

Announcement of the Annual Workshop and General Assembly 2022 Of the International Association of Museums of History (IAMH)

Athens, May 14th, 2022

Dear colleagues,

The International Association of Museums of History (IAMH), in cooperation with the Hellenic National Committee of ICOM (International Council of Museums), is organizing a day seminar to take place on Friday July 1st 2022 in Athens, Greece, on the topic of "Anniversary projects in museums: the Greek independence bicentenary, 1821-2021".

The **Annual IAMH General Assembly** will take place in conjunction with the day seminar, on Thursday 30 June, 18:00.

We warmly invite all IAMH members to the General Assembly and to the Day Seminar. Both events will take place in the ICOM-Greece meeting room, Agion Asomaton str.15, Athens.

Travel arrangements will be made individually by each participant. Please do not hesitate to contact us in case you need specific information or assistance.

# Please also find membership documents in attachment (Invoice for membership renewal 2022 and New Members' application form).

The event is inscribed within the series of annual workshops organized by IAMH in various museums around Europe, under the general title "**Museum Professionals in Dialogue**". It will serve for exploring some of the initiatives developed with the occasion of the bicentenary and comparing them with a few selected other European anniversary projects. Participants will have the occasion of visiting the National Historical Museum of Greece within the Old Parliament Building, and its central bicentenary exhibition REVOLUTION '21 REFRAMED, the last one of its kind still on show in Athens. They will also be able to participate in an day trip to the historic city of Nafplion and its museums, on Saturday 2 July. Also, the cooperation will enhance the ties between members of the two organizing committees. The day seminar is intended for museum professionals and students and will be open to the general public. English will be the working language.

Sincerely yours,

Sladjana Bojkovic President Philippos Mazarakis-Ainian Secretary General

## **Museum Professionals in Dialogue 2022**

Anniversary projects in museums: the Greek independence bicentenary, 1821-2021 An IAMH and ICOM-GR cooperation, Athens/Greece

# **PROGRAM**

<u>Thursday, June 30th</u> Meeting, seat of ICOM-GR, Agion Asomaton str.15 IAMH General Assembly 18.00-19.30

Meeting with ICOM-GR board members and with seminar speakers. Cocktail dinner 19.30-21.00

Friday, July 1st

Reception of participants (ICOM-GR meeting room): From 09.45 AM

Opening of workshop: Introductory salutations 10.00-10.10 AM

Mrs Teti Hadjinikolaou, President ICOM-GR

Mrs Sladjana Bojkovic, President IAMH

Papers: Session 1: 10.10-11.40

Introduction by Froso Nomikou, Secretary, ICOM-GR: An overview of bicentenary initiatives in Greek museums.

Fani-Maria Tsigkakou, Art historian:

The exhibitions "Antiquarianism and Philhellenism: The Thanassis and Marina Martinos Collection" at the Goulandris Museum of Cycladic and Ancient Greek Art, and "Treasures of Philhellenic Painting, collection of the Antony E. Komninos foundation" at the Benaki Museum.

Agisilaos Kaloutsakis, Curator, Historical Museum of Crete: Bicentenary in a year of covid: Crete 1821, out of the HMC

George Manginis, Director, Benaki Museum: Cause for Celebration: '1821 Before and After' and the Benaki Museum anniversary programme for the Greek Revolution bicentenary

Coffee break: 11.40-12.00

#### IAHM / AIMH siège de l'association : c/o Conseil International des Musées (ICOM) Maison de l'UNESCO, 1 rue Miollis, 75732 Paris Cedex 15 - France

### Session 2: 12.00-13.20

Andreas Lapourtas, Head of the Museum Department of the Bank of Piraeus Cultural Foundation (PIOP): "Three exhibitions and a cooperation": PIOP and the bicentenary.

Christine de Weerdt, Director STAM - Ghent City Museum: Anniversary projects in a city museum: a case study.

Rūta Kačkutė, Director, National Museum of Lithuania: Recent anniversary projects at the NML

Philippos Mazarakis-Ainian, Curator, National Historical Museum of Greece: "If not the NHM, then who?" The museum's response to a date central to its identity.

**Round table Discussion (all speakers)**: 13.20-13.50 Managing the legacy of anniversary projects in museums

Walk to the Old Parliament Building, seat of the NHM, and light lunch: 13:50-15:00

Welcome by Maria Papanastasiou, NHM Director. 15:00-16.30 Extended guided visit and discussion of the NHM exhibition REVOLUTION '21 REFRAMED.

Saturday, July 2nd

Day trip to the historic city of Nafplion: 08.00 Departure from Athens 10.00 Arrival and visit of the Palamidi fortress 11.30 National Gallery department, exhibition REVOLUTION '21 REFRAMED: NAFPLION 12.45 Peloponnesian Folklore Foundation 14.00 Lunch Free afternoon 18.30-20.30 Return trip to Athens