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Dear all

As you know, the WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) has commissioned a study on copyright exceptions and limitations for museums and I am writing to you as co-expert appointed with Lucie Guibault by WIPO to perform this study.

The study will explore the existing national copyright systems of limitations and exceptions for museums, analyse particular problems faced by these institutions, and survey the achieved solutions in the provision of access to information and knowledge both in the analog and digital environment.

The specific mandates of museums and their fulfilment in a fast evolving context require a review addressing specific needs and concerns of museums, as per the ICOM definition of museum.

Hence this Study will focus on :

- existing copyright exceptions and limitations, including also the resale right, provided at national, regional or international levels for museums and beneficiaries ;
- practical implementation of these exceptions and limitations by museums, with a focus on aspects of relevance, clarity, or adequacy to address museums' concerns when carrying their mandates ;
- analyzing ways of addressing the identified copyright issues, taking into account the interests of the various stakeholders.

We have established a questionnaire to collect the feedback of the museums' community on their practice and experience of copyright exceptions and limitations.


The answers to the questionnaire, which should be illustrated by case studies as much as possible, are precious for the understanding of the stakes and challenges met by museums when dealing with copyright exceptions and limitations. They will help to broker solutions to better address them.

Therefore we thank you for circulating this letter and the enclosed questionnaire to your national ICOM committees, as you have offered, and for encouraging them to provide their answers **no later than 30 November 2014.**, by email to the following persons :

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We thank you for your assistance in this project.

Cordial regards .



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