

ICOM-CECA REPORT 2023

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Let me begin by expressing my pleasure at having, through our Annual General Meeting, the opportunity to get in touch with some of you, particularly those who were unable to join us at our remarkable conference in Singapore last October. My second pleasure is to salute, once again, the exceptional work of the majority of the members of the CECA Board. The reports that you can find in this section of the Minutes of the General Meeting are a faithful reflection of this.

The President's report is traditionally structured around four themes:

- The CECA's recurring activities and their development over the past year
- Activities specific to the President
- The new 2023 projects
- The outlook for 2024

The following informations are illustrated by extracts of our website. To access this information in your preferred language, please change the language at the top of the website page

1) Development of recurring activities

- Number of members: the CECA is one of the largest international committees, with around 2,500 members recorded in the IRIS database as up to date with their 2023 subscription, their national committee having communicated all their information, which is not always the case. The number of CECA members has

increased again this year, in response to the many activities and information shared by the committee

<https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/12/Rapport-base-IRIS-2023-FRA.pdf>

- Regional Coordinators, National Representatives
The very large number of members requires regional and national decentralisation of information and the organisation of certain activities. The number of national representatives has increased, as have the activities offered to their members in addition to international activities.
<https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/12/Informe-2023-CECA-LAC-FRA.pdf>
<https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/12/Afrique-2023-FRA.pdf>
<https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2024/01/Europe-report-2023-ENG.pdf>
- Communication
Particular attention has been paid to intensifying the ways in which information is communicated to the network, with the social networks having been mobilised with great success, reaching interests beyond even the ECSC members, the rhythm and content of the Newsletters having been increased, and the content of the website having been enriched with illustrations, videos and numerous contributions.
 - Social networking,
<https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/12/Rapport-reseaux-sociaux-2023-FRA.pdf>
 - newsletter,
https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/12/Report-2023_Newsletter-FRA.pdf
 - website
<https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/12/MFD-rapport-2023-minisite-webmestre-FRA.pdf>
- Annual conference
The annual conference, held in Singapore from 20 to 24 November 2023, was a huge success, bringing together a large number of young professionals from many Asian countries to give high-quality papers and a wide range of interactive activities. Interest in ICOM CECA has risen sharply in this region of the world.
<https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2024/01/ENG-ICOM-CECA-Report-Annual-Asia-2023-Conference-in-Singapore.pdf>
- Regional conferences: in Peru for CECA Latin America, no regional conference in Africa
Latin America proposed a large-scale regional conference in Peru, with multiple spin-offs
<https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/12/Informe-2023-CECA-LAC-FRA.pdf>
- Publications: Publication of No. 30 ICOM Education
<https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/12/Rapport-Coordination-des-Publications-2023-FRA.pdf>

- **Special interest groups**
These thematic groups, which meet regularly online, bring together members from a wide range of geographical and professional backgrounds
<https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/fr/groupe-dinteret-speciaux/quest-ce-que-les-groupe-dinterets-speciaux/>
- **Best Practice Awards**
This annual competition for educational programmes of exceptional quality attracted a growing number of applicants and resulted in some very fine presentations of the projects at the annual conference, demonstrating that the quality of the winners is improving all the time.
<https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/12/Rapport-BP-ICOM-CECA-2022-2023-FRA-b.pdf>
- **Research awards**
Despite the stringent entry requirements, the prize was awarded to two candidates
https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/12/Recherche-CDT_2023-FRA.pdf

2) President's activities

In addition to encouraging and coordinating general projects, I have had a number of opportunities to represent the CECA:

- Within ICOM bodies through participation in working groups: DEFINE, ICWG (International Committee Working Group), ITC (International Training Centre) Steering Committee, etc.
 - Internationally, by responding to invitations to help develop the network :
 - In Taiwan, a conference on the theme of co-construction for the inaugural session of the NTCM (New Taipei City Art Museum).
 - Also in Taiwan, on the same theme and best practices, for a one-day seminar organised by the Chinese Museum Association.
 - In Athens, at a SAREC-supported conference on "Museums in Europe: new definition, new perspectives, identity, credibility, sustainability", organised by ICOM Greece, on social sustainability.
 - In Johannesburg for the UNESCO Regional Office for Southern Africa, as part of a seminar on "The Legacy of National Liberation Movements in Southern Africa: Museums and Cultural Centres as Places of Learning".
- Lastly, some projects that required considerable investment could not be carried out: a workshop project in West Africa that should be able to take place in 2024, an ambitious initial and vocational training project in Tunisia that CECA hopes to be able to resume in 2025, etc.

3) New projects 2023

- **Young Members Network and Awards**
Encourage young professionals to join the network through regular meetings and participation in an annual prize for free attendance at the annual conference.
<https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/12/rapport-2023-JM-FRA.pdf>

- Creation of an online course on applied educational research
Proposed under an agreement signed between ICOM and the University of Murcia (Spain), this ambitious project offers fifteen candidates from Latin America high-quality teaching leading to the development of individually supervised research.
https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/12/Recherche-CDT_2023-FRA.pdf
- Development of the network of National Representatives in Africa
<https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/12/Afrique-2023-FRA.pdf>
- Representation of the CECA within ICOM
In addition to the President's actions, the CECA is also represented by other members of the Bureau in other ICOM bodies: NCWG (National Committee Working Group), Groupe de réflexion sur la déontologie.
- Publications : A new CECA collection is being prepared following the publication of the History of Museum Mediation in Belgium in 2021. The History of Museum Education in Brazil is in the process of being published.
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4) Outlook for 2024

- Publications: the "History of Museum Education" collection by country, already illustrated by Belgium and Brazil, should be continued by China, with prospects for France and Russia.
- Sustainable development, museums and education.
The CECA should develop this crucial theme through various actions;
 - The establishment of a new Special Interest Group on this topic
 - Developing joint initiatives with the DEMHIST International Committee
- Change of name of the CECA
As part of a joint study by ICOM's international committees, the CECA Bureau and members will be consulted over the course of the year on changes to the acronyms used to identify international committees. The CECA is hesitating between the possible retention of an old and well identified acronym and the creation of a new acronym renewing the vocabulary used, the term cultural action being now relatively dated.



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*Cérémonie de cloture de la Conférence annuelle 2023 du CECA
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