

ISSM

International Symposium of Science Museums

National Science Museum, Republic of Korea

WHAT IS ISSM?

International Symposium of Science Museums (ISSM) is an international academic symposium hosted annually by the National Science Museum (NSM). As headquarters of all science museums/centers in Korea, the NSM is bridging public, museum specialists, educators, and academic experts, and national and international members of science museums/centers through ISSM. From the first symposium in 2011, ISSM has invited museum specialists from various institutions in US, UK, France, Germany, Japan, China, etc. ISSM tries to invite experts from more various fields and institutions to facilitate:

- Diverse academic discussions
- Discover the key issues on science museums/centers for preparing the future
- Facilitate interdisciplinary discussions between science, technology, humanities, social sciences, art, and cultural studies
- Create a global network made of anyone willing to contribute to science museums/centers

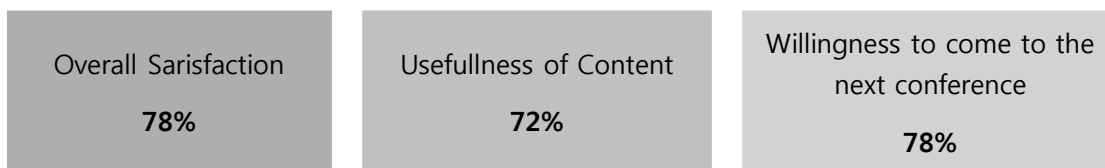
History

The ISSM is going through various trial in search for the best way to serve its role as a place to knowledge share and advancement. Many notable names such as Nina Simon, the director of Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History, and Arthur Moella, the president of Lemelson center (Smithsonian Institute) and many more has honored our symposium in past years.

No.	Date	Theme	Attendant	Main Development
1	2011 Sept. 27~29	Inspire Creativity	100 12 Nations	-First general science museum symposium in the Republic of Korea
2	2012 Sept. 20~21	New Horizon for Science and Creativity in the Science Museum Field	248 7 Nations	-Hosted at a different region to widen the access
3	2013 Oct. 30~31	What we want to be: Future Science Museum	147 9 Nations	-1 st Republic of Korea-China-Japan science museum meeting
4	2014 Nov. 7~8	Dialogue between Science and Public	530	-Inclusion of related academic society(natural history etc.) in the oral presentation session for promotional and diversification purpose
5	2015 Oct. 22~23	The Spread of Scientific Culture based on Imagination and Creativity	630 12 Nations	-Declaration of Korean Science Museum Development Vision (64 CEOs from federal, public and private science museums, and related institutions)
6	2016 Oct. 6~7	Social Responsibility of Science Museums	814 15 Nations	-Formed the conference organizing committee of 5 National Science Museums to better represent collective demands and concern
7	2017 Nov. 9~10	Art in Science Museum	586 11 Nations	-The oral presentation program Science museum/center -Diversification of program: special workshop on human evolution, CEO Forum, Student poster presentation
8	2018 Nov. 8~9	Science Museum in 4 th Industrial Revolution	699 16 Nations	-First Fellowship program targeted to neighboring developing nations -Expending to include workshop and tour sections

Attendant Satisfaction Survey

ISSM has been successful in representing our concern and satisfying the need according to the survey data.



The average survey data collected from 2014 to 2017

ABOUT the NATIONAL SCIENCE MUSEUM

The NSM was established in Seoul, 1945 and, in 1990, moved to Daejeon, the center of research on science and technology in Korea. It welcomes more than 152 million visitors every year. It is a key institution in public engagement of science under the Ministry of Science and ICT. Our 238 staffs and 1,119,157 collections are working hard to meet the demand of public.

The missions of the NSM are as follows: i) the NSM collects, preserve, displays, and studies the objects of science, technology, industry, and natural history; ii) the NSM performs informal science education for adults and students who have the passion and potentials on science and technology.

The NSM has six major exhibition halls, planetarium, and several exhibiting facilities (exhibition space: 42,752 m²). Six major exhibition halls are as follows: the Permanent Exhibition Hall displays objects of natural history, Korean traditional science and technology, basic science, and information & communication technology; the Kkum-aty Hall is children's playground for science education; the Planetarium; the Special Exhibition Hall hosts temporary exhibitions and nation-wide events on science and technology; the Science Alive Discovery Center displays interactive items on science; and the soon-to-be-open Advanced Science and Technology Center will displays the fruits of Korean Science. Planetarium has 184 seats and a large dome screen with its diameter of 23m. One of the exhibiting facilities is the maglev train, which is a result of national R&D project.

The President of the NSM is the chair of the Korea Science Center and Museum Association (KSCMA), which is a consultative body of 113 science museums and science centers in Republic of Korea. KSCMA implements reciprocal projects and programs such as developing displays, fostering museum specialists, etc.