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WASHINGTON, D.C. September 14, 1965. More than 500 museum directors and curators from 60 nations are expected to arrive in Washington this week, it was estimated today by John Walker, Director of the National Gallery of Art.

Mr. Walker is Washington program committee chairman for the International Council of Museums (ICOM), which is holding its first meeting outside Europe. The organization was formed in 1946.

The conference program includes working sessions at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City and sightseeing trips to Washington and Philadelphia.

In Washington, the delegates will visit The White House, Dumbarton Oaks, Hillwood, Woodlawn Plantation, Mount Vernon, the National Geographic Society and the National Gallery.

During their National Gallery visit, a first day stamp honoring the important American painter John Singleton Copley will be issued. The delegates also will view a large collection of Copley's work on temporary display.

Honorary Chairman for the U. S. conference is Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson.

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