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Volume 45 of the ICOFOM Study Series contains materials presented at the 39th symposium of the International Committee for Museology, which was part of the 24th ICOM General Conference held in Milan from July 3 to 9, 2016. The ICOFOM theme this year was *The Predatory Museum*, a theme which proved to be both provocative and challenging. The interesting results are presented here.

Given the time restraints of a meeting within the General Conference, and the number of good abstracts submitted, we decided for the first time to divide submissions into two categories: verbal presentations and poster presentations. Those who made verbal presentations were then asked to write up their ideas in a formal paper which, in turn, went to double blind peer review. Our evaluators were especially selective this year, such that from this process six papers were deemed both innovative and theoretical and are featured here. These papers were then edited, a process especially important for those authors who write in a language that is not their first. Other authors were invited to submit brief notes outlining their presentations, which were then integrated in a second category. Added to this category, are poster presentations, a new direction for ICOFOM, was unexpectedly popular.

We also included, in a third section, presentations on the theme of museology and the development of museums in Italy, a session that was especially interesting having been organized, during the symposium, by our colleague Christina Vannini.

A journal such as this one, consisting of numerous parts, requires dedicated work by many wonderful contributors, peer reviewers, secretaries, editors and proof readers. We could not produce this without these kind volunteers. Thank you all so very much.

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