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Call for Expressions of Interest

**National Consultation Panel (BE) for Cultural Heritage and Global
Change: a new challenge for Europe**

Call for members

Closing date for applications: **31 January 2012**

Introduction

This call is for applications for membership of a Belgian Consultation Panel. Applications are invited from experts in the area of tangible, intangible and digital cultural heritage to help identify research areas, activities, gaps and needs in Belgium. Panellists will serve for a fixed term from February 2012 until December 2012, although most meetings and associated activities are likely to take place at the beginning of this period. It is expected that the panel will have a maximum of 12 members, drawn from a range of organisations such as universities, museums, archives, libraries, funding bodies and heritage agencies in Belgium. Membership will be balanced so that there is an equal spread of expertise covering the tangible, intangible and digital cultural heritage.

Background

In both its tangible, intangible and digital forms, Europe's cultural heritage contributes to the cohesion of the European Union and plays a fundamental role in European integration by creating cultural connections among citizens. A new Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) on "Cultural Heritage and Global Change: a new Challenge for Europe" commenced on 1st October 2011 aiming to define a common vision between the 15 participating countries which will then be implemented through a Strategic Research Agenda (SRA). The Belgian partners in this JPI, Onroerend Erfgoed, Service Public de Wallonie and the Royal Institute for Cultural Heritage are leading the work to develop the Belgian contribution to the SRA. The SRA is due for completion by December 2012 under the EU Coordination Action, 'Joint Heritage European Programme' (JHEP). JHEP will allow Member States and Associated Countries to implement the Joint Programming Initiative by providing areas where joint public research programmes respond to major societal challenges. The engagement of stakeholders will ensure the translation of research outputs into practice and policy.

Defining the Strategic Research Agenda (SRA)

The Strategic Research Agenda will be multidisciplinary, combining experimental science with arts and humanities, engineering and technological innovation. For the purposes of this initiative, the following definitions will be used to identify tangible, intangible and digital aspects of the SRA:

Tangible cultural heritage

Historic cities and towns, historic landscapes, archaeological sites, ancient buildings, museum collections, archives and libraries

Intangible cultural heritage

Cultural encounters with tangible cultural heritage, for example, values, memories, identity, perceptions, representations, expressions and associated knowledge

Digital cultural heritage

Digital heritage, interactivity, visualisation, simulation and new forms of media technologies in order to enhance intellectual, sensory and physical access to tangible cultural heritage

Every member state has been asked to organise a National Consultation Panel to ensure that information on research gaps and needs is gathered effectively and to ensure that the resulting Strategic Research Agenda is thorough and comprehensive.

Role of the National Consultation Panel (NCP) members

Members of the National Consultation Panel will sit on the panel as experts, rather than as representatives of a particular organization or discipline. Members must at all times observe the highest standards of probity, impartiality, integrity and objectivity.

Eligibility

We welcome applications from researchers and practitioners from different types of research organisations (higher education, research institutions, heritage agencies, museums, libraries and archives) in order to achieve the level of intellectual expertise, knowledge and interaction envisaged for this work.

The experience and skills required to become a potential member of the NCP are:

- Significant European or national research record or active engagement with interdisciplinary research or scholarship
- Ability to demonstrate expertise and knowledge both within and on the margins of their main subject specialism or discipline
- Experience at articulating research to a range of audiences
- Leadership and management experience
- Proven successful experience at a senior level in a university and/or private/public/not for profit organisation within the cultural heritage sector
- Involvement in networking activities on a national or international level

It is essential that candidates should be able to commit the necessary time and attention to the role, and have the full support of their employing organisation in doing so.

NCP members will be required to declare any private, professional or commercial interests that might conflict with the interests of the NCP or which might be perceived by others as creating a conflict of interest.

How to apply

Applicants should complete a short Expression of Interest (EoI) (**maximum two sides of A4 in a font size no smaller than 11**).

This should comprise:

- i) a summary of not more than one side of A4 outlining your reasons for wishing to become a member and how you think you could contribute to the NCP
- ii) a CV of not more than one side of A4 outlining your expertise, experience, roles, activities etc. of relevance to the focus of the JPI, and if appropriate key publications or other outputs.

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