

OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND GENERAL DIRECTOR OF ICOM

from the Board of IC Ethics, 22 June 2020

Yesterday, it became public that Suay Aksoy has resigned as president of ICOM. Her resignation, together with many others, came sudden and unexpected, and at a critical time for ICOM due to the coronavirus crisis and ongoing discussions about the new museum definition.

We are aware that different versions of what has happened are circulating in different fora, and regard this as potentially damaging for our ICOM community.

In light of the situation at hand, IC Ethics hereby demands *full transparency* in the working processes that led to the sudden resignation of the former president.

This includes the immediate release of

- the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board for the years 2019 and 2020,
- the recordings of meetings from the same period of time which are not signed by all board members,
- Suay Aksoy's Letter of Resignation,
- the minutes of all procedures behind the election of the new president and the disposition in the statutes that regulated the election.

IC Ethics is supportive of ICOM's recent work advancing transparency, inclusion, diversity, democracy and sustainability, and we encourage all ICOM members and the leadership to continue and strengthen the work.

In the name of the Board Members of IC Ethics,
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Chair of IC Ethics