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POSITIONS

- ◆ Head of the Research Department, National Museum of Archaeology, Portugal (Director of the same museum, 1996-2012)
- ◆ Vice-President, Portuguese Association of Archaeologists (2014-present)

I see ICOM as a platform where professionals and museums meet and share experiences, anchored in two basic values: professionalism and independence.

Since its origins, ICOM rose as an NGO dominated by professionals acting inside museums. This genetic trait is still crucial today and constitutes our main strength. The sharing of paradigmatic experiences and databases, free access to webinar platforms, free access to simultaneous interpretation, etc. have to be considered a priority.

ICOM is also called to act in favour of museums and museum professionals with complete independence from all external agents. This involves the establishment of both ethical and normative guidelines, allowing for the building of common frames of reference.

Lobbying at the highest level is a function of ICOM, acting from the viewpoint of what makes museums distinct, as 'places located at the intersection of objects, ideas and the public space', or, as stated in our definition, 'non-profit, permanent institutions in the service of society and its development'.

In summary, let's stick to what makes museums distinct (real material collections curatorship) and supports their social mission (citizenship promotion). And let's do it through professional and community empowerment.

FUNCTIONS WITHIN ICOM

- ◆ Chair, ICOM Europe (2016-2022)
- ◆ Chair, ICOM Portugal (2008-2012)
- ◆ Member, ICOM Working Group on the Statutes, Internal Rules and Regulations and Governance (2014-2016)
- ◆ Member, ICOM Strategic Plan and Resolutions Monitoring Committee (2014-2016)
- ◆ Member, Strategic Plan Standing Committee (2020 -2022)
- ◆ Member, Steering Committee of the EU-LAC MUSEUMS Project (2017-2020)

- ◆ Member, Stakeholders Committee of the European Year of Cultural Heritage (2018)

- ◆ ICOM Ambassador for the creation of an ICOM International Training Centre for Africa (2016-2018)

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- ◆ Archaeologist and Expert in Ancient Pre-History
- ◆ Invited Professor, University of Lisbon, Faculty of Letters, Department of History (2005-2014)