

Boom in participation for the International House Museum Days! From South America to Southeast Asia: 27 countries, 260 institutions take part

April 4, 2025 – The whole world has united in the name of culture and memory. **260 house museums from 27 countries** around the globe have joined the **International House Museum Days** event dedicated to houses of memory and personages. This is the first edition of the initiative, promoted by the **National Association of Case della Memoria (Florence, Italy)** in collaboration with **ICOM-DEMIST (International Committee for Historic House Museums)** and **ICLCM (International Committee for Literary and Composers' Museums)**, **Icom Italy**, and the **European Network of Houses of Illustrious Personalities**.

The idea to create an **annual event dedicated to house museums** was initiated by the Italian institution **National Association of Case della Memoria**, which after three Italian editions, took action to expand its scope by networking with similar organizations around the world. And many responded. The largest number of participants are from **Italy (143 in 19 regions)**, followed by **Mexico (24)**, **Russia (23)**, **Latvia (13)**, **Spain (12)**, **Azerbaijan (6)**, **Belgium and Brazil (5)**, **Israel (4)**, **Mongolia (3)**. And also **Malta, Holland, Poland, Portugal, and Slovenia (2)**, **Argentina, Ecuador, Philippines, France, Georgia, Greece, Indonesia, Lithuania, Moldova, Slovakia, Taiwan, and Turkey (1)**.

"Thanks to the synergy between the institutions that have supported the National Association of Case della Memoria in this adventure we have succeeded in our goal of reaching a very large audience" **Adriano Rigoli**, president of the National Association of Case della Memoria and of the ICOM-ICLCM committee states. "Having 260 house museums with 27 countries involved, from South America to Southeast Asia, shows great teamwork, with the common goal of giving voice to the houses museums who represent the foundations of our collective memory."

"Thanks to the collaboration of the many organizations involved, from individual house museums to international institutions, we have achieved what I believe is an excellent result for the first year of the event on a global scale" **Marco Capaccioli**, vice president of the National Association of Case della Memoria adds. "The numbers of participants speak clearly, now we hope to see many visitors involved, thanks also to the many initiatives that house museums around the world have organized for the weekend of April 5 and 6."

Timna Seligman, chair of ICOM-DEMIST joins her colleagues by thanking them for the invitation to join this global event and wishes all the participating house museums and visitors an enjoyable and enriching weekend of museum visits and events.