

Press release

In 24 – 26 April 2017 Warsaw will be hosting a conference and workshop on “Risk management and human resources management in the museum sector”, an event to be addressed to directors and heads of security of the museums. The workshop will be focused on the questions of security of the visitors and the museum personnel while stressing particular emphasis on the contemporary threats related to terrorism.

The conference and workshop were designed and organized by the ICOM International Committee for Museum Security (ICOM ICMS), National Committee ICOM Poland thanks to the substantial engagement and cooperation of Poland’s Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, National Institute for Museums and Public Collections, the Museum of History of Polish Jews POLIN and the Museum of King Jan III’s Palace at Wilanów. It is a fine example of a successful cooperation between state administration, cultural institutions and non-governmental organisations working together for supporting the museum sector to ensure security for both the visitors and the museum personnel.

It has been confirmed that Mr Jarosław Sellin, the Secretary of State in the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage and Ms Suay Aksoy, President ICOM International will take part in the conference.

The organizers of the conference - additionally to the plenary debate - have designed the practical exercises to be carried out in a form of a security audit in the hosting museums. It is worth noting that nearly 100 participants representing the museum sector from all over Poland declared their interest to join the conference. We are also pleased to receive a small delegation from Lithuania !

We believe the conference and workshop will be an excellent opportunity for a fruitful exchange of professional experience and ideas between the specialists and international experts of the museum security and – ultimately – help enhance the competency standards in that critical area of management in all categories of museums in Poland.