International network of language museums
Established 2016

Platform

§ 1 Background
As an initiative from The Centre for Norwegian Language and Literature in October 2015, this network was established in Milan July 3 2016, approved by the institutions signed below.

§ 2 Aims
The International network of language museums will promote the understanding of the role of language in society, the values of multilingual societies and the importance of language museums.

The network will concentrate its work on these matters:

A. Exchange of experiences, information, newsletters, etc.
B. Help each other with questions about exhibitions, web sites, language issues etc.
C. Discuss issues connected to our work with intangible cultural heritage
D. Exchange of publications dealing with global language matters or issues in specific countries
E. Develop possible international projects over some time

§ 3 Membership
Every museum is free to join the International network of language museums. By joining the network, the institution agree to this platform.

Each member institution decides how many persons from the board and/or the staff that will represent the institution in the network.

§ 4 Connection to ICOM
The network will cooperate with International Council of Museums (ICOM), International Committee of Literary Museums (ICLM), and the national committees of ICOM in the respective countries.

§ 5 Organization
The network will mainly work by e-mail and social media.

All information is sent to the institutional e-mail address and to the persons participating in the network on behalf of the institution.

Every second year the network meets at one of the member institutions. All papers for these meetings are sent to the members at least eight weeks in advance.

By all decisions in meetings or otherwise, each member institution has one vote.
§ 6 Leadership
The biannual meeting elects a leader of the network and two other members of the network board for two years.

No institution or person may have such positions for more than eight years.

§ 7 Transparency
All papers for the biannual meetings are public.

§ 8 Working language
English is the working language of the network.

§ 9 Logo
Each member institution indicates the membership in the network at its own website(s).

§ 10 Finances
Each member institution covers all its expenses by participating in this network.
An annual fee paid to the institution in charge of the network is to be decided at the 2018 meeting. For the years 2016 and 2017 no annual fee is paid.

§ 11 Changes
This platform may be changed by two third majority at the biannual meetings in the network.

Members from July 2016

Academy of the Hebrew Language, Jerusalem, Israel
Canadian Language Museum, Toronto, Canada
Centre for Norwegian language and literature, Ørsta, Norway
Dr Johnson’s House, London, England
Esperanto Museum, Vienna, Austria
Initiative für ein Museum der Sprachen der Welt, Berlin, Germany
Institute of the Lithuanian Language, Vilnius, Lithuania
Mundolingua, Paris, France
Museum of Vuk and Dositej, Belgrade, Serbia
National Museum of Language, Greenbelt, USA
The English Project, Winchester, England

Board 2016–2018

Ottar Grepstad, Centre for Norwegian language and literature (chairman)
Mark Oremland, Mundolingua
Elaine Gould, Canadian Language Museum
Signatures

Signed and approved by institutions present in Milan July 3 2016

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National Museum of Language       The English Project

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Centre for Norwegian language and literature