

**ICOM ITALY DECALOGUE ON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS DUE TO NATURAL DISASTERS
APPROVED BY NATIONAL MEMBERS ASSEMBLY
MUSEO NAZIONALE ROMANO | ROME, OCTOBER 10th, 2016**

As a response of recent natural catastrophes such as the earthquakes in L'Aquila in 2009, in the Emilia-Romagna Region in 2012 and in Central Italy on 24 August 2016, ICOM Italy decided to adopt a Decalogue in order to activate ICOM members in the prevention of natural disasters and to organize actions to protect cultural heritage and buildings in the emergency events.

It was approved by ICOM Italy members' assembly in Rome on October 10th 2016.

In an emergency case due to natural disaster, ICOM Italy:

- 1. Does not collect any money or aid supplies for the victims.**
This mission belongs to other associations, they can do it in a more efficient way.
- 2. Does not broadcast information about the emergency.**
In order to avoid the spread of false and partial information, ICOM Italy believes that official institutions should be the only ones responsible for informing about the events.
- 3. Does not promote crisis unit immediately on its own.**
ICOM Italy is working on the implementation of preventive measures adaptable to each crisis situation and will elaborate common risk management strategies.
- 4. Adopts its own operational protocols both at national and/or regional level.**
ICOM Italy will identify the people in charge of the activation of crisis protocols.
- 5. Establishes collaboration agreements with the Regional crisis organisations.**
ICOM Italy will cooperate with Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism in order to develop risk management strategies.
- 6. Joins MAB (Museums, Archives and Libraries) and Italian Blue Shield Committee in collecting information about the endangered Cultural Heritage.**
ICOM Italy, MAB and Blue Shield will use official forms for reporting collected data when allowed by the circumstances.
- 7. Collaborates with Italian Blue Shield Committee in the surveys of damages.**
ICOM Italy will collaborate with institutions, organisations and associations of different kinds and with different aims.
- 8. Identifies "Museums to be adopted" with the aim of reopening them after the emergency.**
After the damage survey, ICOM Italy will collaborate with the Museum Administration to plan an emergency intervention program.
- 9. Plans emergency storage to shelter cultural goods.**
ICOM Italy will arrange a crisis unit with specific expertise in order to organize maintenance and conservation works and to arrange storages wherever needed.
- 10. Recommends the creation of an international fund for adopting Museums, safekeeping and restoring endangered cultural goods.**
This fund would allow for a prompt activation of the National Committees Prevention Programs.

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