

# 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**

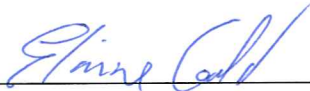
Ottar Grepstad, Centre for Norwegian language and literature (chairman)  
Mark Oremland, Mundolingua  
Elaine Gould, Canadian Language Museum

# Signatures

Signed and approved by institutions present in Milan July 3 2016

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Academy of the Hebrew Language



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Canadian Language Museum

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Dr Johnson's House

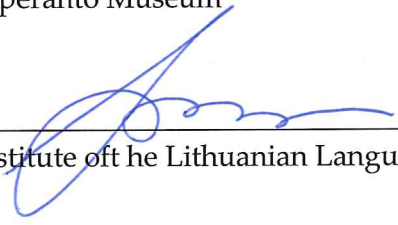
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