CIDOC, ICOM’s international committee for museum documentation, has as one of its central tasks to survey the field of documentation, recommend relevant methods and stimulate the development of guidelines and standards for museum documentation, see for example the list under <http://icom.museum/professional-standards/standards-guidelines/>.

The practical work is done by the working groups of CIDOC. A major outcome of such work is the *CIDOC Conceptual Reference Model* (CIDOC-CRM) developed by the working group *CIDOC-CRM Special Interest Group* (CRM SIG), chaired by Dr. Martin Doerr.

CIDOC has a direct communication with the International Standardization Organization , ISO, via the ex officio ISO liaison officer in the CIDOC-Board. Until 2010 this was Dr. Nicholas Crofts. When he was elected Chair of CIDOC, Patrick Le Bouef took over the responsibility. In 2006 ISO published the ISO 21127:2006 based on the CIDOC-CRM version 4.2 In December 2014 a new ISO-version (based on version 5 of the CIDOC CRM) became available: ISO 21127:2014. ISO has the copyrights to the text of the standards. However ISO accept that it does not have the rights to the working draft documents produced continuously by the CRM SIG. This was the outcome of conversations between ISO and Dr. Croft in the role of CIDOC chair some years ago. Thus the rights to the text document and the RDF-set describing for example version 6 of CIDOC CRM belong to CIDOC and ICOM.

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