

## Obituary for Ralf Čeplak Mencin, Governing Board Member of the IJH

The *International Journal of Intangible Heritage* (IJH) is deeply saddened to share news of the passing of Ralf Čeplak Mencin, a member of the Journal's Governing Board. He passed away on 10 March 2026 in Ljubljana, Slovenia, surrounded by his family.

Since joining the Governing Board of the IJH in 2021, he has made valuable contributions to the development of the journal and to the promotion of international scholarly exchange. His professional insight, dedication, and warm spirit left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of working with him.

Over more than four decades, he devoted himself to the fields of cultural heritage and museums. He served as a curator at the Slovenian Ethnographic Museum (SEM) and held numerous leadership roles, including President of the Association of Museums of Slovenia, President of ICOM Slovenia, and member of the Executive Committee of ICOM Europe. From 2019 to 2025, he also served two terms as Chair of ICOM/ICME, where he made significant contributions to the international museum community.

The IJH expresses its deepest condolences and will remember with gratitude his dedication and lasting contributions.