NATHIST Board election 2010 in Shanghai (China)

In a few weeks the 22th General Conference and the 23th General Assembly of ICOM will be held November in Shanghai, China. The main theme for ICOM-NATHIST is “Biodiversity and Climate Change – a multicultural approach”.

During this 22nd General Conference in Shanghai we will meet on Wednesday, Nov 10th from 1.00 to 3.30 p.m. for the annual business meeting of NATHIST at the Shanghai Science & Technology Museum.

You will get the triennial reports from chair, secretary and treasurer and the reports of all working groups on their activities. Very crucial for the future of NATHIST are the elections for the next board, which will be held during our business meeting.

During the last 6 years the board revived ICOM-NATHIST, thanks to the activity of very engaged members of NATHIST:

- we had again regular annual meetings: 2005 Jakobstad/Pietarsaari (Finland), 2006 Wellington (New Zealand), 2007 Vienna (Austria), 2008 Moscow (Russia), 2009 Stralsund (Germany) and now 2010 Shanghai (China)
- we established very active working groups: Taxidermy, Ethics, Biodiversity
- we had regular communications by newsletters, news and our homepage
- we published an “Position Statement on Evolution”
- we will publish – very soon – a book on “Intangible Natural Heritage”
- we are working on an amendment to “The Code of Ethics” with specific natural history aspects
- we established a steering group for a Natural History Museums Initiative on Climate Change & Sustainable Development (“Platform2012”) for the Earth Summit 2012 in Brazil

During the last 6 years it was a great pleasure and privilege for me as chair to develop NATHIST together with a group of very experienced ICOM-NATHIST members, New members joined in and now it is time to hand over the responsibility to these younger members of the next generation.
12 year working for ICOM-NATHIST (6 years as secretary & 6 years as chair) is a long time, many things were archived, some are still under development or missing and therefore it is very important to give the mandate for the next board to members of ICOM-NATHIST who will active work to promote NATHIST from the present level to the next and give NATHIST a clear and pride future.

In our newsletter 32 sent out by email July 2010 we asked all members to stand as candidate for the elections for the next board.

Four members of the present board with a lot of experience about the structure and the functioning of ICOM will continue and we could win four new members to become candidates for the next board.

This newsletter will give you some information in detail about the candidates for the next board.

It is a honour to present you the candidates for the next board

as officers
  chair     Brigitta SCHMID, Vienna
  vice chair Eric DORFMAN, Wellington
  secretary Maria Isabel LANDIM, São Paulo
  treasurer Janet CARDING, Toronto

as board members
  board member Lu CHENG, Shanghai
  board member Tsung-Huang HSIAO, Taipei
  board member Anna KLYUKINA, Moscow
  board member Bhargaviamma VENUGOPAL, New Delhi

Some more members were interested and asked for information how to become candidate, but unfortunately I did not get any documents back from them in time.

The international committee of ICOM-NATHIST will continue to achieve more and more significance, to push forward its ideas and to fulfil its obligations. Our efforts should be based on the mandates from as many members as possible. Therefore we ask all members who are not able to attend the business meeting in Shanghai, please, vote by fax, by surface mail or by email using the form (last page).

If you wish to vote by secret ballot, please, fill in only the part beside the dotted line. Then put the sheet into an envelope, seal this envelope and send it as surface mail to the chair of ICOM-NATHIST within a bigger envelope with your name, your ICOM-number and code: ICOM-NATHIST board election 2010.

The chair will hand over the unopened envelope to the election committee in Shanghai. The election committee will consist of two members of ICOM-NATHIST who are present in Shanghai but are not candidates for the new board.

You know we are a very small international committee with about 220 members all over the world and every person and every vote counts to get at least a quorum of 10 % from the NATHIST members for the next board.
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Secretary of ICOM-NATHIST (2007-2010)
Steering group member for “Platform2012”

After studying Biology and Palaeontology at the University of Vienna I started my professional career at the federal state museum of Lower Austria.

Since 1991 I have been employed at the Museum of Natural History in Vienna where I was press officer and public relations executive for more than ten years and where I work as Commissioner for International Cooperation and as science editor now.

In August 2007 I organized the annual meeting of ICOM NATHIST during the ICOM General Conference in Vienna and moreover became secretary of ICOM NATHIST.

Proposal for my activities within the board of ICOM NATHIST:

- continue the successful strategy of Gerhard Winter and his team in making ICOM NATHIST a vital and important organisation for professionals of natural history museums all over the world
- organize interesting annual meetings in cooperation with active colleagues from all continents
- promote international cooperation between ICOM NATHIST members
- strengthen the voice of ICOM NATHIST within ICOM in order to get more support and money
- try to establish long-term cooperation between natural history museums
- strengthen the impact of ICOM NATHIST within the community of natural history museums
- encourage the exchange of ideas between members of ICOM NATHIST
- intensify collaboration and cooperation with ICOM as well as with governmental and non-governmental organisations
- support the successful ICOM NATHIST working groups in cooperation with the chairs and establish new ones if appropriate
- do my best to get as many ICOM NATHIST members a possible interested in our planned big project “Platform 2012” and together with all the project partners make it a great success
Eric Dorfman has been an active member of NATHIST since 2005. In 2006, he hosted the annual conference and AGM in Wellington, New Zealand and, at that meeting, formed the NATHIST Ethics Working Group, to address ongoing ethical issues faced by natural history museums. He currently moderates the web log of the group, http://icomnatistethics.wordpress.com/, looking eventually to involve broader issues relevant to museum ethics.


He is currently working with members of NATHIST to prepare a submission to the 2012 Earth Summit in Rio De Janeiro, as well as developing policy on broad issues of sustainability. He is interested in extending the reach of the Committee by pursuing partnerships with key organisations and by raising its profile through events, programmes and increased use of social media.

Eric is Executive Director of Eklektus Inc., a private company that provides development strategy and visitor experiences to heritage institutions internationally. He is also an Adjunct Lecturer in Museum Studies at Victoria University of Wellington, a member of the New Zealand Institute of Directors, and author of books on natural history and climate change.
After completing the PhD in Zoology, Maria Isabel started as a professor in 2008 at the Department of Cultural Outreach of the Museu de Zoologia da Universidade de São Paulo. Her current projects involve the popularization of Natural Sciences, history of biology (mainly 19th century evolutionary theory) and history of Natural History museums. In 2008, she has participated in the short course: Museología Total, with Jorge Wagensberg, at the Cosmo Caixa, Barcelona, Spain.

Her experience, besides freshwater fish systematics is with popularization of science, mainly in what concerns the Theory of Evolution. She has acted as a co-curator of the Darwin exhibition from AMNH when in Brazil (2007 - 2009 traveling around the country) and as curator of the temporary exhibit “Charles Darwin, Evolution for Everyone!” at the Museu de Zoologia da USP (2009 - 2010). She has edited with co-authors a popularization book on evolution published in 2009 “Charles Darwin, em um futuro nem tão distante” and also acted as co-curator of the temporary exhibition “Biodiversity Crisis” at the MZUSP (2008-2009).

She has participated on NATHIST meetings: 2008 (Moscow); 2010 (kickoff workshop for initiative “Platform2012” on Climate Change, in Vienna). She is a member of ICOM since 2008.

**Her proposal for the period 2010-2013:**

My main goal will be to increase the participation of Natural History Museums from South America, mainly Brazil, in our committee, making it more relevant to them. Organize the 2013 meeting in Rio de Janeiro with the general conference of ICOM.

I also would like to help to continue the work developed previously bringing new ideas from South America for our committee.
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Janet holds a degree from Cambridge University in History and Philosophy of Science, and a Masters from the University of London in History of Science and Medicine. A Museum professional for 23 years, Janet began her career at the Science Museum in London as a curator in the medical history department and later in exhibition and programs development for various departments and projects. For five years Janet worked on the development of the Welcome Wing extension, the Science Museum’s contemporary wing. Until her departure from NMSI in 2004, Janet held the post of Head of Planning and Development and led the strategic planning, major projects and forward program for NMSI’s three museums.

Janet was appointed Assistant Director, Public Programs and Operations at the Australian Museum, Sydney in August 2004. Janet leads the development and delivery of the Museum’s special exhibitions, programs, educational and online activities. Janet also currently teaches the Museums and Galleries Administration segment of Sydney University’s Museum Studies program.

In September 2010 Janet will leave Sydney to take up a new appointment as Director and CEO of the Royal Ontario Museum, in Toronto, Canada.

Her proposal for Treasurer Position:

I have attended ICOM NATHIST meetings in New Zealand and Vienna, and appreciated the opportunity to interact with colleagues from Natural History museums from all over the world. The ICOM forum is unique in that it brings together those with a shared interest, and places those discussions in a global context, and the group is doing important work in ethics, taxidermy, intangible natural heritage and climate change that I feel privileged to play even a small part in assisting.

I would like to stand for the position of Treasurer in the new board, and if successful I would be happy to taken on the responsibilities involved, even in my new role in Canada. I have managed significant budgets in all my roles during my museum career, and would use my best endeavours to ensure that all ICOM NATHIST funds were properly accounted and distributed, according to the decisions made by the Board.
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Lu Cheng is new to ICOM-NATHIST. He worked very close together with our college colleague Erik Granqvist during both “International Taxidermy Training Courses” at the Shanghai Science & Technology Museum and has all skills to continue the work of Eirik.

Work Experience
- 2010.6-now Foundation Management Dept., Shanghai Science & Technology Museum
  - Job Description: Science and education projects management, international projects management, translation
- 2009.11-2010.6 Research & Design Institute, Shanghai Science & Technology Museum: Translator for the training project of “International Taxidermy Training Course, II”
- 2008.5-2009.11 Foundation Management Dept., Shanghai Science & Technology Museum: Science and education projects management
- 2007.11-2008.5 Research & Design Institute, Shanghai Science & Technology Museum: Translator for the training project of “International Taxidermy Training Course, I”.
- 2005.7-2007.1 Foundation Management Dept., Shanghai Science & Technology Museum: Translation, VIP reception, activity planning and execution, fundraising, office admin, finance work and etc.

Publications
2009  The ancestor of the gecko is marvelous NATURE AND SCIENCE VOL. 171
2008  Use specimen to show the nature ---- the speech of Eirik on the closing ceremony of the Taxidermy Training Course NATURE AND SCIENCE VOL. 168
  The evolution of white rice NATURE AND SCIENCE VOL. 165
  That’s the way to get water for drinking NATURE AND SCIENCE VOL.165
2007  IMAX Movie re-shows the feeling of moon landing NATURE AND SCIENCE VOL. 163
Tsung-Huang Hsiao was Secretary, Centre Culturelle et d’Information de Taipei à Paris, Paris, France (1994-1999), Chief, International Exchange Section, Council for Cultural Affairs, Executive Yuan (1999-2001) and Director, Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts 200-2004). Since 2004 he is Director of National Taiwan Museum, President of Taiwan Museum Foundation and Standing Board Member of Chinese Association of Museums (since 2008).

2008 he hosted “The International Symposium for the 100th Anniversary of National Taiwan Museum” – were ICOM-NATHIST board members were invited and a close relationship established: He published “From Biodiversity to Cultural Diversity: A Vision for the National Taiwan Museum in the 21st Century”.

**His proposal for his activities**

The natural environment is facing challenges globally that requires extraordinary efforts to protect and preserve. In the concerns of positioning on natural history museums, as well as its pro-activeness and sustainability, it is my sincere wishes to explore the issues on preservation of biodiversity also the protection /management of natural heritages.

Four dimensions of my wish list pledged to have your attention in NATHIST below:

- Positioning and challenges: An Eco-Museum development from the prospective of Neo-Natural History Museum
- Any interests involving eco-environmental respects - Policy making and education
- Partnership for Sustainability: Networks of International and Interdisciplinary co-operations.

To move these forward, may I propose that all board members of NATHIST gathering in Taipei as Annual Meeting, I believe this will benefit more and deep communication and exchanges amongst Taiwan museums with counterparts for mutual understanding.
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Board member of ICOM-NATHIST (2007-2010)
Steering group member for “Platform2012”

Anna Klyukina was graduated by Moscow Pedagogical Institute in 1972 and became December 1986 the Deputy Director of State Darwin Museum of Moscow and December 1988 she takes up Director’s duties of the named Museum. Anna Klyukina was the person who managed to gain the new edifice for the museum and the creative team directed by Mrs Klyukina mounted new exhibition of the Darwin Museum in new premises according to the authentic museum conception. In 1995 the Darwin Museum was re-opened for the broad public. Now the annual number of visitors is around 400 000, many educational programs, programs for family visit and programs for disables has been elaborated and put into practice.

The State Darwin Museum directed by Anna Klyukina was the first Russian Museum, produced its own internet site in 1996 and developing successfully the system of multimedia support of the exhibition in nineties.

Anna Klyukina is the member of ICOM since 1993 and several times she was elected as Chair of ICOM-Russia.

In 1996 Anna Klyukina encouraged the creation of the Natural History Museums Association of Russia and since the same year she is the Chair of this association, which includes Natural History Museums and Local Museums from various Russians regions.

In June 2007 Anna Klyukina presented State Darwin Museum at the Russian festival INTERMUSEUM-2007 and the Darwin Museum won the grand-prix of this competition and was named “The best Russian Museum of the Year”.

Presently, Anna Klyukina is the board member of the Museum Union of Russia and the board member of ICOM-Russia.

Anna Klyukina and her team had hosted the annual conference of ICOM-NATHIST 2008 and she is for many years active within our committee and we are very happy that she will continue as board member for the next board.
He has been involved in the establishment of two major Scientific institutions/ Natural History Museums in India as founder Scientist-in-charge of the Regional Museums of Natural History located at Mysore and Bhopal and is since May 2008 Director of NMNH New Delhi.

About 23 years experience in scientific institutions and working in Science-related initiatives:

- Invited paper at the Special session on Biodiversity at the Indian Science Congress Association, Trivandrum, January 2010.
- Collaborated with UNESCO for Darwin200-India programme in 2009.
- CV Raman International Fellowship in Science & Technology for African Researchers coordinated by FICCI and funded by DST.
- Initiated State Children’s Science Congress (Bhopal, Mysore, Bhubaneswar) for popularization of Science
- Guest Editor, “Science Communicator”, a Journal of Science, National Council of Science Museums

Proposal of my activities within the next ICOM NATHIST Board

- Increase in membership of ICOM NATHIST in the Region in Asia-Pacific
- Increase in professional activities of Natural history Museums by networking with Museums of natural history in the Region. I plan to have a Forum for Asia-Pacific Natural History Museums.
- Extend professional help for developing Natural History Museums in countries in the region where there is no Natural History Museum.
- Organize programs as part of International Year of Biodiversity
- Undertake all other activities to extend the mandate of ICOM NATHIST
If you are NOT able to join our business meeting in Shanghai please return this page till October 25th, 2010

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I am member if ICOM-NATHIST and vote for the next term (2010-2013) for the board of the International Committee of Natural History ICOM-NATHIST

(1) If you agree with the proposal for the next board and with all candidates please mark this box □ clearly with a cross.

(2) If you want to select the candidates separately than mark each box clearly with a cross.

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vice-chair  □ Eric Dorfman  Wellington
secretary  □ Maria Isabel Landim  Sao Paulo
treasurer  □ Janet Carding  Toronto
board member  □ Lu Cheng  Shanghai
board member  □ Tsung-Huang Hsiao, Taipei
board member  □ Anna Klyukina  Moscow
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