



ICR 2020 annual conference

HOW REGIONAL MUSEUMS DEAL WITH CRISIS

November 7-11, 2020 Tbilisi, Georgia

CALL FOR PAPERS

Throughout history, museums have been considered places for education, collection, preservation, and research. In a time of crisis, museums become essential more than ever in their role as the safeguards of cultural heritage, as well as a beacon of light to knowledge and information seekers, or for people who look for intelligent entertainment.

Museums are responsible to local communities. They become key players in preserving and shaping cultural landscapes of their region. Regional museums promote and preserve knowledge, communication, and education, and they are responsible not only for their collections but also for the cultural heritage around them, outside their walls.

In light of the global COVID-19 epidemic currently affecting humanity, ICOM ICR in collaboration with ICOM Georgia has been decided to dedicate the annual ICR conference to the subject "How regional museums deal with crises". We urge ICR members to send us proposals for lectures dealing with their past and present challenges with various types of crises: earthquakes, fires, flooding, hurricanes, terrorism or war destruction, economic or social crisis, etc.

This is the time to share your experience with the museum community. You can write from your personal perspective or develop related topics, such as:

- How can regional museums respond to a crisis?
- How can we use digital platforms and knowledge in a time of crisis?
- How can smaller museums address this matter?
- How can regional museums support their staff and communities during the crisis?
- How can regional museums connect during the crisis?
- What have we learned from the previous and current crises – economical, political, natural, sociological?
- How do regional museums plan for the day after the crisis?
- What regional museums can do in rebuilding the economy and society after the crisis?

Abstract submission details:

- *Abstracts should be given in English*
- *Up to 350 words*
- *Up to 5 keywords*

Abstracts should also include the following:

- *Title*
- *Name and institution of the author*
- *ICOM number (if applicable)*
- *E-mail address*
- *Biography – up to 75 words*

Please indicate in the abstract if you have any special technical requirements.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 31 May 2020

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Announcement of approved proposals: 31 June 2020

Full text submission: 30 August 2020

We hope that we will be able to share this information face-to-face in a few months' time, and if not, we are working to find a solution for holding an online conference. In any case, we want to use the wisdom of the crowds and distribute useful information among our committee members.