

ICR 2015 Annual Conference – Call for Papers

Welcome to the ICR 2015 Annual Conference to be held in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Israel, on October 19-23, 2015, and organized in cooperation with ICOM Israel. We invite presentations on the conference topic:

“Regional Museums and the Forging of Identities in a Multicultural Society”

As the nations of the world progressively develop into multiethnic and multicultural societies, regional museums should reflect on the role they can play in this process. Whether or not their host nations are developed or developing countries, museums must consider how they can aid in satisfying their public’s needs and desires for multiple and varied identities.



The ICR Israel 2015 Conference will address this broad area in relation to the concerns and activities of regional museums through questions such as those suggested below:

- How are viable identities forged in multiethnic/multicultural societies?
- What effect do tensions between traditional societies and the modern global society have on viable identities?
- Should regional museums play an active part in relieving such tensions?
- Do they do so already, and how?
- How should museum narratives be organized in multiethnic/multicultural societies?
- Which resources can best be utilized in such efforts?
- How can these processes reflect societal changes?
- Should regional museums attempt to influence these processes or should they simply reflect them?
- Can regional museums provide sufficient support for the forging of identities?

Presentations of Papers:

Presentations are limited to 15 minutes and must be delivered in English. Since no translation services will be provided, the presentation text must be easy for an international audience to follow.

Deadline for Abstracts:

An abstract of 200-300 words, a short biographical note and contact details must be submitted to ICR Secretary Jean Aase at jeanaase@getmail.no by **15 May 2015**. All abstracts will be evaluated by ICR’s Selection Committee. The Committee will respond by 1 June 2015.

Abstracts must include the following:

- Title
- Name and affiliation of the author (including ICOM membership number for ICOM members)
- Email address
- Any special technological requirements (such as Mac/PC for accompanying images, video)

Authors of successful papers must submit a written version of their presentation in the form of a Word document with photos, tables and charts as separate attachments by 1 September 2015.

Registration information and further details about the conference and the exciting post-conference tour (to Haifa, Acre, Galilee, Tiberias, the Dead Sea, Qumran, Masada, Be’er Sheba, Ramla, Ashdod) will be posted on ICR’s website <http://network.icom.museum/icr>.

If you have any questions please email Jean Aase, ICR Secretary, at jeanaase@getmail.no.