



50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

World Federation of Friends of Museums  
Federación Mundial de Amigos de los Museos  
Fédération Mondiale des Amis des Musées

## Newsletter December 2025



**WFFM Guidelines for the elected period.** The executive committee has had an active year since we were elected in May 2024. The new executive committee has had clear objectives, a plan of action, and developments ranging from re-engaging strongly with Young Friends, ICOM, and developing a new website. The Executive Committee is working on a strategy for the three years we are elected and will make it available as we progress. Under the impulse of the International Council of Museums (ICOM), WFFM signed the establishment of the organisation 50 years ago. The statutes are clear and a sound basis for the federation today. They will continue to be the guidelines for our work for the elected period.

**WFFM website** [www.thewffm.org](http://www.thewffm.org). WFFM needed a new and dynamic website and development was started with NetVolution, a French IT development company. Very fast, they developed a website that was launched in spring 2024.

**WFFM's communication manager** To enhance our presence on various digital platforms, we identified the need for a communications manager to represent WFFM, and Charlotte Cuny a communications professional specialising in art and culture, has assumed this role. She did a valuable job developing the new website.

**WFFM three languages.** WFFM aims to present information in the three WFFM official languages, as shown in the logo. WFFM are 50 years and will celebrate the anniversary with the Hellenic federation of friends that are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**WFFM Year of HOPE in the Vatican, January 11th 2025.** WFFM Attends First Audience in the Jubilee



Year of HOPE in the Vatican, January 11th 2025. The visit to the Vatican for the first Audience in the Jubilee 'the Year of Hope' was an extraordinary occasion made possible by the intensive work of the President. The Italian Federation of Friends of Museums represented by President Italo Scaietta, presented the Pope with a restoration of a painting from the Cathedral of S. Maria Argentea in Norcia that was damaged by an earthquake in 2016. Italo delivers the document of the restoration.

**WFFM Joint Meeting at Italian Ministry of Culture, January 10th**

To use the opportunity of us all being in Rome simultaneously, 50 presidents and board members from the Italian federation and 24 presidents from WFFM met in Sala Spadolini of the Ministry of Culture Friday in the afternoon.



**WFFM General Assembly Naples-Caserta, 15th – 18th May 2025**

The WFFM General Assembly took place over four days, with an Academic Session, Council meetings, and the General Assembly attracting 55 registered participants from eleven countries. The event was taking place at several beautiful places in Naples, with the General Assembly at Caserta, followed by a very nice lunch with produce from the region.





Lebanon.

**WFFM 3rd European Day in October 2025 was followed by an European Mediterranean Meeting in Paris, 23-26.**

**October.** To evaluate the European Day and plan how we will roll out the **World Day**. Our slogan was **"Your museums, our passion !"** We had a wonderful start on the press kit and in less than one working day, we reached a record of more than 4500 views with our first post on Instagram! And after this jump start, the interest has continued. The European Day is becoming an international event this year with the participation of Argentina, Canada, and

### **WFFM and ICOM relation, a new start!**

ICOM President Emma Nardi has announced in Roma that WFFM is recognized as an ICOM-affiliated member, with all the rights and duties attached to this status.

The Funchal Document The ICOM-WFFM Funchal declaration has been updated, signed, and delivered from Maria Alvellos, FAMP, to First Vice President of Europe, Rene Faure, in the beautiful and old Palatina Library, Pilotta, Parma.



**WFFM Office in Paris** The French Federation of Friends of Museums reopens the WFFM office in Paris at its premises in the 19th arrondissement. A place to get the opportunity to meet, exchange views, or just have a cup of coffee or tea, when World Federation members traveling in Europe make a stopover in Paris and wish to meet. A place also to archive new documents or to delve into the history of WFFM.



### **WFFM letter to Notre Dame**

Our letter to all the workers and donators who contributed to the renovation of Notre-Dame de Paris.

<https://www.thewffm.org/blog> The World Federation of Friends of Museums promotes international cooperation between worldwide Associations of Friends of Museums, fostered on mutual understanding, exchange of information, and sharing experiences to preserve and celebrate our cultural heritage as a unified community. ....We believe that together, we will be able to face the challenges of protecting and developing the cultural assets inherent to our identity by spreading knowledge and preserving our cultural heritage intact for future generations.



### **WFFM Young Friends becomes the WFFM Young Council.**

We asked the Young Friends to organise a workshop at the upcoming General Assembly in June 2025 in Naples. This project is in line with the Plan of Action for the new Executive Committee. We encouraged them to find a priority in the action plan that can be worked on. [YF WFFM Verona Charter 21 mai 17 \(1\).docx - Google Dokumenter](#) There was a discussion about how this group of new friends would organise themselves. The participants agreed that the countries should be represented, not the individual persons. This will secure continuity and also give the National Federation a responsibility.

**WFFM New members** At the executive meeting, it was decided that the VP of Europe would be extended to Europe, Mediterranean and Africa.

WFFM is welcoming **Burkina Faso** as a new member of WFFM.

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