

## Report on the ICOM Canada Bursary – Viviane Gosselin

To help emergent museums professionals in building a professional network and lasting connections, ICOM-Canada started the ICOM-Canada Travel Bursary this year.

This funding program offers one Travel Bursary annual to support the participation of one graduate student or one emergent museum professional (with less than 5 years of work experience) to the annual ICOM conference. The bursary provides up to \$1500 to cover costs and related conference registration, travel and accommodation and local transportation as well as per diem allowance for meals.

The Travel Bursary was promoted through social media feeds from January to August 2016. We received only one submission. Board members of ICOM-Canada reviewed the submission and determined the submission was very strong. Doctoral candidate at UBC, Rachel Roy, was awarded the Travel Bursary to go to ICOM-Canada in Milan. She will be presenting a paper in one of CAMOC's committee panels on participatory museology and institutional rebranding in city museums. Following her trip, she will submit a short report of her conference experience which will be posted on ICOM-Canada's website. After this first year's experience with processing the Travel Bursary, it was decided that students and young professionals who do not present at the conference will also be eligible for future bursaries. The Board felt confident that the soon-to-be-hired Social Media Coordinator would help promote the bursary more broadly.