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To the CIDOC Board

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SUBJECT

Proposal to host the CIDOC 2012 Conference

During the years, it has been a great pleasure for several Finnish members of ICOM to participate the CIDOC conferences in different parts of the world. CIDOC conferences have offered vital information on issues concerning documentation and collection management helping to raise the level of museum documentation in our country.

We highly appreciate the valuable work CIDOC does, and would like to reciprocate by organizing the first CIDOC conference in Finland ever.

The recent developments in Finland in the field of museum documentation and accessibility of resources make us think that we can offer an interesting venue for the CIDOC 2012 conference. By 2012 we have the National Digital Library up and running, and can present you with some firsthand experience. The universities do research on semantic web and ontologies, and in this they co-operate with the museums and other cultural heritage institutions.

Finnish members of CIDOC have formed a Local Organizing Committee with the support of ICOM Finland, and are committed to organize and host the CIDOC Conference in Helsinki in June 2012. The same year Helsinki will be the World Design Capital, a connection and an opportunity that can be well linked to the CIDOC Conference.

We have contacted the most important organizations in cultural heritage field in Finland, and they have volunteered their support for the conference. The Ministry of Education and Culture will be one of our sponsors.

The Local Organizing Committee has already reserved some top keynote speakers, such as Dr. Ora Lassila from Nokia Mobile Solutions for the conference. The main conference venue is situated in the heart of Helsinki, in the auditorium of the National Museum of Finland. All the other venues are located within a short walking distance from the National Museum. The Organizers will take great care to hold the meeting in technically advanced but inspiring locations. Easy and fast access between the other venues and hotels is one of the practical benefits. The Local Organizing Committee has also started collaboration with universities and companies to be able to provide you innovative and exciting technical conference facilities in the Helsinki meeting.

In addition to the high quality academic and professional program, we shall draw on the magic of the mid-night sun to offer the participants some unforgettable moments in the city, in the nature and on the sea.

Please find attached the Preliminary Programme and some conference themes for consideration. After the decision of CIDOC Board, and the nomination of proper Conference Committees, both will naturally be amended and expanded. We respectfully hope that CIDOC Board will look favorably on our proposal.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee,



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 CIDOC 2012 Preliminary programme
 CIDOC 2012 Local Organizing Committee
 Expressions of Interest from supporting institutions