

## ICOM NEPAL, National Committee

### Report about the celebration of International Museum Day-2018

#### Preface

International Committee of Museums Nepal (ICOM-Nepal) has celebrated **International Museum Day 2018** (IMD-2018), with the International Museum Community this year. On this occasion ICOM Nepal has organised a one day symposium on 18 May 2018 at the hall of Nepal Tourism Board, Kathmandu.

#### Attendees

The chief guest of program was Mr. Bharat Mani Subedi, Joint Secretary and chief of cultural section of Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Affair, Government of Nepal. Other attendees were scholars, museum experts, museum officials from national museum, military museum, police museum and other various museums of Kathmandu valley. A three member team of Museum of the Rockies, Montana State University, USA; Chief of Russian Cultural Center, Kathmandu; representative of UNESCO Kathmandu and personnel from Nepal Tourism Board were also present on the occasion. Altogether, there were around 80 participants on the program.

#### Program

The program was inaugurated by the chief guest after lighting up the traditional Nepalese butter lamp. The chairperson of ICOM Nepal Mr. Bijaya Kumar Shahi presented a welcome speech followed by four museum scholars who presented their papers on museums. After the paper presentation, there was a panel discussion represented by Mrs. Swosti R Kayastha, Lecturer, Lumbini Bouddha University. Many audiences on the program had presented various queries to presenters. Ms Mary Hubbard, Department Head of the Department of Earth Sciences, Montana State University, USA also presented a brief speech about Museum of Rockies. At the end of the program scholar and president of Nepal Museum Association presented their views about IMD. The four paper presented were as follows;

1. Mr. Pashupati Neupane, Lecturer, Tribhuvan University Kathmandu – **HyperconnectedMuseum”**.
2. Mr. Brabim Kumar KC, People’s Museum of Earthquake – **“Museum in 21<sup>st</sup> Century”**.
3. Dr. PurushottamLochanShrestha, Professor, Khawapa College, Bhaktapur – **“Open Museum”**.
4. Prof. Dr. Dharma Raj Dangol, Chief Natural History Museum (NHM) Institute of Science and Technology, Tribhuvan University – **“Natural History Museum: New Ideas for Enhancing Its Contributions to Society”**

#### Conclusion

This program was of a great success and most of the participants appreciated on having the program organized. The program has been supported by UNESCO Kathmandu office and Nepal Tourism Board. The program went on for around five hours and concluded with some tea, snacks and casual discussions. The detail agenda of IMD is attached herewith.

**Place: Kathmandu, Nepal.**  
**Date: 18 May 2018**

**Bijaya Kumar Shahi**  
**Chairperson**  
**ICOM Nepal**