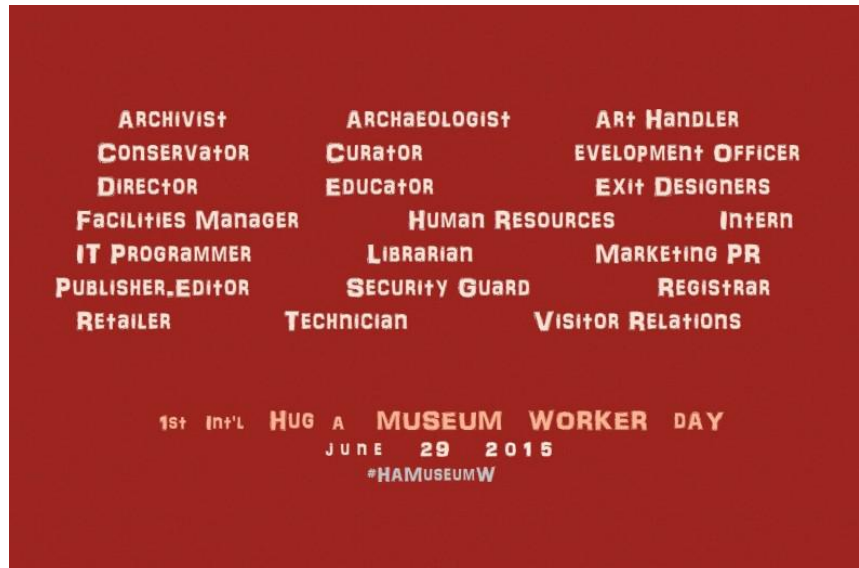




International Museum Workers Day IMWD was founded in 2015 as a year-round project, as well as an annual advocacy event. Initiated by American museologist, artist and filmmaker Homa Taj, IMWD's mission is to introduce the general public to the myriad professions relating to the creation, research, discovery and presentation of heritage.



The project's original title, a somewhat light-hearted name, was  
"Hug A Museum Worker (HAMuseumW)."



# CHICAGO



**Art Institute** @artinstitutechi · Jun 29, 2015

Happy International **Hug a Museum Worker** Day! #HAMuseumW  
#HugHughUgh

(© 1989 Kay Rosen [ow.ly/OWSTD](http://ow.ly/OWSTD))





**Londonist** ✓ @Londonist · Jun 29, 2015

Today's news: Kennington gets a new river, plus **hug a museum worker** today (pic:Andrea Pucci) [bit.ly/1LQIXXx](https://bit.ly/1LQIXXx)



LONDON





# KRACOW



**MOCaK** @MOCaK\_Krakow · Jun 29, 2016

INTERNATIONAL **HUG A MUSEUM WORKER** DAY! Sending virtual hugs to all museums workers! :) #MOCaK #HAMuseumW



# The Hague



A virtual hug back at you on the First International  
"Hug A Museum Worker Day"! #hamuseumw





holocaustmuseum



♥ 179 likes

**holocaustmuseum** We're always inspired by the #Holocaust #survivors who serve at #USHMM as #Museum volunteers. Thank you!  
#HugAMuseumWorker #HAMuseumW

Washington DC



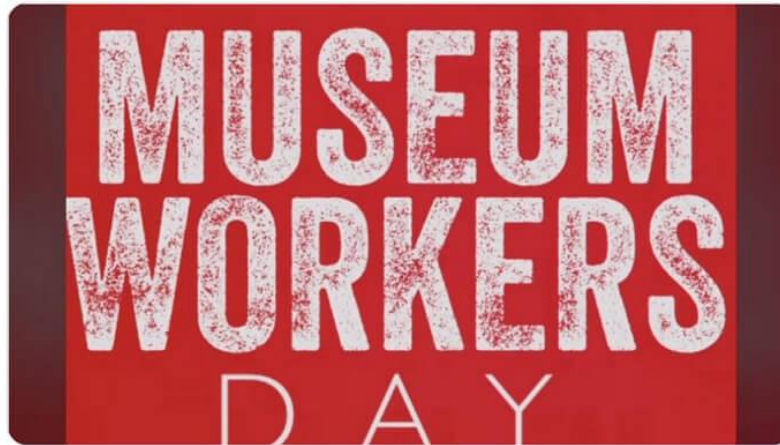


... However, after spending the first two years explaining to participants that ‘hugging’ museum workers was not to be taken literally, to the relief of many heritage workers, the event was re-named International Museum Workers Day (IMWD), in 2017.



**Future of Museums** ✓ @futureofmuseums · Jun 29, 2017

Give a shout-out to your fav museum worker on International Museum Workers Day! [#IMWD2017](#) (Kinda wish it was still Hug A Museum Worker Day)



Leading up to IMWD2017 on June 29, we introduced the policy of personally inviting (thousands) of art, design, heritage and museum workers as well as institutions and associations, in 192 countries.

Though IMWD was initially launched as a social media project, we continue to directly reach out to tens of thousands of heritage professionals – *rather than solely rely on social media's serendipitous, unpredictable (& unregulated) net.*





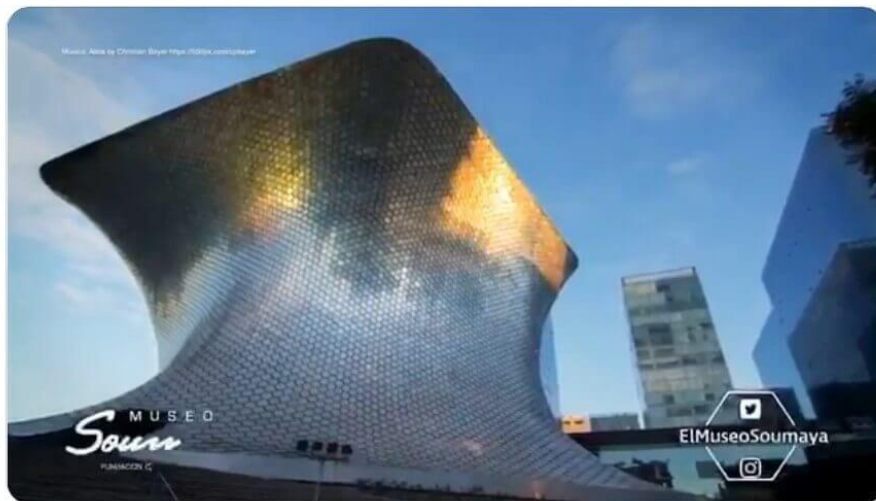
In its third year, heritage professionals from 150+ countries engaged with IMWD2017 – including: *Bhutan, Azerbaijan, Slovakia, Tajikistan, Moldova, Chad, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Mozambique, Ghana, Cameroon, Belize, Oman, Madagascar, Jordan, Swaziland, Botswana, Congo, Jamaica, Nepal, Kazakhstan, Zimbabwe, Benin, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Suriname, Brunei, Haiti, Cote d'Ivoire, Malaysia, Burkina Faso, Togo, Dominican Republic, Mali, Rwanda, Chad, Senegal, South Africa, Yemen ...* as well as throughout the *Americas and Europe*.

# MEXICO CITY



**El Museo Soumaya** ✓ @ElMuseoSoumaya · Jun 29, 2017

Hoy celebramos el “**Día Internacional de los Trabajadores de #Museos**”  
#IMWD2017 @MuseumWorkerDay





**The Met**  @metmuseum · Jun 29, 2017

In honor of International **Museum Workers Day**, we want to thank all of our incredible staff! #IMWD2017



NEW YORK





# FLORENCE



**Gallerie Uffizi** ✓  
@UffiziGalleries



Happy International Museum  
Workers Day! You all are amazing!  
[#IMWD2017](#) [#Partecipare](#) è già un  
po' vincere [@CittadinidiTwtt](#)  
[#socialcity](#)

Translate from Italian





**Gardner Museum** ✓  
@gardnermuseum



Happy International  
[@MuseumWorkerDay](#)! We are so  
grateful for our incredible Gardner  
Museum staff. [#IMWD2017](#) [#IMWD](#)



BOSTON





**Art Museum Directors** ✓

@MuseumDirectors



Happy [#IMWD2017](#) museum workers! Our 244 museums could not serve the public without you. Thank you.

[#museumworkersday](#)



# CAPE TOWN



ZeitzMOCAA @Ze... · 6/30/17 ✓

Today is

[#InternationalMuseumWorkersDay](#) in celebration of the global community of heritage &

museum professionals

[#IMWD2017](#)

[@MuseumWorkerDay](#)



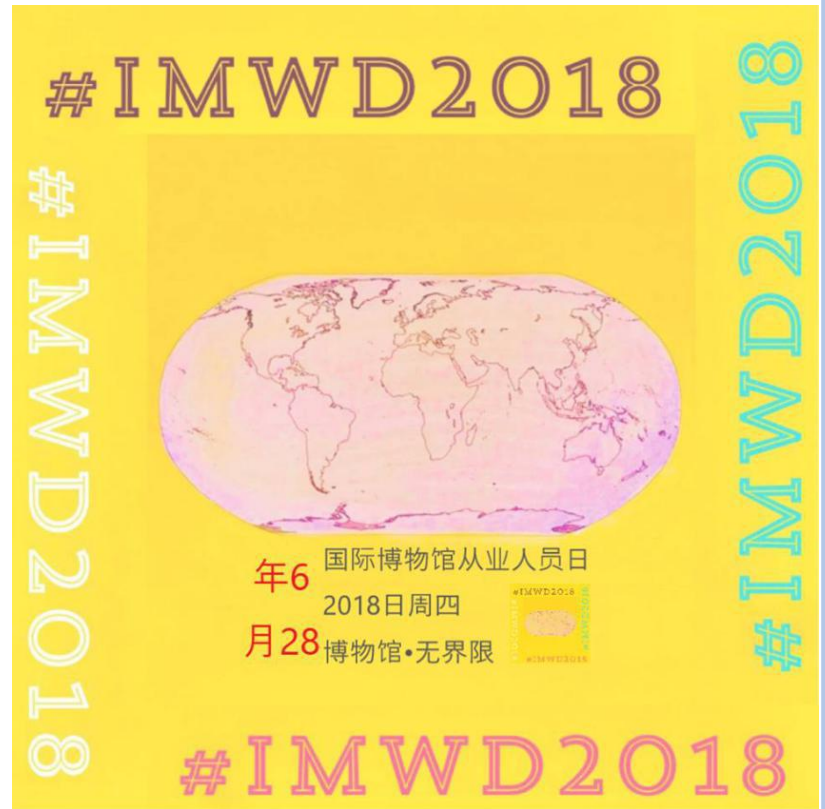
"In occasione del Museum Workers day 2017 alcuni membri dello staff del Museo Bagatti Valsecchi di Milano raccontano perchè piace loro lavorare nella casa museo di via Gesù. [VIDEO]" *Museo Bagatti Valsecchi*



MILAN



With “Museums Beyond Borders” as its theme, IMWD2018 was marked in 21 languages, across 12 platforms, with increased engagement from 20 new countries (170 countries in total) ...



## MUSEUMS BEYOND BORDERS



International Museum Workers Day #IMWD2018 Thursday JUNE 28



...  
including: *Timor-Leste, Angola, Marshall Islands, Afghanistan, Mongolia, Seychelles, Djibouti, Finland, Uganda, Albania, Maldives, Dominica, Democratic Republic Congo, Palau, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Pakistan, Malta, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, & Cyprus.*



In some respects, IMWD may be viewed as the Switzerland of heritage projects considering that we draw our strength from inclusivity, and are multi-cultural & multi-lingual.





As of today, we are not affiliated with any regional, national or international institutions or alliances. Nor are we aligned with any religious or political groups.



We are impartial – which does not mean neutral and thus recognize the importance of strategic partnerships and the need to develop focused policies for specific regions. Certainly, we are pragmatic since we believe in the necessities of public-private partnerships.







**Peterhof Museum** ✓ @p\_e\_t\_e\_r\_h\_o\_f · Jun 28, 2018

It's **#IMWD2018** today & we'd like to share with you our passion for museum items & activities ❤️

Here is Peterhof Curator Elena Bortnikova examining the paintings during the recent dismantlement of the show in Beijing



ST. PETERSBURG



# LONDON



**Bank of England Museum** ✓ @boemuseum · Jun 28, 2018

Our Collections team are continuing to tackle our backlog of un-accessioned items. We're finding some fantastic things, including boxes of 18thC cheques - which we're pretty sure doesn't happen to everyone! [#banishthatbacklog](#) [#collectionsmanagement](#) [#museumproblems](#) [#IMWD2018](#)



ZIMBABW

HARARE



**NatGalleryZimb** @NatGalleryZimb · Jun 28, 2018

**#IMWD2018** We celebrate International Museum Workers Day by looking back to last year **#ThrowbackThursday** style; The International Conference on African Cultures had numerous Museum practitioners from around the world here present. Salutations to the Workers @museumviews\_





**MNBA Chile** @MNBACHile · Jun 28, 2018

¡Hoy es Día **Internacional de los Trabajadores de Museos** y con esta foto saludamos a tod@s nuestr@s colegas que permiten que el patrimonio pueda ser compartido y disfrutado por la comunidad! 🙌👏🌟❤️  
#IMWD2018



SANTIAGO



# GRANADA

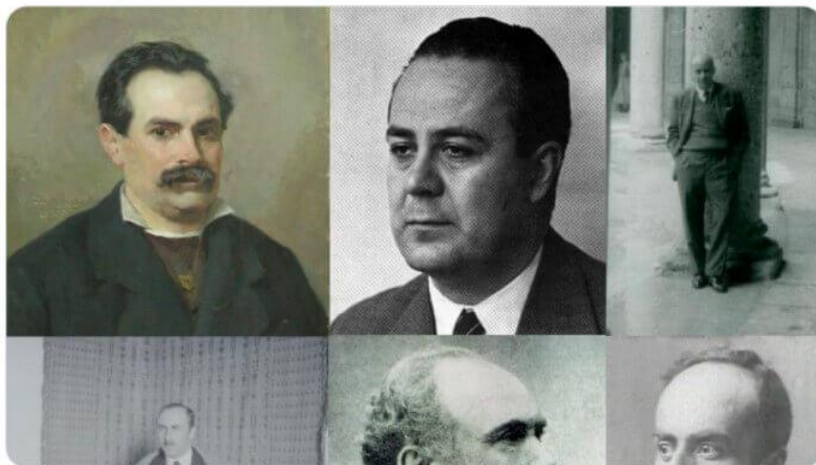


**Museo de la Alhambra** @MuseoAlhambra · Jun 28, 2018

Hoy es el Día **Internacional de los Trabajadores de Museos**, por lo que queremos recordar a aquellos personajes ya históricos que **de** una manera u otra aportaron su granito **de** arena para que el Museo **de** la Alhambra sea hoy lo que es.

#IMWD2018

[alhambra-patronato.es/elblogdelmuseo...](http://alhambra-patronato.es/elblogdelmuseo...)







**MUNAL** ✓ @MUNALmx · Jun 28, 2018

¡Hoy es el Día **Internacional de los Trabajadores de Museos!** Aquí algunos de nuestros colaboradores 🏛️ [#MuseumWorkersDays](#) [#IMWD2018](#)



MEXICO CITY



# TORONTO



Royal Ontario Museum   
@ROMtoronto



A BIG THANK YOU to our staff  
& volunteers on International  
[@MuseumWorkerDay!](#)  
[#IMWD2017](#)



## INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM WORKERS DAY

#IMWD2019 Thursday, October 24, 2019



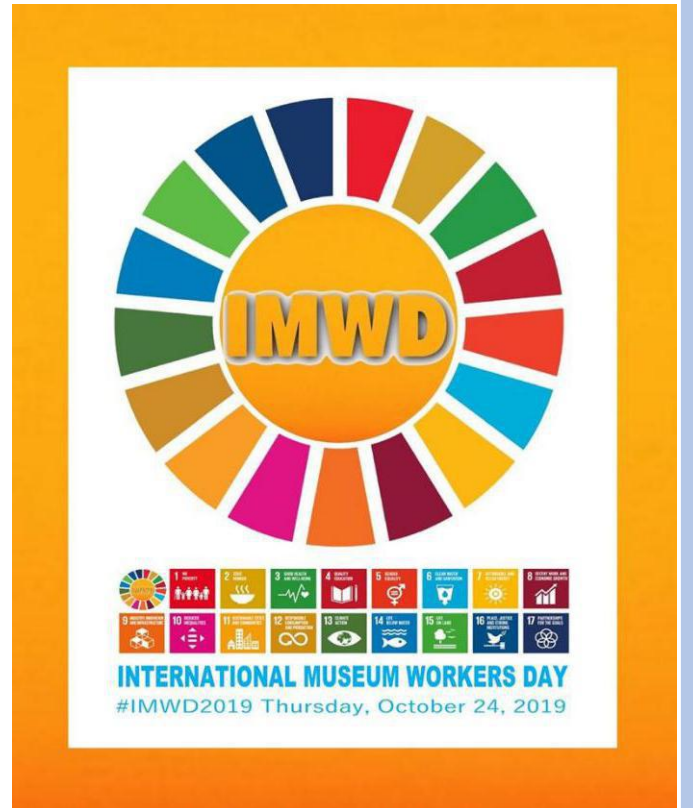
SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Above all, we value the critical power of heritage to help with exchange of views & ideas; to promote knowledge of other cultures; and to build bridges between nations.



To mark the project's fifth anniversary which took place on Thursday, October 24, 2019, we dedicated #IMWD2019 to the theme of SUSTAINABLE HERITAGE.



## SUSTAINABLE HERITAGE



Tadasu K. Yamada ▶ MuseumViews

12 hrs · 🌐

## SUSTAINABLE HERITAGE.

As a researcher in the natural history museum, we rush to the site where whales and dolphins strand whenever possible. There, we examine the carcasses for the messages they convey in their body and collect specimens. These will reveal their background which otherwise be hidden behind. The specimens, as the heritage, should be maintained in the museum and will be open to researchers of the world to re-examine and discuss together. These will provide the evidence of the fascinating facts. Can you imagine, in the 21st Century, whales of about 11m were not recognized? We should train our observation eyes. As a tool to extend our knowledge into the diversity of nature surrounding us. We have to maintain the specimens as heritage. We museum workers should work hard to maintain specimens to be utilized by researchers from all over the world.

Tadasu K. Yamada, DMSc., Curator Emeritus

National Museum of Nature and Science, Tokyo.



INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM WORKERS DAY | #IMWD2019 | THURS. OCT. 24 2019

# NEW DELHI

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF INDIA







# VANCOUVER

Museum of Anthropology at UBC

# KYRGYZSTAN

Nomad Museum, Cholpon-Ata



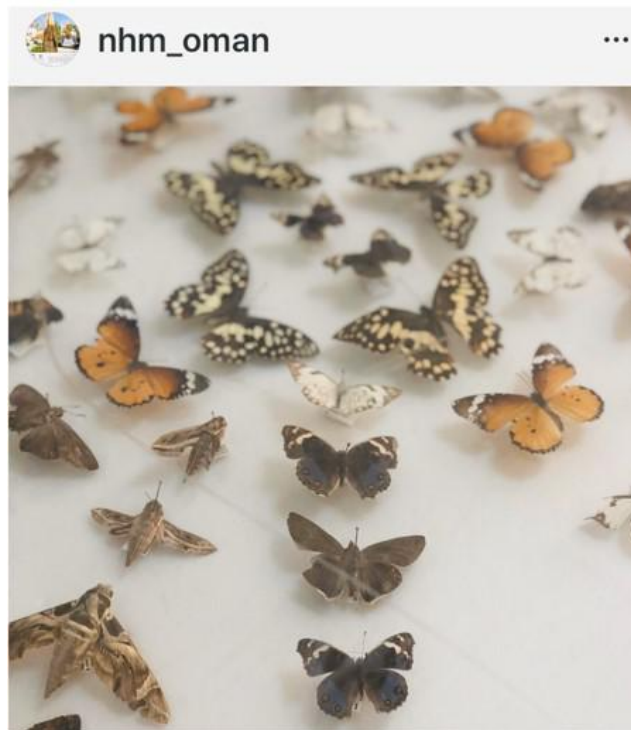
# TEHRAN

Golnaz Golsabahi, Museologist



# MUSCAT

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF OMAN





**National Sport Museum** @NSMNews · Oct 24

It's International Museum Workers Day #IMWD2019 and we'd like to take this opportunity to celebrate our incredible team at the National Sports Museum.

The team are busy behind the scenes planning for the museum reopen in early 2020. Stay tuned for more information! #NSMNews



MELBOURNE





“What do you call a collection of museum workers? A gaggle?  
A pride? A herd? From then until now, today we celebrate our incredible  
staff who make Queensland Museum the organisation it is.

Happy International Museum Workers Day!

[#IMWD2019](#) [#qldmuseum](#)”

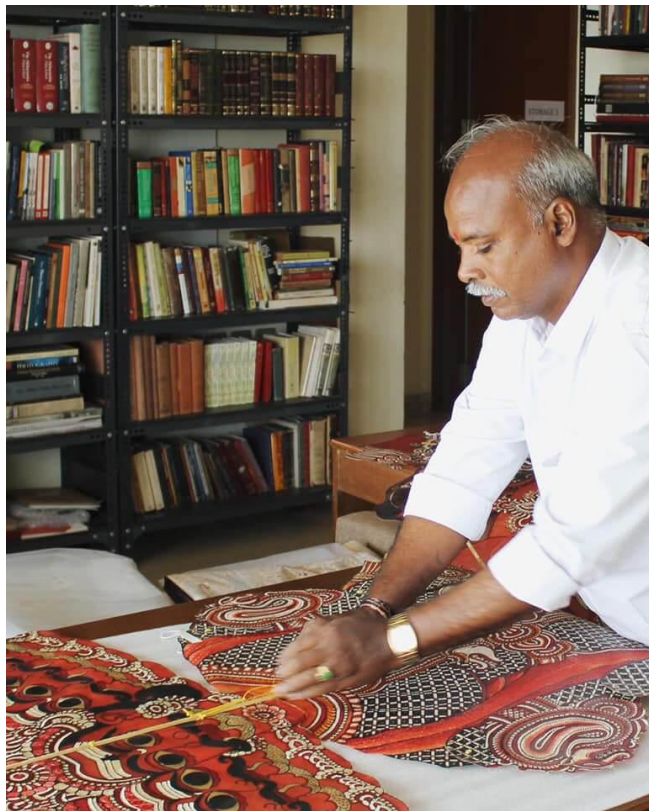


BRISBANE  
QUEENSLAND MUSEUM



# MUMBAI

SARMAYA ART FOUNDATION



Sample list of countries based out which heritage workers participated in

# #IMWD2019

CHINA  
SOUTH AFRICA  
ANGOLA  
ETHIOPIA  
KAZAKHSTAN  
NIGERIA  
SYRIA  
MOROCCO  
KENYA  
ALGERIA  
YEMEN

ROMANIA  
QATAR  
MALASIA  
UNITED ARAB  
EMIRATES  
NEW ZEALAND  
OMAN  
PHILIPPINES  
PAKISTAN  
SINGAPORE  
KOREA

UZBEKISTAN  
SAUDI ARABIA  
JORDAN  
VIETNAM  
JAPAN  
TIMOR LESTE  
TUVALU  
ZIMBABWE  
FIJI  
UKRAINE  
KUWAIT

CUBA  
LESOTHO  
CROATIA  
GUATEMALA  
MEXICO  
JAMAICA  
BOTSWANA  
MONGOLIA  
ISRAEL  
PERU  
PUERTO RICO

SENEGAL  
PARAGUAY  
MOLDOVA  
COLOMBIA  
MAURITIUS  
SLOVENIA  
EGYPT  
PALAU  
IRAQ  
GHANA  
TANZANIA



亚裔博物馆专家发起“国际博物馆从业人员日” #IMWD2018在社交媒体实现

From: 折雪龙 博物馆头条 2018-06-09



INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM WORKERS DAY #IMWD2018

国际博物馆从业人员日

2018年6月28日周四

博物馆·无界限

**博物馆头条按：**近期，面向国内文博从业者服务的“博物馆头条”得到亚裔美国博物馆专家、艺术家和电影制作人Homa Taj的关注，她邀请我们的读者和更多的博物馆行业从业者，参加由她发起的“国际博物馆从业人员日（IMWD）”活动。

据了解，第四届国际博物馆从业人员日（#IMWD2018）将于2018年6月28日星期四举行。

IMWD是由亚裔美国博物馆专家、艺术家和电影制作人Homa Taj发起倡导的项目。由遗产和博物馆专业人士组成的全球社区 - 包括：艺术家、学者、艺术史学家、科学家、考古学家、人类学家、策展人、电影制作人、表演艺术家、设计师等等 - 他们的专业知识和多年的经验奉献精神帮助创造、发现、保存和传播我们的物质和非物质文化遗产。

Courtesy *Museum News*, China



博物馆头条

WeChat ID: Museum News

About

Feature

由新华网、国际博物馆信息中心和《艺术博物馆》杂志共同出品的“新华·博物馆日报”精准及时发布全球博物馆头条新闻、权威数据、展览资讯、发展趋势等。

#### 事件

邀请您于2018年6月28日星期四参加第四届国际博物馆从业人员日 #IMWD2018。

#### 任务

国际博物馆工作者日IMWD的使命是教育更广泛的公众了解博物馆和遗产领域的各种专业 - 包括所有以各种能力参与博物馆和遗产工作的专业人士，例如艺术家、设计师、考古学家、出版商等。

#### 位置

全球活动将通过各种社交媒体进行 - Twitter, 微信, Facebook, Instagram, 微博, Tumblr, Pinterest, LinkedIn, VKontakte, YouTube等。

#### 活动

邀请艺术家、设计师、文物和博物馆专业人士在他们的工作环境中分享他们自己（和同事）的照片或他们喜欢的物品的照片来介绍他们的职业。

鼓励艺术家、设计师、艺术和博物馆的爱好者向他们最喜欢的博物馆和文物工作提供SHOUT OUT，就像在您的社交媒体上分享“感谢您的注意”一样简单。标签 #IMWD2018。

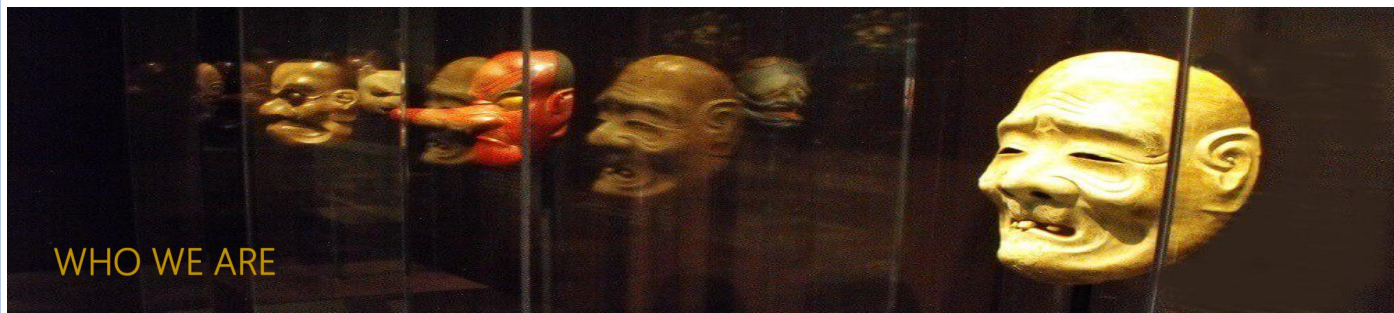
相关图片 - 标记为 #IMWD2018 或在社交媒体Feed上的各种平台上共享。

**WEBSITE** - <http://museumworkersday.org>

# MEDIA

For a sampling of international coverage of IMWD through the years, please visit our website.





**HOMA TAJ**, the founder of IMWD, was born on the Silk Road & migrated to America at the age of 13. She is a museologist & a filmmaker who holds graduate degrees in museology (Harvard); 19-20th c. arts institutional histories (The Courtauld Institute); & history of collecting (Oxford Uni). She pursued a D.Phil on histories of museums in emerging nations also at Oxford. In the 1990's, Taj studied at the Stella Adler Conservatory in NYC. In 2003, she founded MuseumViews, & in 2015, Int'l Museum Workers Day.



**FRANK J CUNNINGHAM** is the Executive Director of IMWD Int'l Museum Workers Day. Under Cunningham's leadership, IMWD has exponentially grown into a global project marked in 21 languages, across 12 platforms, & in 170+ countries. Since 2003, he has been a contributing editor at MuseumViews. A native of Ireland, Cunningham is a published poet who holds a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce from NUI Galway, Ireland.

*INT'L ADVISERS - Coming (very) soon.*

Mark your calendars for

# #IMWD2020

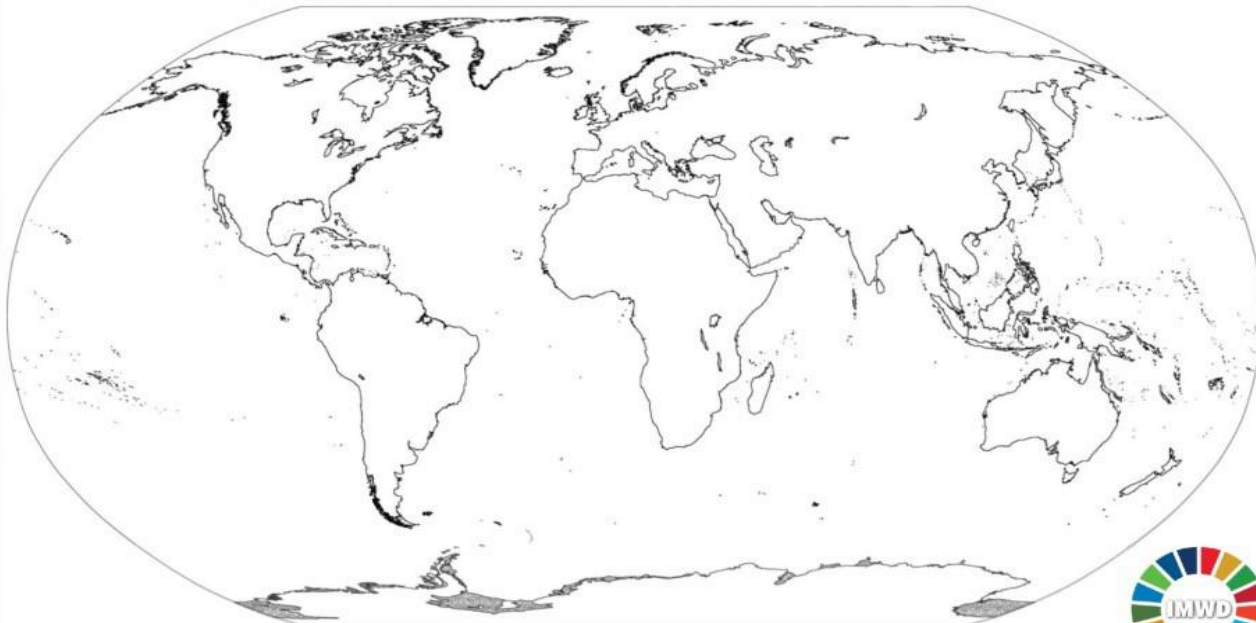
Thursday, October 22, 2020

Register for update and news on the theme of next year's celebrations at  
[IMWD@MuseumWorkersDay.org](mailto:IMWD@MuseumWorkersDay.org)

**FRANK J CUNNINGHAM**  
**Executive Director**  
International Museum Workers Day  
<http://museumworkersday.org/>

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INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM WORKERS DAY | #IMWD2020 Thurs., Oct 22nd, 2020

