

# IATM newsletter

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Dear IATM Member,

Changing Priorities is the theme of the 40<sup>th</sup> IATM Conference 2015 in Porto/Lisbon. Whether we want to or not things don't look the same for us member museums as they did for just a few years ago. Sometimes it has been dramatic, sometimes it has just been continuity. IATM is also a totally different organization than it was ten years ago. To survive we have had to change our focus and priorities from quite grandiose one way communications into more direct networking between active members. The conferences are not as much about learning from the experts than discussing with colleagues. Personally I'm very proud of Skillbridge, which encourages museum staff to learn by doing at another member museum.



The Board work has also been simplified by using social media, i.e. skype, instead of having meetings at different places. To some it could seem irresponsible not to meet in person but the museums save time and money, which can be used for other more efficient purposes. Imagine travelling overseas for board meetings twice per year in addition to the annual conference. To my great satisfaction there have been board members from both Europe and North America for some time. I would love to see more continents represented, which leads me to the next Board. There will be a General Assembly in Portugal on 30th June.

I have had the pleasure to be President of this great organization for almost four years now. Nothing can be more honorable to me, but for IATM to be improving new energy is needed on a regular basis and I think this summer will be a perfect time for a change. Time has come to find a new President and I can promise you that we will. Three Board members will also leave their positions; Birgitte Wistoft and Gabrielle Shubert because of retirement and Pernilla Klingofström, who has found a new position at another museum out of our field. They have done a great job but at the same time the hunt must start for new devoted Board members. As we have done for the last two General Assemblies, a complete Board will be proposed from suggestions that has come to us for decision. Please feel free to propose a candidate but remember that the person must be a representative of a present member and also having agreed to a nomination.

I hope that those of you who have visited the latest IATM conferences will not change your priorities but join us by late June. If you are a member not seen in IATM for some years, I hope that you will change your priorities and join the networking at the 2015 conference.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Porto/Lisbon!

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Robert Sjöö  
IATM President