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Dear Dr. Ore,

I hereby wish to submit the official candidacy of the Musée d'art et d'histoire (Art and History Museum) and the Musée Ariana of the city of Geneva for hosting the annual CIDOC conference in 2012.

Geneva Museums have long been pioneers in digital documentation with the introduction of a patrimonial computer database in the seventies, and then with the developpement of a database with web client access in the middle of the nineties, wich was a world premiere.

After a period during which the Museums of Geneva turned to other centers of interest, we sincerely wish to re-invest now in the development of documentation.

Organizing the annual CIDOC conference would be an event which would completely confirm this new orientation.

As new Director of the Musée d'art et d'histoire of Geneva and having held the ICOM/ICMAH presidency for several years, I am naturally of the opinion tha a cultural city such as Geneva should give its support to the various ICOM committees. On behalf of all my colleagues and staff, I can assure you that the Museum and the city of Geneva are fully capable of providing an appropriate and attractive venue for such a conference from all points of view. Mr Remondino has compiled a list of som of the advantages we can offer in the attached document.

We do not want to propose a theme for this conference for the moment, we prefer to talk about it later, if necessary, with the new president and his board and allow them to give the orientation they wish to the CIDOC.

I thank you in advance for your taking in consideration this candidacy and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Directeur des Musées d'art et  
d'histoire de la Ville de Genève