

Case studies summaries

The Baltic Museology School – its role in the professional education system

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Due to various reasons museum employees from the Baltic States rarely use the chance to study museology abroad. Therefore the State Authority on Museums of Latvia in collaboration with ICOM-Latvia decided to “deliver” this knowledge, by inviting internationally acknowledged lecturers from different countries to widen the scope of takers of this opportunity. Estonian and Lithuanian colleagues are also joining in the project, which is included in the cooperation programme of the Ministries of Culture of the Baltic States.

The Baltic Museology School puts stress on the theory and finding answers on the question “why?” We, ourselves, do not create or develop theories, but we encourage museum employees follow the thought of the world’s museology.

The Baltic Museology School is organised every summer as a weekly seminar. Since its beginning in 2004 the project has attracted 152 participants from 64 museums. The School is a good way to gradually bring the world’s knowledge in the Baltics and enrich the supply of museology literature in the Baltic languages (3-4 articles on the specific issue are translated each year to become available to all employees of the Baltic museums).