

Call for Papers

**Annual Conference of the
International Committee of Museums and Collections of
Arms and Military History (ICOMAM)
6-10 October 2012, Oman.**

ICOMAM, the International Committee of Museums and Collections of Arms and Military History, is pleased to announce its Call for Papers for its next annual conference hosted by the University of Nizwa and the Bait ar Rudaydah Historic Small Arms Centre of Excellence, Birkat Al Mauz, Oman on October 6th to October 10th 2012, followed by a Post Conference Tour from 11 to 13 October 2012.

ICOMAM is one of thirty-two international committees in ICOM, the International Council of Museums. With over 300 members worldwide, ICOMAM provides an international focus for museums and collections in our field of interest.

The general theme of the 2012 annual Conference is “*Military heritage in Oman and the Middle East and the relationship with the outside world*”. The conference aims to explore the rich military history, culture and museums of the country and the region and is built around five sub themes allowing us to cover various aspects of the general theme. The five sub-themes are:

- Small arms in Oman and the Arabian Peninsula
- Fortification and ordnance in Oman and the Arabian Peninsula.
- Oman as a bridge between East & West
- Firearms and Museums: legislation and new tendencies on small arms and firearms in Museums
- Current research related to military heritage and the East.

We invite a diverse group of participants and especially junior scholars and ICOMAM members to present their work. As always, the program committee will consider all paper proposals dealing with important questions related to the above-mentioned theme and sub-themes. Examples of possible topics of lectures can be found in a separate document.

The conference languages are English and French but no simultaneous translations will be provided.

Proposals for individual papers are welcome and should include a brief abstract, a short biographic note, and your institutional affiliation, as well as your contact information. Proposals must be submitted electronically to the conference coordinator, dr. Christopher Roads (armshist@omantel.net.om).

Deadline for proposals is April 1st, 2012.

Complimentary Information

More information can be found in the joined documents and on the website of ICOMAM (<http://icomam.icom.museum>) that will be updated systematically as new information will be available.

You can also contact the conference coordinator or the ICOMAM Secretariat:

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