conference. The Chairman observed that the report of activities was a good indication of the work accomplished by the Secretariat and the Documentation Centre on the regular programme and that, for the present, the orientations and services rendered by ICOM are fairly well balanced. Mr. Lewis recalled the worries expressed by certain members of the Advisory Committee at its last session in June 1979. That session had expressed the view "... that all necessary measures be taken to protect the existing work of ICOM, its services to the membership, its present legal structure ...". Mr. H. Daifuku, Acting Director of the Division of Cultural Heritage of UNESCO, pointed out that at the present time all the Non-Governmental Organisations are faced with financial problems. Although for the past few years the Member-States' delegates have asked that the subventions granted to N.G.O.'s be increased, the Executive Council of UNESCO has preferred to encourage the various sectors of the Organisation to sign contracts with them. UNESCO is doing its utmost to realize its programme without increasing its personnel. The number of contracts signed with N.G.O.'s will increase and ICOM's role will become more important at the professional and contract level. Mr. Perrot felt it would be wise to create a separate administrative unit within the ICOM Secretariat to administer contract activities, as it appears likely that the budget for these will be greater than the ordinary budget of ICOM. After discussion, Council decided not to officially create such a unit for the time being but to authorize the Secretariat to reinforce personnel in the contract activities sector, on a temporary basis.

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RECRUITMENT OF A CONSULTANT

Two closed sessions were devoted to interviews with the seven candidates for the post of high-level consultant to be responsible for directing projects. Council appointed Mr. Jeffrey Jordan, an American national, to this post, for the period 1st June 1980 to 31 May 1981.

ICOM FOUNDATION

The Board of the Foundation met in Paris on 19 May 1980. Council was informed of changes in the composition of the Board: Dr. S. Levie (Netherlands), Director General of the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, was elected President. Mrs. U.K. Olofsson having resigned from the Board, Mr. Perrot was elected to the Vice-Presidency. Mrs. R. Leroy-Thiébaud (France), and Mrs. M. Lambert (Belgium), were elected to the Board.

The Foundation has finalized preparation of an information leaflet on ICOM, which will be printed in time for ICOM '80. It voted a subvention of \$10,000 to ICOM to be used as travel grants to help ICOM members from developing countries to attend the General Conference in Mexico.

Finally, the Foundation has decided to undertake a campaign for fund-raising in industry. The Chairman noted with satisfaction a regeneration of the Foundation.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Chairman recalled that at its last session Council had been obliged to consider a reduction of the ICOM Secretariat personnel. He was happy to be able to inform Council that at his request the application of this decision had been deferred; the improvement in the financial situation had allowed laying off of staff to be avoided for the present. Study of this problem drew Council's attention to the outdated Rules of Personnel. A draft for new Rules was submitted to Council. Commenting on this draft, the Secretary General pointed out that it had been discussed with personnel during the course of three meetings. The Draft Rules of Personnel was adopted, with a few amendments. At its next session Council will study the two annexes to be added to these Rules: (a) Job descriptions; (b) Salary scale. The President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary General will study the setting up of a pension fund (article 31) and of an unemployment fund (article 27). Council appointed Mr. G. Lewis to act as its representative in matters concerning conciliation procedure provided for under Article 19 of the Rules.

NATIONAL COMMITTEES

A new National Committee has been set up in Venezuela. Council gave full powers to the Secretary General to decide whether the Internal Rules adopted by this Committee are consistent with the ICOM Statutes and to decide on their validity. Mr. Bose reported on the financial problems of the Indian National Committee. Council would like to see this question discussed during the next General Conference. It suggested that the Indian National Committee contact the Commonwealth Association of Museums to study the possibility of obtaining aid from that organisation.

ICOM REGIONAL AGENCY IN ASIA

The Head of the Agency, Mrs. J. Schotsmans, presented to Council two draft amendments to the Rules of the Agency's Governing Board. After

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discussion, Council decided to submit these amendments to the Advisory Committee for study at its next session.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES

Council approved the Rules of the International Committee for Museums and Collections of Musical Instruments (CIMCIM), adopted during its meeting of August 1979, in Leipzig.

Council studied a report submitted by the Secretary of the Committee for International Art Exhibitions, Mr. G. Breeze, secretary and member, with Misses I. Bizot and J. Drew, of the group appointed by Council to re-examine the activities and aims of the IAEC. Having thanked the group for its work, Council approved the report and decided to dissolve the Committee for International Art Exhibitions.

PUBLICATIONS PROJECTS

The Secretary General informed Council that a Spanish version of the book Museum Security, published with the aid of the Spanish Ministry of Culture, will soon be out. Dr. Kuba announced that the second number of the CIMUSET Bulletin will also appear shortly. Eight hundred copies will be sent to the Secretariat. Other plans for publications were then studied:

- a periodical on museology (MUWOP), currently being prepared by an editorial committee of the International Committee for Museology, under the direction of Mr. Sofka. Council will study the first issue of this periodical in Mexico to ensure that there will be no overlapping between it and Museum, or the planned Treatise on Museology;
- a brochure on architectural plans, for the publication of which the ICOM International Committee for Architecture and Museum Techniques (ICAMT) requests Council to allocate a subvention of \$1,000;
- a handbook on museum public relations prepared for ICOM '80 by the International Committee for Museum Public Relations (MPR); the Committee requests Council for a subvention of \$2,000. A draft of this publication, reproduced by offset, will be reviewed in Mexico before publication of the final version.

Council felt that other sources of funds should be found for publications and that the money allocated to the International Committees from ICOM's regular budget should preferably be used for travel grants to ensure participation of their members from developing countries in ICOM '80. Council requested the Documentation Centre to prepare a report for submission to its next session setting out the risks, if any, of overlapping between the proposed publications projects and the existing bibliography.

MUSEP

Having studied the activities report on the MUSEP project submitted by its Director, Mr. T. Hume, Council discussed the continuation of this project. It was decided to send Mr. Hume's report to those museums which had replied to the questionnaire. In addition, the Chairman instructed the Secretary General to find a way by which the results obtained so far could be widely diffused. Council felt that the ad hoc committee for the MUSEP project should recommence its activities and carry out an analysis of the replies received to the questionnaire. It was decided to invite Mr. G. Breeze, Secretary of the former Committee for International Art Exhibitions, to participate in the work of the ad h committee.

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12th GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ICOM - ICOM '80

As Mr. M. Vasquez had been unable to arrive in time to participate in the Council meeting, Mr. P. Cadonin, who had recently been to Mexico, reported on material preparations for the Conference. The Chairman reported that Messrs. Pedro Ramirez Vasquez (Mexico), Minister of Human Settlements and museum architect, Jacques Rigaud (France), former Assistant Director General of UNESCO, and Peter Raven (USA), Director of the Missouri Botanical Gardens, had accepted to participate in the Conference as principal speakers.

Council decided to change the dates of the Advisory Committee and Executive Council sessions in Mexico City. These meetings will take place on 26 October as a large number of participants will only be arriving in Mexico on 25 October. The Secretariat will inform all Chairmen of National and International Committees of these changes.

Honorary members:

The list of nominees for honorary membership will be studied by the Advisory Committee at its next session. The Secretariat will request the Chairmen of National and International Committees to submit their suggestions.

Travel grants:

Having studied the requests for financial aid received by the Secretariat, Council made fifteen travel grants, taking into account geographical zones and distributed as fairly as possible. The Secretariat will inform the beneficiaries of Council's decision as soon as possible.

The draft agendas for the General Conference, the General Assembly, and the 48th session of the Executive Council were approved. Council noted the draft agenda for the 37th session of the Advisory Committee.

OTHER MATTERS

The Chairman gave the floor to Mr. G.H. Rivière who informed Council that the International Red Cross Museum project, Geneva, Switzerland, with which the Secretary General and himself were associated, is entering into an active phase. The international clock museum at La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland, will celebrate its completion at the end of May.

On a proposal from the Lebanese Government, the United Nations Security Council has unanimously adopted a resolution instructing that government to prepare a legal text providing for the protection of the site of Tyr and its region. The Secretary General and the Permanent Advisor are participating in the work of the group of experts formed for this purpose.

NEXT SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The dates for the next sessions of Council were fixed as 26 October and 1st November for the 48th session, and 4 November 1980 for the 49th session; both sessions will be held in Mexico City.

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Mr G Breeze
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Dear Colleague

International Art Exhibitions Committee (IAEC) of ICOM

Late last year I sent a circular letter to all members of this Committee regarding its future. I regret to say that only four members responded to this enquiry.

As a result of the decision of the 45th session of the ICOM Executive Council held in Paris at the end of June, Mrs Bizot of France, Miss Drew of the Arts Council of Great Britain and myself met with a view to working out new bases of activity for the Committee'. Following extensive discussion the three of us put forward a report to the Executive Committee of ICOM containing a proposal for the abolition of the IAEC. At the 47th session of the Executive Council held in Paris this summer the following minute was recorded, 'Council studied a report submitted by the Secretary of the Committee for International Art Exhibitions, Mr G Breeze, Secretary and member, with Mrs I Bizot and J Drew, the group appointed by Council to re-examine the activities and aims of the IAEC. Having thanked the group for its work, Council approved the report and decided to dissolve the Committee for International Art Exhibitions'.

Members of ICOM interested in art exhibitions can, at the time of the General Conference in Mexico, propose to the Advisory Committee and Executive Council, a new plan of action such as the re-establishment of an International Committee for Art Exhibitions or general exhibitions. As the Secretary General of ICOM advises, past experience has shown that it is always healthy to dissolve a Committee having become obsolete in order to open the way for new ventures. I would therefore, urge all those who are interested in forming a new Committee to meet at 9am on Tuesday 28th October in the Museo de San Carlos to discuss such proposals, which may then be put to the Advisory and Executive Committees of ICOM on Saturday 1st November. Tuesday 28th is the first day of the

Triennial Conferance set aside for the meeting of International Committees.

Could all those who were previously members of the IAEC who will be attending the General Conference in Mexico City please write to me indicating their intention to attend such a meeting; it is vital that I advise the Mexican Organising Committee of our intention to meet.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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