

Summary of the 2019 ICOMON Meeting Submitted to ICOM

The 26th Annual Meeting of the ICOM International Committee for Banking and Money Museums was held as part of the ICOM General Conference from the 3rd–5th of September 2019 in Kyoto, Japan. 37 Members from 18 countries participated in the meeting, which was dedicated to the theme of “Numismatic Museums as Cultural Hubs: Future Perspectives”. ICOMON Chair Eleni Zapiti opened the annual meeting. Not surprisingly, many presenters were from Asia, with Japan, Indonesia, and Pakistan being well represented, followed by members from Sweden and the USA. Speakers spoke about their projects in fields, such as digitization but also on the various attempts to interpret economic issues and diversity in money museums. Emily E. Pearce Seigerman (Smithsonian Institution, USA), who was awarded this year’s ICOMON Young Member’s Grant, gave a presentation about The National Numismatic Collection East Asian Currency Digitization Projects. A particular highlight was an ink–rubbing numismatic archiving workshop, given by Shoji Yoshida, an expert on ancient East Asian coinage. During the visit to the famous Japan Mint Museum in Osaka, members of ICOMON were able to see some of the treasures of this institution. During the general assembly of ICOMON, the new board and officers were duly elected.