

***Invitation to ICOM National Committees, International Committees and Regional Alliances to take part to a debate on March 10, in Paris.***

Paris, January 9, 2020

Dear Chairs,  
Dear Colleagues,

First of all, I would like to wish you all the best for 2020: for you and your family, for your committee, and for ICOM!

After the Extraordinary General Assembly in Kyoto, many of us have continued on the exiting debates around the museum definition within our committees, with our members.

About six months after Kyoto, we think it is time to hold a first working day, to discuss the progress of our national and international debates, exchange our views and eventually get to a unique position about the methodology for a deeper reflection with a wider involvement of all ICOM committees, as it has been required by the EGA's vote.

ICOM France, in collaboration with other committees, proposes to host this first meeting in Paris.

This "Committees Day" would aim at constructively developing a common vision of what defines a museum, and on what a definition by ICOM would have to endorse, reflecting namely on the adequate balance to be established between "museums functions", professionals standards, ethic behaviors and social challenges.

**We really would appreciate your participation to this first meeting, directly (by coming in Paris) or indirectly (by sending us a printed message or a recorded video). Your participation is very important for the quality of the debate.**

The morning will be devoted to a presentation of the reflections carried out since September: each President (or their representatives) will be invited to present the consultations, meetings, articles, minutes ... hold in his/her committee following Kyoto's discussion (cf. template attached). We will strive to find the best solutions so that everyone will be able to participate, in *personae* or by video.

The afternoon will be devoted to roundtable discussions on transversal topics.

Of course, ICOM's President is invited to join it, as well as MDPP's president and its members – as soon as we know about its composition.

Your participation will be essential to reflect the diversity of views expressed by your members.

Please feel free to contact me for further information about this upcoming meeting.

I look forward to receiving your answer about your participation in *personae* or by video – if possible - by January 31.

Yours sincerely,



Juliette Raoul-Duval  
Chair, French National Committee

**Enclosed:** *presentation of the working day / template for committees' communications*

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#### **Schedule**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. *Official opening*

10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. *Committees and Alliances presentations*

2 p.m. – 5 p.m. *Roundtable discussions on transversal topics*

5 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. *Closing*