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Announcement

Message from AEJM President Hanno Loewy

Dear members,

our conference in Copenhagen is getting closer and its time again to reflect on our activities and our position in the museum world - and in the real world that is more challenging every day.

In times where anxieties and resentments are rapidly growing, and borders in Europe that we thought were a thing of the past are reinstalled, our role - both as museums and as an association - seems to be more valuable than ever, and but also in need of serious questioning.

At the same time, we are discussing, presenting and preserving Jewish material heritage and Jewish culture, as well as European history and European dreams. And we do both through the mirror of the

other, knowing that this other is part of something that we share, if we want to or not.

Copenhagen will be a wonderful place to discuss these issues. Located in the heart of what we sometimes call, slightly amused about our own geography of Jewish museums, the Northern world, its also informed by the history and the presence of a border that once allowed 7000 Jews to escape from Nazi occupation and persecution, and today is the site of a renaissance of borders inside of Europe.

The conference will also be a good moment for us to reflect on our own development as an association that has been growing fast over the last years, both with respect to the number of members, but also in the quality and intensity of our programs and our presence in the world.

This growth of our association, and of course the professionalization that is so much visible in all fields of our activities, will require some changes that we have to discuss and decide upon. The board is glad to be able to discuss matters with you soon. And this is also the time to say thank you to our devoted staff, our Senior Project Manager Eva Koppen in Amsterdam, our Community Manager Anita Christensen in Oslo, Nikki Boot in Amsterdam who manages the AVGP and Felicitas Heimann-Jelinek and Michaela Feurstein-Prasser in Vienna, who take care of our Advanced Curatorial Education Programme. They all do a marvelous job.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Copenhagen.

Hanno Loewy and the board of AEJM



Announcement

AEJM Conference: registration deadline and updated programme

The AEJM Annual Conference is approaching, and we are looking forward to seeing many of you in Copenhagen in November. An updated programme is now available, and registered participants can sign up for workshops and excursions on our website. If you have not registered yet, please do so before October 31st.

[| Read more and register >>](#)

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News

Educators in Vilnius

For the 2016 edition of the Museum Education Seminar, the participants travelled to one of the most significant historic centers of Eastern European Jewish culture – Vilnius. Educators from 15 different countries got to explore the capital of Lithuania and its surroundings, generously hosted by the Vilna Gaon State Jewish Museum.

[| Read more here >>](#)



News

Curators in St Petersburg

Curators from 12 different countries were represented when the Advanced Curatorial Education Programme for the first time took place in Russia in September 2016. During the five-day programme, the group was able to explore a wide variety of collections and exhibitions across the former imperial city of St Petersburg.

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News

Pop up boat in Frankfurt

Concerts, readings, panel discussions, performances, film screenings, participatory displays and a pop up exhibition: Over a period of six weeks the Jewish Museum Frankfurt launched a temporary platform on the Main river.

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Exhibitions Calendar

The AEJM website has an interactive feature, which allows members to promote their exhibitions and activities. Log in and post your current or upcoming temporary exhibitions to the Exhibitions Calendar, which is available both to AEJM members and the general public.

[| See the Exhibitions Calendar >>](#)

(c) Photo: The photography exhibition "Lessing presents Lessing" is showing at the Galicia Jewish Museum until November 30th 2016.