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The year 2021 has been a very active year in spite of the health circumstances which, on the other hand, have helped to accelerate some necessary evolutions in terms of digitization of activities

1) Insertion within ICOM

The CECA is a flagship committee of ICOM, both by its size, since it is in the top three committees in terms of number of members (ICOM CC, ICOFOM, CECA).

It is therefore essential for CECA to be closely associated with the general dynamics of ICOM.

This has been achieved this year in various ways:

- Very active participation in the work of the commission to rework the definition of the museum, the Define group. As president of CECA, I led the various stages of consultation of the members (consultations 2 and 3) and established, with the help of Margarita Laraignée, the grids of analysis of the data necessary to transmit our opinions. As president of CECA and as a francophone, I was invited to be part of the general group and also of the sub-groups on data analysis and on translation issues. Monthly meetings, informal discussions, first definition proposals to be presented to the members in consultation 4 and then to the Advisory Board. The first general results show a strong emphasis on the term "Education", which was one of the concerns of the CECA with regard to the RDPP1 proposal.

- Participation in the improvement of the ICOM mini sites

With the precious help of Marie-Françoise Delval, our webmaster, we have continued to follow the evolution of our website in its new location within the ICOM mini-sites and to encourage a certain number of improvements to be communicated to the new provider. The important volume of information on the site requires, indeed, more essential content organization guidelines than for less ambitious mini-sites.

- Collaboration in several projects leading to exceptional financial support from ICOM within the framework of solidarity projects financed after evaluation by SAREC. The transversal character of the concerns of our committee encourages requests for collaboration from other national or international committees in their proposals for programs eligible for financial support from ICOM. We have therefore received financial support from SAREC for two projects carried out in

collaboration with other committees: "Los ruidos que somos: patrimonios sonoros de los andes" with the National Committee of Ecuador, "Virtual museum mediation, a necessary adaptation of methods" with the National Committee of Belgium.

- Relationships with other committees

We have developed relationships with other ICOM committees in various ways:

- o With ICOM Belgium in the framework of the organization in this country of our annual conference as well as around the edition of an important book "History of mediation in Belgium" which should become the first of a series describing the history of mediation in various countries and regions of the world.
- o With AVICOM to prepare a common session in Prague during the next General Conference
- o With ICOM France, by being invited, myself, as a member to their board meetings
- o With ICOM Spain by participating in various meetings and working together to increase the presence of the CECA in this country.
- o With ICOM Korea and the Korean Museum Association by participating in their conference on the occasion of the International Museum Day

- ICOM scholarships for young members were enriched this year with three complementary CECA scholarships

The CECA has chosen to supplement the ICOM 2021 scholarship encouraging young members to come and participate in the annual conferences with 3 CECA scholarships, bringing to 4 the number of young people selected and supported

- Participation in ICOM secretariat campaigns to raise awareness of the precariousness of educators in the context of the pandemic

- Presentation of the CECA activities in different environments such as ICOM Spain, ICOM LAC, ICOM ARAB, etc.

2) Members

- Repeated interventions with the ICOM secretariat for the organization of an update on the IRIS database of the e-mail addresses by the national committees allowing a contact when choosing an international committee

- Evolution of the number of members

Global decrease of the number of members as for the whole of ICOM, due to the pandemic and its financial consequences

- Development of the network of national correspondents, to encourage them to be more active or to create new CECA representations, as in India.

- Development of interactivity with and between members by organizing multiple opportunities for meetings, both traditional (national meetings organized by national correspondents, meetings between national correspondents and regional coordinators) and more novel (Special Interest Groups, participatory activities within the annual conference)

3) Conferences

- Co-organization, with ICOM Belgium and the M Museum of Leuven, of a conference of excellence, half virtual, half face to face, on the theme of co-creation.
- New importance given to interactive activities
- Preparation of the general conference in Prague (August 2022)
- Organization of regional conferences (Latin America, Spain, India, Arabia)

4) Publications

With the essential aim of developing the professional and scientific skills of museum educators, constant importance is given to the publication of works edited by CECA and covering both dimensions.

- o Professional publication: The number 9 of the winning projects of the Best Practice competition
- o Research publications: ICOM Education 29 on education, after having focused on cultural action in issue 28, and before the most essential texts on these two founding notions of the committee that will be brought together in a totally trilingual issue 30, sent to a selection of museum training programs around the world, the History of Museum Education in Belgium, the virtual publication of the winning report of the Colette Dufresne-Tassé 2021 research prize.

5) Digital development

Development of expertise and the use of virtual tools: Following the health episode, all of the CECA's activities were oriented towards a possibility of virtual proceedings: Board meetings, General Assembly, annual conference have been totally or partially held in virtual mode. Some activities such as the special interest groups have been made totally remote during the year, with face-to-face workshops being offered during the annual conference in Leuven.

6) Communication

- Improved communication: Enrichment of the website, increase of the general CECA activity on social networks and multiplication of the national and regional Facebook and Instagram pages
- Tri-annual newsletters

7) Original projects: GIS, Learning Pills, CECA Awards

- Development of Special Interest Group activities, increase in their number, language diversification. During the year 2021, the activity of the Special Interest Groups has reached its cruising speed, with some themes not finding their audience or their rhythm (Tourism, sensitive subjects), others gradually reaching a nice cruising speed of a monthly meeting and establishing little by little regular working modalities (prior determination of working themes, programmed presentations, case studies, informal discussions, etc.) The last sessions were devoted to the preparation of the workshops proposed in the framework of the Leuven conference. GIS coordinators were financially encouraged to participate in the conference.

- "Learning Pills. The intersection of SIG's work on the professional development of museum educators and SAREC's exceptional funding of "Virtual museum mediation, a necessary adaptation of methods" will lead in the coming months to the development of recommendations and training modules for the implementation of virtual guided tours.
- Reconstitution of a "Memory of CECA" by digitization of archives on transportable media. An important project of reconstitution of data kept in various forms by people in a fragmented geographical environment, to achieve a systematic conservation and a simplified transfer of information by the mobile electronic form
- BP and Research Awards: continued organization of the awards despite the uncertainties of the pandemic, resulting in an honest participation of the members and the selection of high quality projects

8) Special mentions

In conclusion, we would like to point out a few highlights:

- The adoption of a systematic trilingualism for all CECA activities
- A very active region: Europe
- A region with exemplary activity: Latin America and the Caribbean

PS: The reports prepared by the members of the Board and the coordinators of the Special Interest Groups allow to complete the general indications given in this report

Future projects are numerous;

- Organization of all our new activities within the binding framework of an ICOM General Conference
- Considerable development of the number of Special Interest Groups with four Spanish-speaking projects and one more French-speaking project
- Project to develop a systematic collection of "History of Mediation" by country or region based on the Belgian experience of this year
- Strengthening the network of regional correspondents in countries that do not yet have one
- Resumption of regional conferences and workshops when the health situation allows it
- Organization of the elections for the renewal of the Bureau