

## **ICOMON REPORT 2014 for INC**

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In 2014, ICOMON initiated two projects:

Jenni Adam from the Bank of England is finalizing the list of Money Museums in the world.

A coin conservation project accessible to all Monetary Museums is under study. Conservators and curators will be contacted to offer their experience and knowledge. An introductory presentation will be delivered during the next annual meeting in September 2015 (project leader: Karen Lee, Smithsonian Institution, Washington).

From July 1 to July 4, 2014 our annual conference was held in Belgrade, Serbia, hosted by The National Bank of Serbia. We had 49 participants from 23 countries and the theme was: 'Money and Banking Museums: Raising Heritage and Financial Education Awareness'. Civic education comes before financial literacy and results in financial culture. The importance of preserving and promoting numismatic collections as a symbol of national identity was discussed as well as the need to rethink the development and management of a numismatic collection.

A selection of papers delivered at the annual meetings is published as e-proceedings on the ICOMON website.

During the annual meeting Effrosyni Nomikou (King's College, London) organized the workshop 'Show and Tell: planning accessible numismatic exhibits'. The workshop gave to all participants the opportunity to discuss exhibition challenges in museums such as exhibition content, delivery methods, text presentation, visual presentation and the use of other media to present the collection to the public when the available space is limited.

The next Annual Meeting of ICOMON will be held in conjunction with the International Numismatic Congress in Taormina in September 2015. The topic of the Round Table will be 'Museum Numismatics and Collections care: best practices'.