

Invitation to ICOM Nord Spring Conference

Nordic Roots and Routes: A Journey into Northern Values

Dear Nordic Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to a unique and thought-provoking spring gathering where we will explore what makes the Nordic region both distinct and interconnected. Join us for two days of inspiring discussions, workshops, and networking with colleagues from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

What makes the Nordic region unique? What unites us, and where do we differ? Together, we will explore these questions and discuss the Nordic perspective on culture and values connected to the new exhibition *Nordic life* at Nordiska museet. On Tuesday we will get the latest news from the museum sector close by and worldwide.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Monday, May 12th, 2025 - Tuesday, May 13th, 2025

Location: The Nordic Museum, Stockholm, Sweden

The meeting fee has a discount for ICOM members. There are a limited number of participants. Secure your place and **sign up** as soon as possible, before the 14:th of April!



Welcome to our grandest exhibition ever. Explore life and people in the Nordic region over 500 years, set against its stunning nature, changing seasons and real-life stories from the Nordiska museet collections and archives.

How has the Nordic Region Taken Shape, and Who lives here?

The exhibition Nordic Life, allows you to explore how culture and life in the Nordic region have been shaped and reshaped through interactions between people, nature, and climate. What does nature mean to the people? What do families and homes look like? What do Nordic people believe in, dream about, fear, and find solace in?

The **Nordic Museum** is located on **Djurgården**, an island in central Stockholm known for its many museums and cultural attractions. You will have a wonderful opportunity to explore a range of cultural experiences in the area nearby!

Monday, May 12th, 2025

Nordic values

09:00 – 09:50

Opening Session

Welcome speech by Museum Director

Sanne Houby-Nielsen

Cultural Mapping & Nordic Values

Bi Puranen, Secretary General of the

World Values Survey

09:50 – 10:10

Coffee Break

10:10 – 10:50

The Production of the exhibition Nordbor/Nordic life

Elna Nord & Fredrik Svanberg

Insights into the creation and curation of the Nordbor exhibition.

10:50 – 12:00

Sami Representation in Exhibitions

Elina Nygård & Marit Baer

An introduction to key questions about producing exhibitions about Sami culture and history.

Taina Pieski

Repatriation is not the end - it is the beginning.

Empowering the cultural self-esteem of the Sámi people.

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

13:00 – 15:15

Workshop: Exploring "Nordbor"

In small groups, we will discuss important questions regarding Nordic values. What do Nordic institutions want to learn from each other? This is also an excellent opportunity for networking. Coffee break included.

15:15 – 16:00

Panel Discussions

Representatives from each group will share their thoughts and findings from the workshop.

16:00 – 17:00

Free Time

Take the opportunity to explore the exhibits at The Nordic Museum. The museum closes at 17:00.

19:00 – ...

Dinner

Join us for a two course dinner at a nearby restaurant.

(Please note that dinner will not be at the Nordic Museum)

Tuesday, May 13th, 2025

ICOM in focus

09:30 – 10:15

ICOM International: Key Issues for This Year

Medea Ekner.

News about the latest international developments in the museum field and ICOM's priorities from the Director General of ICOM.

10.15-10.45

Nordic News: Report from ICOM Nord

Søren la Cour Jensen, Lasse Tjønnøy, Eero Ehanti,

Elina Nygård and Holmar Holm from the board of

ICOM Nord gives us a short update about what's going on in ICOM Nord and reflects about how museums in the Nordic countries are telling the story of the Nordic region today.

10.45-11.10

Coffee Break

11.10 – 12.00

Report from the national boards of ICOM

Helena Westin, Minna Turttainen, Johan Møhlenfeldt

Jensen, Atle Ove Martinussen and Holmar Holm.

The chairs of ICOM national boards in Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Norway and Iceland give us a presentation about current activities.

11:50 – 12:00

Closing Session

EeroEhanti & Sanne Houby-Nielsen bring the event to a close.

13:00 – ...

Optional Visit to Other Museums

For those interested, now is the opportunity to visit other interesting museums. Entrance to the Historical museum is free for participants.

BOOKING INFORMATION

Sign up by: April 11th 2025

Email to sign up:

elina.nygard@ajtte.com with your information for invoice: Name, Address, ICOM member number (if applicable), and any food preferences if booking dinner.

Conference with coffee & dinner:

Members: 150 €/ Non-members: 180 €

Conference only:

Members: 90 € / Non-members: 120 €

For questions about the conference, contact elina.nygard@ajtte.com There is no refund for the conference fee after signing up, but you can change the participant's name. With reservation for any changes.