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You are cordially invited to the **26th General Conference of the International Council of Museums – ICOM Prague 2022**, which will take place in Prague from **20 to 28 August 2022**.

Your participation in the Conference will give you a unique opportunity **to engage in debates on topics setting the development of the museum field for several years to come**. ICOM's core documents, the museum definition and ICOM's Code of Ethics, will be discussed as well. **The Power of Museums** has been chosen as the main theme of the Conference, because we believe that museums can make the world a better place. We will address issues of sustainable development, leadership, and we will also debate the impact of museums on the development of civil society and the use of new technologies. The International Committees of ICOM traditionally provide a wealth of space for communication; they will hold their meetings during the ICOM General Conference and follow up on the debates from the main panels. Furthermore, the Conference offers an opportunity to get to know the Czech Republic and its museums. Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic and a magnificent open-air museum in itself, will become a meeting point for museum professionals from all over the world.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic situation, the conference will have a **hybrid format**, i.e. it will be held in-person as well as online. This will enable museum professionals who would not be able to attend due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related limitations to take part in the General Conference, and – last but not least – also those who are hindered by the travelling and attendance costs.

A high degree of inclusiveness of the ICOM General Conference is provided by the keynote speeches and panel discussions being interpreted into **English, French and Spanish**.



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The General Conference will be held for the first time in the Czech Republic, which was, in 1946, one of the founding members of ICOM, the International Council of Museums. This year, the Czech Republic will become for a week the centre of the museum world.

Detailed information is available at:

[prague2022.icom.museum](http://prague2022.icom.museum)

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We are looking forward to welcoming you at the 26th General Conference ICOM Prague 2022.

Sincerely,

Gina Renotière  
Chair of ICOM Czech Republic

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### WHEN

20–28 August 2022

20–21 August 2022	Pre-conference programme   Prague Congress Centre Get to know Prague!   13 thematic sightseeing tours of Prague
22–24 August 2022	Main Conference programme   Prague Congress Centre Keynote speeches Plenary sessions and panels Workshops and round tables Networking sessions
25 August 2022	Off-site meetings   19 Prague museums
26–27 August 2022	Excursions   40 specialist field trips all over the Czech Republic
27–28 August 2022	Post-conference activities

### WHERE

Prague Congress Centre

5. května Street 1640/65, 140 21 Prague, CZ

+ Member Institutions of ICOM Czech Republic

### ABOUT

The Power of Museums is the main theme of ICOM Prague 2022. Museums in the 21st century have a huge potential to influence the world around them and often stand at the beginning of a long chain of social development. Museums are among the most important constituents of the public space, they are places of knowledge, discussion and understanding. Museums preserve the past and present, interpret them and present them to the public for discussion – they have the power to make the world a better place. The theme – the Power of Museums will be discussed in four main panels: Museums and Civil Society; Sustainability: Museums and Resilience; Museums and Leadership; Museums and New Technologies. During the General Conference, the meetings of some 50



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International and National Committees of ICOM will take place, as well as those of different working groups, regional alliances and standing committees.

ICOM's fundamental document, the museum definition, will be discussed as well.

### WHO

The ICOM General Conference will be attended by museum professionals, cultural officers from public administration and local governments. The conference is an opportunity to get acquainted with the latest trends in their professional fields as well as in technologies and services.

### HOW MUCH

There are three categories of registration fees. The basic fee is of 350 € (early bird); 450 € (regular); 550 € on site. For the first time, on-line participants can take part in the Conference, with an on-line participation fee of 150 €. Concessions are available for museum professionals from developing countries. A reduced fee is offered to students.

More at <https://prague2022.icom.museum/cs/registration-information>.

### ICOM

The International Council of Museums is the only global museum association, a non-governmental professional organization with the status of a UNESCO consultant. It acts as a hub for dialogue and exchange on ethical standards and innovation for museums and museum professionals on national, international and regional levels.

### ICOM CZECH REPUBLIC

ICOM Czech Republic currently has 90 institutional members and more than 350 individual members. ICOM Czech Republic and ICOM Slovakia follow in the footsteps of ICOM Czechoslovakia, which was at the birth of ICOM in 1946, when Czechoslovakia was one of the founding countries.

### DETAILED INFORMATION

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