



Think Smart!

ERC 2012 invites you to Think Smart. The ERC is a bi-annual conference that brings together Registrars from Europe and further afield. It focuses its attention solely on the responsibilities borne by Registrars and allows them to acquire and exchange technical and professional information, and provides excellent opportunities to network.

The conference program will cover all aspects of smarter collection management for museums and galleries. It will cover issues relating to: public service reform; austerity cuts across Europe due to the economic situation and income generation.

As reform will affect all museums we will consider and discuss new governance models ranging from trust status to those used in commercial and independent museums, and how they may affect or improve our services.

There is a growing demand for museums to be more entrepreneurial, so how can Registrars aid the need for income generation? There is also an emphasis on cutting costs to save money, so how will Registrars cope with fewer resources, yet the same or increased workload? We look at how to think smart on both these issues, along with sharing costs on touring exhibitions and loans in & out, and also sharing expertise, collections, information, storage, insurance, and acquisitions.

To meet this new way of working the conference will debate the moral and practicable considerations that will affect the way Registrars will have to function in the future, and also the growing trend towards standardisation across Europe for transport and packing and all its implications.

Session Themes:

New Governance Models	The Implications of Reform
Sharing and Partnerships	Income Generation
Enterprise Exhibitions	Joint ventures and Partnerships
Liability of shared services	Moral & Practicable Considerations

Call for Papers opens on 6 November 2012

ERC 2012 is accepting abstracts of between 500-1000 works for talks, seminars, panel discussions, open floor debate, and focus groups.

For further information or to submit a paper online please visit our website.

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