

ICOMON REPORT 2006 for INC

President Hortensia von Roten sent the following report:

The XIIIth annual ICOMON meeting was held from 4-8 September 2006 in Frankfurt, Germany. The meeting was hosted by the Deutsche Bundesbank and organized by its representative Dr. Heike Winter. About eighty people attended the conference, representing twenty-five countries. The overall theme of the meeting was “Culture, Politics, Crime and the History of Money”. Ian Wisèhn, director of the Money Museum in Stockholm, Sweden gave the keynote address on “Culture Politics and Crime – How do money museums deal with bigger issues”. 24 papers were presented. The papers were grouped under four subtitles: Politics and the Impact on Money Museums, Politics and its Effect on Banknotes and Coins, Culture, Politics and Crime on Medals, Cultural Development and the History of Money. As it is customary, the meeting ended with the presentation of new museum projects.

The ICOMON Newsletters continue to be distributed in electronic form to about 300 individuals and institutions in forty-five countries. The Editor is former ICOMON President Dick Doty (USA). Contributions are welcome from all coin cabinets, money museums and banking museums. Do not hesitate to send us news of new openings, new research, new publications, news of all sorts, good and bad, directly to the editor (dotyr@nmah.si.edu). ICOMON is setting up a website, which will contain information about ICOMON membership, news, conferences and publications (www.icomon.org). Presumably it will be online by June 2007.

The XIVth Annual Meeting of ICOMON will be held together with the XXIst General Conference of ICOM in Vienna, Austria from 19-24 August 2007. The Meeting is being hosted by the Oesterreichische Nationalbank and organized by its representative Armine Wehdorn and by Michael Alram of the Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna. The overall theme is “Money museums and their collections – preservation and uses of an economic heritage”. We will focus on questions concerning the care of particular materials from which money objects are made and on issues relating to the management and uses of collections. For more information please see: www.ICOM2007.com.