

**Criteria for the Award of Travel Grants
for the 22nd General Conference of ICOM
and for
Support for Young Members participation
in International Committee Meetings**

7-12 November, 2010, Shanghai, China

As an important step towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the period 2008-2010, ICOM is committed to support an inclusive participation of its members, specifically those residing in Emerging countries as well as young professionals. As such, ICOM will award travel grants for ICOM's 22nd General Conference to be held from November 7 to 12, 2010 in Shanghai (China).

The Grant will provide assistance for airfare in the most reasonable level of Economy Class, accommodation for the duration of the meeting and visa costs. The organizing committee will cover Conference fees. Insurance coverage, local transport, meals and other expenses related to the member participation at the meeting are not covered by this grant.

The applicants are requested to comply with the following criteria:

1. Travel grants shall be reserved for applicants from developing countries or from countries with non-convertible currency.¹
2. For an equitable distribution of resources, applicants who have received grants for both the General Conferences of 2004 and 2007 will not be given priority for a grant for the 2010 General Conference. Nevertheless, candidates for election of the Executive Council of 2010-2013 are not qualified for these grants.
3. Only applicants who have paid their dues for 2007, 2008 and 2009 may apply. New ICOM members who have just adhered in 2009 may also apply if they have paid their dues for 2009.
4. In regards to young members, candidates must be 40 years of age or under, by 31st December 2009, and currently employed full time in a museum. Each National Committee may send applications for 2 (two) young members. Applicants must be individual members of ICOM and of an International Committee whose meeting they wish to attend in Shanghai. Members who were awarded a grant in 2009 are ineligible for this program. Priority will be given to young members residing in developing countries or from countries with non-convertible currency.²

(1) & (2) Reference will be made to the countries of residence belonging to the categories 2, 3 and 4 as defined per the ICOM New Fee Policy.

5. Only those applications accompanied by the following items will be considered:

- A statement of the applicant's motivation for attending the General Conference and the benefits which he/she expects to derive from it,
- Curriculum vitae from the candidate indicating training, work experience, publications and current work responsibilities (maximum one page).
- Application Form dully completed (**available at: <http://icom.museum/general-conference2010.html>**)
- A letter of recommendation from the Chairperson of the National Committee or International Committee.

In the event that the Chairperson of a National Committee wishes to apply in his/her own name, a recommendation from the Board of his/her National Committee must be included in the application. The application may also include a recommendation letter from an International Committee or a Regional Alliance.

6. For the awarding of grants, priority will be given in accordance with:

- The applicant's understanding of the benefits to be derived from attending the General Conference, as outlined in his/her submission,
- Ensuring representation from as many countries and types of museums possible,
- Any other sources of funding available which would facilitate his/her attendance at the Conference.

7. Each grantee is required to submit a narrative report to the ICOM Secretariat within one month after the General Conference, i.e. by 12 December 2010, stating his/her experience and the details of the amount spent.

The resources for this program are limited. Applications are reminded to comply with the eligibility criteria stated in this document.

Deadline for application: 31st December 2009

[Applications received after the deadline will not be considered].

Application Form available at: <http://icom.museum/general-conference2010.html>

Decision will be communicated by mid-February 2010.

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