ICOMON REPORT 2008 for INC

President Hortensia von Roten sent the following report:

The XVth Annual Meeting of ICOMON took place 27th to 29th October 2008 in Utrecht, NL. The meeting was hosted by the Geldmuseum Utrecht and organized by Christel Schoollaardt, manager of collections and research and her team. 80 numismatists and museum specialists took part in the 3 day meeting. The general topic was: "Money Museums and the flow of information". 16 papers were given and two workshops organized. 7 papers focused on the state and future of the numismatic sciences, 4 papers were on exhibition management and 5 papers on practical information management. The workshops were on "Applied Numismatics and Museums - The recording and analysis of coin hoards and archaeological site finds" and on "Money museums in Africa". Abstracts of all papers will be put on the ICOMON website and a selection of papers will be published in the ICOMON e-Proceedings (www.ICOMON.org).

The ICOMON website is now online. For the moment it is only in English, but we are hoping that in time we will get translations in Spanish, French and other languages. The ICOMON website contains information about ICOMON membership, news, conferences as well as the ICOMON e-proceedings, starting with the papers of the Frankfurt conference 2006 und of the Vienna conference 2007. The papers of the Utrecht conference will be put online as they are edited. Managing Editor of the Editorial Board is Prof. Walter R. Bloom from the Western Australian Maritime Museum in Fremantle Australia. The ICOMON Newsletters continue to go out in electronic form to about 300 individuals and institutions in forty-five countries. Editor is former ICOMON President Dick Doty (USA). Contributions are welcome. Send them directly the Newsletter editor (dotyr@si.edu) or ICOMON webmaster (ceagleton@thebritishmuseum.ac.uk).

The XVIth Annual Meeting of ICOMON will be held beginning of September 2009 in Glasgow / UK in the context of the International Numismatic Congress. ICOMON will limit its meeting to the General Assembly of its members and to the organization of a round-table on the future of numismatics. Details concerning the General Assembly and the round table will be given in May on the ICOMON website. The XVIIth Annual Meeting of ICOMON will take place from 7th-13th November 2010 as part of the XXIIth ICOM conference in Shanghai / China.