

ICOM Advisory Council Election Candidates

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ICOM Advisory Council Elections 2022-2025

In accordance with Article 13, Section 1 of the Statutes, the « Advisory Council is the advisory body of ICOM ».

The Advisory Council consists of :

- A (1) Chairperson;
- A (1) Vice-Chairperson;
- Chairpersons (or their appointed representatives) of National and International Committees, Regional Alliances, and Affiliated Organisations.

The elections for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Council of ICOM for the period 2022-2025 will take place at the **26th ICOM General Conference** in Prague in August 2022.

Results of the elections will be announced at the 92nd session of the Advisory Council on **21 August 2022**, in Prague (Czech Republic).

Candidates for the positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the ICOM Advisory Council (2022-2025):

POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON

Juliette Raoul-Duval, France

Antonio Rodriguez, United States

POSITION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Medea Ekner, Sweden

Juliette Raoul-Duval

France

Nominated by ICOM France

All around the world, ICOM professionals share their skills and know-how. This shared expertise strengthens, inspires respect for and increases the influence of ICOM. The museum world needs ICOM.

I believe that our professionalism is our asset. ICOM should be the network of all museum professionals, irrespective of their position within their organisation, their organisation's position within their country, or their country's place in the world. As Chair of the Advisory Council, I will ensure that the elected representatives of the NCs, ICs and RAs participate fully in the governance of our organisation.

The health crisis has accentuated geographical divides and inequalities, particularly digital ones: ICOM must act transparently to address these issues. We must pursue our action with determination and convince museums to continue working towards becoming more accessible to all, thereby allowing everyone to learn about and share their history. In this regard, linguistic diversity guarantees open and innovative thinking.

I want ICOM to be an organisation dedicated to dialogue and solidarity between its members – one that reflects their diversity, and consolidates the central role museums play as key actors of social connection and builders of sustainable development and peace.



POSITIONS

- ◆ Administrator, Blue Shield France
- ◆ Administrator, AMCSTI (Association of Museums and Centres for the Development of Scientific, Technical and Industrial Culture)
- ◆ Secretary General, La Ruche artists' residence
- ◆ Member, Steering Committee, France Museums Development
- ◆ Honorary Deputy Director, Museum of Arts and Crafts

FUNCTIONS WITHIN ICOM

- ◆ Chair, ICOM France
- ◆ Vice-Chair, CIMUSET
- ◆ Member, ICOM Define Standing Committee

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- ◆ Studies Economics, Paris-Nanterre

Antonio Rodriguez

United States

Nominated by ICOM US, ICOM Mexico and COMCOL

Through my involvement and work with several ICOM committees including SAREC, ICEE, ICOM US, ICOM SPC, and ICOM ICWG, I have gained an understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of, as well as the challenges and opportunities faced by International and National Committees, Regional Alliances, Standing Committees and Working Groups. If elected Chair of the AC, it would be my goal to gather and represent their voices, concerns and ideas at the Advisory Council Meetings and bring them to the Executive Board.

As a primary role, 'The Advisory Council advises the Executive Board and the General Assembly on matters concerning the policies, programmes, procedures and finances of ICOM, and may propose amendments to the Statutes'. If elected, I will focus on providing equal opportunities to all members of the Advisory Council to express their ideas, concerns, and points of view regardless of their language and/or region of origin. Special emphasis should be placed on committees and representatives from country categories 3 and 4.

The need for transparent governance practices, and the lack of communication among committees are often mentioned as among the challenges ICOM committees face. If elected, I will focus on fostering dialogue, reviewing how decisions are made, and exploring potential for collaboration between committees.

POSITIONS

- ◆ Senior Advisor and Museum Consultant (current)
- ◆ Former CEO, Inter-American Culture & Development Foundation (USA)
- ◆ Former Director of Exhibitions, International Arts & Artists (USA)
- ◆ Former Director, TAGA (Venezuela)
- ◆ Former Director, Zulia Museum of Contemporary Art, MACZUL (Venezuela)
- ◆ Former Assistant to the President, National Gallery of Art (Venezuela)
- ◆ Former Head of International Exhibitions, Visual Arts Dept., National Council of Culture, CONAC (Venezuela)

FUNCTIONS WITHIN ICOM

- ◆ Chair, SAREC
- ◆ Chair, ICEE
- ◆ Ex-Officio Board Member, ICOM US
- ◆ Member, SPC
- ◆ Member, ICWG

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- ◆ Master of Arts, Communication, Culture & Technology, Georgetown University (USA)

- ◆ Graduate Diploma in Iberoamerican Cultural Cooperation, University of Barcelona (Spain)
- ◆ Graduate Diploma in Project Management for Cultural Organisations, University Rosario (Colombia)
- ◆ Graduate Studies Certificate in Non-Profit Management, IESA (Venezuela)
- ◆ B.A. in Art History, Venezuela Central University



Medea Ekner

Sweden

Since 2018, I have taken an active, managing role within the ICOM context, on a national level as Chair of ICOM Sweden, and international level as project leader for ICOM Sweden's application for the 27th ICOM General Conference. Throughout these processes, I have gained insights and a deeper understanding of ICOM's internal operations and structures, as well as its challenges and possibilities.

If elected as Vice-Chair of the Advisory Council, I would support the Advisory Council in innovative ways when advising the Executive Board and General Assembly on matters concerning ICOM's policies, procedures, activities and finances, as well as on matters and activities of general interest for ICOM such as strengthening equal representation, or enhancing global communication and co-creative procedures between communities, alliances and working groups.

As a representative of a new generation of museum professionals, my contribution as Vice-Chair would be to strengthen innovation and transformational processes within ICOM; strengthen ICOM through transformative leadership; and support further development of ICOM as a global organisation.

POSITIONS

- ◆ Art curator, Museum Strategi& and Leadership Consultant
- ◆ Former Director of exhibitions, Bohuslans Museum
- ◆ Museum Development Strategi&, Boras Mueum, Alingsas Museum
- ◆ Curator of exhibitions, National Museums of World Culture, Boras Museum, Alingsas Konsthall, Strandverket Konsthall
- ◆ Has worked on Art Education at Boras Museum of Modern Art, Swedish National Museums of World Culture, Gothenbourg Konsthall
- ◆ Has worked on Audience Research, Swedish National Museums of World Culture, Te Papa Tongarewa - Museum of New Zealand Aotearoa

FUNCTIONS WITHIN ICOM

- ◆ Chair, ICOM Sweden (2019-2022)
- ◆ Board Member, ICOM Sweden (2018-2019)
- ◆ Member, IC Ethics, ICFA and ICOFOM

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- ◆ M.A. in Art History and M.A. in International Museum Studies, including studies in Law and Rights regarding Indigenous Peoples & Feminist Art Theories (Gothenburg University, 2004)

- ◆ UGL - Understanding Groups and Leaders (Swedish University of Defense 2019, 2020)
- ◆ UGL Leadership Instructor (Swedish University of Defense, 2021)
- ◆ Certified Board of Directors (2020)

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ICOM Statutes

ICOM Statutes, Article 13 Advisory Council

Section 1 – Organisation

The Advisory Council is the advisory body of ICOM. It consists of Chairpersons (or their appointed representatives) of National and International Committees, Regional Alliances, and Affiliated Organisations.

Section 2 – Functions of the Advisory Council

The Advisory Council advises the Executive Board and the General Assembly on matters concerning the policies, programmes, procedures and finances of ICOM, and may propose amendments to the Statutes. It advises on matters and activities in the general interest of ICOM, as recommended by the Executive Board and other ICOM components. The activities of the Advisory Council shall be reported to the General Assembly for approval at its next meeting.

Section 2 – The Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, the Spokesperson for National Committees, and the Spokesperson for the International Committees

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Advisory Council shall be elected by the membership for a three (3)-year term of office. The Advisory Council Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson may serve two (2) consecutive terms.

The Chairperson of the Advisory Council shall prepare, convene and

chair the meetings of the Council, and shall serve as an ex officio member of the Executive Board, and as an ex officio member of the Board of all Regional Alliances.

The Vice-Chairperson carries out the functions and tasks assigned to him/her by the Chairperson; he/she provides any assistance required by the latter and, in his/her absence, convenes and chairs meetings.

If the office of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson becomes vacant, during its next meeting, the Advisory Council shall elect one (1) of its members to be Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson to deputise the former Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson for the duration of his or her remaining term of office.

One (1) spokesperson of the National Committees and one (1) spokesperson of the International Committees shall be elected by the chairs or delegated representatives of the National Committees and the International Committees respectively for a period of three (3) years beginning from the year following a General Conference to the year after the next General Conference.

They shall only be permitted to be re-elected a single (1) time.

Each spokesperson prepares, convenes and chairs each separate meeting of the National and International Committees at the Advisory Council sessions and co-operate with the Chair of the Advisory Council.

If the office of spokesperson of the National or International Committees becomes vacant, during its next meeting, the Chairpersons or delegated representatives of National and International Committees respectively shall elect one (1) of its members to be a spokesperson for the National or International Committees and deputise the former spokesperson for the duration of his or her remaining term of office.

Section 4 – Annual Meeting

The Advisory Council meets at least once (1) a year within the scope of an ordinary session, held on the same date and at the same venue as the General Assembly.

Section 5 – Voting

Each National and International Committee, Regional Alliance and Affiliated Organisation shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

A member of the Advisory Council (other than the Chairperson) may be represented by another member of ICOM at a meeting of the Council, but no person may hold more than one (1) proxy.

Section 6 – Quorum and Decisions

The quorum for a meeting of the Advisory Council shall be fifty per cent (50%) of its members. If this quorum is not obtained, the Advisory Council shall be convened again at the same place within a period of twenty-four (24) hours. Regardless of the number of members present and being represented at that time, the Advisory Council shall have the power to deliberate. The Advisory Council decisions shall be subject to a simple majority between the members present and being represented.

ICOM Internal Rules, Article 4.2 Election of the Chairperson and Vice- Chairperson of the Advisory Council

4.2.1 Election of the Chairperson

The Advisory Council shall be held in conjunction with the ICOM General Conference and elect its Chair for a term of three (3) years.

A person nominated by a National and/or International Committee and/or a Regional Alliance to this position must be an Individual Member of ICOM who should be or should have been already a member of the Advisory Council.

At least five (5) months prior to the date of commencement of a General Conference, the Director General shall send a call for candidacies to the ICOM Members.

The Director General must receive candidacy nominations no later than three (3) months prior to the commencement of a General Conference.

The Director General shall communicate the names of the candidates and the biographical data, which are at their option to provide, no later than three (3) months prior to the date of opening of the General Conference.

The candidate for the Chair office having received the largest number of votes shall be declared the winning candidate, provided that he/she obtains more than fifty per cent (50%) of the votes in the first voting round.

In the event that no candidate receives more than fifty per cent (50%) of the votes cast, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated and a further vote taken for the remaining candidates, and so on until one candidate receives more than fifty per cent (50%) of the votes cast, who shall then be declared elected.

4.2.2 Election of the Vice-Chairperson

The Advisory Council shall elect a Vice-Chair from among its members. The candidate for the Vice-Chair who receives the largest number of votes shall be declared the winning candidate.