

1. ICOM Israel is a non profit organization that empowers its members by providing them with professional tools, creating collaborations between museums, promoting museums in the Israeli government and society, and more.

ICOM Israel has over 1,600 members, most of which are museum employees.

2. ICOM Israel members were deeply involved with the process on redefining the new term of "museum". There were round tables, a special survey in that subject, and we are now forming an ICOM Israel national committee for that matter. In addition, there was and still is a great interest from the Israeli media about the Kyoto conference and the new definition process.

3. Most of our members think that the current definition is good, sharp and focused.

The new definition, according to most of our members, is missing references to: a permanent place for a museum, the existence of professional collections in museums, and the educative role of museums. We believe that it is highly important to mention the social mission museum take in the society.

4. ICOM Israel welcomes the establishment of the new committee [MDPP2] and will make sure that all the NC in ICOM will take part in this process of creating the new definition of museum.

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