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H.H. Sheikh Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammad Al Qasimi, H.E. Sheikha Hoor Al Qasimi and members of CIMAM at the Dr. Sultan Al Qasimi Centre of Gulf Studies, 2014, image courtesy of Sharjah Art Foundation

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates – Sharjah Art Foundation hosts CIMAM, the International Committee for Museums and Collections of Modern Art at the start of a UAE Tour.

Sharjah Art Foundation (SAF) welcomed 53 members of **CIMAM**, the prestigious group of international museum and art professionals at the start of a two-day tour of the UAE. The Sharjah itinerary included visits to the **Dr. Sultan Al Qasimi Centre of Gulf Studies** where **CIMAM** members were welcomed by **H.H. Sheikh Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammad Al Qasimi**, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah and **H.E. Sheikha Hoor Al Qasimi**, President and Director of **Sharjah Art Foundation**. Visits included the **Museum of Archaeology, Sharjah Botanical Garden, Arabian Wildlife Centre in Sharjah, Barjeel Art Foundation, Maraya Art Centre**, and concluded with a visit to **Sharjah Art Foundation Art Spaces** in Al Mureijah and a **Welcome Dinner** hosted by **H.E. Sheikha Hoor Al Qasimi**.

The UAE tour follows the annual CIMAM conference, and was organised by SAF in collaboration with UAE Co-hosts **Dubai Culture and Arts Authority, Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority** and **the Salama bint Hamdan Al Nahyan Foundation**.

Art professionals from 22 countries joined the tour including CIMAM President and Director of Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona (MACBA) **Bartomeu Marí, Yilmaz Dziewior**; Director of Kunsthaus Bregenz, **Eugene Tan**; Director of the National Gallery Singapore, **Pirkko Siitari**; Director of Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, **Katia Baudin**; Acting Director of Museum Ludwig, Köln, **Valeria Piccoli**; Chief Curator of Pinacoteca do Estado de São Paulo, Brazil, and **Madeleine Grynsztejn**; Pritzker Director, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago.

H.E. Sheikha Hoor Al Qasimi stated: “It is with great pleasure that we are able to welcome this group of CIMAM members to the UAE. Along with our other co-hosts in Dubai and Abu Dhabi we look forward to introducing the wide range of cultural institutions and initiatives in the UAE, while opening new possibilities for future collaboration with colleagues and institutions around the world.”

About CIMAM

CIMAM, *International Committee for Museums and Collections of Modern Art*, is an International Committee of [ICOM](#).

CIMAM is an international forum of professional character for the discussion of theoretical, ethical and practical issues concerning the collection and exhibition of modern and contemporary art. CIMAM Members are museum professionals, they include the directors and curators of museums or institutions qualifying as Museums as well as training and research institutions which are beneficial for the advancement of the modern and contemporary art museum community respecting the ICOM Code of Ethics for Museums and CIMAM's Principles of Deaccession. CIMAM currently has 575 voting members from 78 different countries.

About Sharjah Art Foundation

Sharjah Art Foundation brings a broad range of contemporary art and cultural programmes to the communities of Sharjah, the UAE and the region. Since 2009 SAF has built on the history of cultural collaboration and exchange that began with the first Sharjah Biennial in 1993. Working with local and international partners, we create opportunities for artists and artistic production through our core initiatives that include the Sharjah Biennial, the annual March Meeting, residencies, production grants, commissions, exhibitions, research, publications and a growing collection. Sharjah Art Foundation's education and public programmes focus on building recognition of the central role art can play in the life of a community by promoting public learning and a participatory approach to art. Sharjah Art Foundation is funded by the Department of Culture and Information, Government of Sharjah.

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