

**REPORT OF THE CECA DELAGATE TO RESEARCH  
CECA ICOM  
2016-2017-2018**

As no meeting of the International Network of Researchers could have taken place in London in 2017, the present report covers two years. This meeting had been called this way:

London Board Room of the Tower of London,  
Sunday, October the 15<sup>th</sup>,  
3:15 pm to 4:15 pm

It did not take place because at 3:30 there were only two people in the room, Margarita Lاراينée and Colette Dufresne-Tassé. This regretful situation could be explained by the fact that the conference organizers kept changing the rooms where the sessions should take place, and they had scheduled the researchers meeting during a break devoted to a visit of the Tower of London!

Other sad news, the Research Award could not be distributed because the two texts received did not comply with the requirements, and finally the workshop that was attached to the presentation of the winning project could not take place.

**State of the network (data regarding membership)**

***Total number of members (as after the Milano 2016 meeting): 105***

Remark: The total number is probably lower than 105 members, as 10 of them could not receive the message that were previously sent to the Network. It is difficult to know if they left the Network or if they simply changed address or retired.

*Distribution by regions*

Africa	1
Asia	13
Europe	43
Latin America	27
North America	21

*Distribution by type of employment*

Working only for a museum	43
Working for a museum and a university	21
Working only for a university	15
Other	26
Retired	7
Consultant	8
Government employee	4

*Evolution of the Network*

Beginning in Zagreb (2011)	
Number of members after the Yerevan Conference (2012)	63
Number after the Rio de Janeiro Conference (2013)	89
Number after the Alexandria Conference (2014)	89
Number after the Washington Conference (2015)	103
Number after the Milano Conference (2016)	105

*Number of participants to the annual researchers meeting*

Zagreb	13
Yerevan	14
Rio	21
Alexandria	10
Washington	29
Milano	24

Remark: Generally speaking, within the Network there are two categories of members: those who are currently doing research and those who are interested in research. Both categories are informed about CECA activities related to research. This is done mainly through the annual report of the Research Delegate that takes two forms: a short form to be presented at the General Assembly and a detailed one that is written after the Researchers meeting and the Board meetings. Other type of information is sent during the year, for instance regarding the Research Award.

**Activities since the Milano Conference**

- COM Education 27, devoted to research - like ICOM Education 26 - was launched during the London Conference. An electronic version is already available on the CECA web site. Thanks to Stephanie Wintzerith, all the authors could receive a paper copy.
- With the help of Margarita Laraignée, the research part of the CECA web site was entirely reviewed. Unfortunately, what is on since last winter still presents some problems.
- A list of the characteristics for the three types of research reports that could be presented at the annual CECA International Conference (empirical, historical, theoretical) was developed in view of accompanying the announcement of the call for proposals of each conference.
- The research proposals sent in view of the Tbilissi Conference were reviewed by the Research Delegate.
- In view of having an electronic publication of research reports, some colleagues of the Université de Montréal who developed an expertise in this field were interviewed. The conclusion is the following. CECA could not yet join an

electronic free access platform of publication with its own periodical and it is also doubtful that it could join with yearly conference proceedings. It seems that the best solution would be to have a devoted space on the CECA web site where, annually, the accepted research reports would be posted. This item will be discussed during the Board meetings held during the Tbilissi Conference. Another proposition will be submitted to the Board of CECA. It is to lengthen the time between the call for research papers in view of the Research Award and the deadline for submitting them. During the last two years, it was especially short, and could explain the reduced number of papers received (6 in 2016, compared to 2 in 2017, and 1 in 2018).

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