

Dear CECA member,

It is with pleasure that we are sharing the latest news from CECA. This newsletter covers four topics:

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1. CECA Annual Conference 2026 – Jakarta, 10–14 November

In just a few weeks, colleagues from around the world will gather in Jakarta for our Annual Conference, "Museums in Divided Times: How to Foster Dialogue, Caring and a Sense of Belonging?". The conference is organised by Musée ID, in collaboration with the Jakarta Provincial Government and ICOM Germany.

For the full programme, visit our dedicated conference website:

icomcecaconference.com

The programme opens on 10 November at Taman Ismail Marzuki, Jakarta's leading arts and culture centre, with welcome addresses, keynote speeches and the CECA Awards ceremony. We are delighted to welcome our keynote speakers Kaja Širok, ICOM Executive Board member (Slovenia), and Yiyok T. Herlambang, Chairman of the Jakarta Museum Association.

On 11 November, parallel sessions move to the historic Old Town (Kota Tua), hosted in four museums within walking distance of one another. The following day brings educational visits, workshops and an evening at Museum Bahari, the Maritime Museum. On 13 November, participants can join cultural excursions in the morning, including a trip to the archaeological islands of Onrust, Cipir and Kelor. In the afternoon, the programme continues at the Goethe-Institut with a Youth Forum, presentations and a panel discussion on “Museums Uniting a Divided World”, followed by the closing reception hosted by ICOM Germany.

Registration is still open via the conference website: icomcecaconference.com. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

For questions about the programme, registration or any other related matters, please contact us at: cecaconference1@gmail.com

2. Meet the 2026 CECA Award Winners

Each year, the CECA Awards celebrate outstanding work in museum education. This year's winners will be honoured at the ceremony in Jakarta on 10 November.

Colette Dufresne-Tassé Research Award – Luz Mariana Vázquez Bueno, Paulina Rojas Sánchez and Aura Flores Ramírez of Papalote Museo del Niño (Mexico), for their study *Kites in Flight*, which explores how children learn through play. An honourable mention goes to António Luciano Morais Melo Filho (Brazil/Portugal) for *Decolonising the Epic*.

The winners and the honourable mention: <https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/research/delivering-research-paper/>

Best Practice Award – Glenda Ng of the Children's Museum Singapore, for *Community-Led Curating and Programming: Empowering Young Voices*, a project that places children at the heart of how the museum is shaped. A special mention goes to Alexandra Tranta of Democritus University of Thrace (Greece).

The winner: <https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/best-practice/winners-bp/>

Young Member Award – Daryl Lorence P. Abarca of AIMS Museo Marítimo (Philippines), whose video presentation stood out among submissions from our under-36 members.

The winner: <https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/special-interests-groups/young-members-network/#young-member-award>

Our warmest congratulations to all! Their work can be found on the CECA website, and we hope it inspires many of you to apply next year.

3. Looking Ahead: CECA 2027 in Costa Rica

We are pleased to announce that the 2027 CECA Annual Conference will take place in San José (Costa Rica) from 22 to 26 November 2027, in close collaboration with ICOM Costa Rica and ICOM LAC (Latin America and the Caribbean).

This will be a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our ties with colleagues across Latin America and the Caribbean, a region with a rich and vibrant tradition in museum education.

More information, including the theme and the call for papers, will follow in the coming months. Keep an eye on our website and social media channels, and save the date!

4. Online Special Interest Group Meetings

Join the online meetings of our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and be part of the CECA community: they keep the exchange alive all year long. From now on, our Zoom meetings offer translation into your language. You can find all groups and their meeting calendars on the CECA website: <https://ceca.mini.icom.museum/special-interests-groups/what-are-special-interests-groups/>

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Tell your colleagues about us – let's grow our community!

*Museums don't have borders,
they have a network.*

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