

Annual Conference of the Association of European Jewish Museums

Rome November 20 – November 23 2010

PAST AND PRESENT – THE CONTEMPORARY ROLE OF JEWISH MUSEUMS IN EUROPE

The conference will be held at the Jewish Museum of Rome, coinciding with its 50th anniversary

SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2010

Jewish Museum of Rome, Lungotevere Cenci (Tempio), 00186 Rome

18:30 Arrival at the Jewish Museum of Rome

Registration – Receipt of conference material

19:00 Programme

19:45 Guided tour of the permanent exhibition, including tour of the textiles collection.

Buffet dinner at the museum.

21.00 (Optional) As part of the national event “museums in music”, sponsored by the City of Rome, the Great Synagogue of Rome is hosting a concert of the Choir of the Jewish Community of Rome lead by its Director, Claudio Disegni. Guests of the AEJM conference are welcome to attend this free event.

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2010

Meeting point: the Coliseum (by the ticket office), Piazza del Colosseo, 00184 Roma

9:00 – 13:00 Sightseeing (sites of Jewish interest in Rome, Coliseum, Forum)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break in the Jewish quarter

14:00 – 16:30 Sightseeing (the ancient synagogue in Trastevere, the Jewish quarter).

20.30 Reception hosted by Ms. Ludovica Rossi Purini, president of “Compagnia per la Musica in Roma”.

19.30 *Meeting point at the Ermanno Tedeschi Gallery, Via Portico d’Ottavia (Great Synagogue). On exhibit “Signs of time, Tiberias, Dead Sea and Neghev” by Bruna Biamino. Bus departs at 20.00.*

MONDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2010

Meeting point: Pitigliani Center, Via Arco De’ Tolomei, 1 00153 Roma

9:00 - 9:30 Keynote session and panel discussion: „Contemporary Collecting - What should we collect in the present for the future?“ keynote lecture by Cilly Kugelman, Jewish Museum Berlin

9:30 – 11:00 **Contemporary Collecting** : Panel discussion with presentations by four museums on this issue, followed by discussion

Presentations: - Felicitas Heimann-Jelinek (Jewish Museum Vienna):

Collecting the Past or Collecting the Presence - a Competitive Relationship?

- Hetty Berg (Jewish Historical Museum, Amsterdam):

Exhibition: Out of the shadows. Jews in the Netherlands after 1945

- Ann-Hélène Hoog (Museum of Art and History of Judaism, Paris):

Collecting and Exhibiting the Contemporary

- Bernhard Purin (Jewish Museum Munich):

An European Policy for Contemporary Collecting

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 11:45 Presentations on International Development by

- Lou Levine (Museum of Jewish Heritage, NYC):

New initiatives from America

- Daisy Raccach-Djivre (The Israel Museum, Jerusalem):

Renewed Museum, Renewed Galleries: The New Wing for Jewish Art and Life

11:45 – 12:00 Europeana: Digitization of collections, presentation by Lena Stanley-Clamp of the European Association for Jewish Culture

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break

13:00 – 14.30 First round of workshops, all at the Great Synagogue’s building.

Workshop topics:

1. Educational programmes: “ We have a piece of your history. Come discover it.” Turning art and history into a personal matter. **Jewish Museum of Rome**
2. Documenting the past and the present: the historic archives of the Jewish Community of Rome and their inventory process. **Jewish Archives (Jewish Community building, 1st floor)**
3. Identifying Judaica – recognising craftsmanship and symbols of ritual objects. **Jewish Museum of Rome**
4. Big ideas, small spaces: setting up a temporary exhibition on limited budget and with no room to spare. **Jewish Museum of Rome**

14:30 – 16:30 AEJM Annual General Meeting - Coffee and Tea during the meeting
(Open to AEJM members and associate members)

16:00 – 17:30 Visit to the Vatican Apostolic Library and to the Casanatense Library.

20:00 Dinner of honor at City Hall; Speakers to include the Mayor of Rome, On. Gianni Alemanno, the Superintendent of Cultural Heritage of the City of Rome, Umberto Broccoli and Dr. Claudio Procaccia, Director of the Culture Department of the Jewish Community of Rome.

TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2010

9:00 – 10:00 Panel discussion: New developments/ inspiring projects

- Hanno Loewy (Jewish Museum Hohenems):
Communicative Projects and Networks -Radio Mikwe. An attempt.
- Yvonne Jacobsson (Jewish Museum Stockholm):
Exhibition "Franz Kafka and Bruno Schulz - Masters of the Borderland"
- Natalia Shevchenko (Chernivtsi Museum of Bukovynian Jewish Culture):
Short presentation on Museum Activities
- Magda Veselska (Jewish Museum Prague):
The Binder Project of the Jewish Museum Prague

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 12:00 2nd round of workshops
Workshop topics: as above

12:00 – 12:30 Workshop feedback and discussion

12:30 – 13:00 Future priorities and Conference Conclusions

13:30 – 15:00 Optional working lunch to discuss collaborative exhibition on
World War I (100th anniversary in 2014): "World War I as a European, National and
Jewish Experience"

OR optional guided tour through the textile collection for those who have not yet had a
chance to view it.