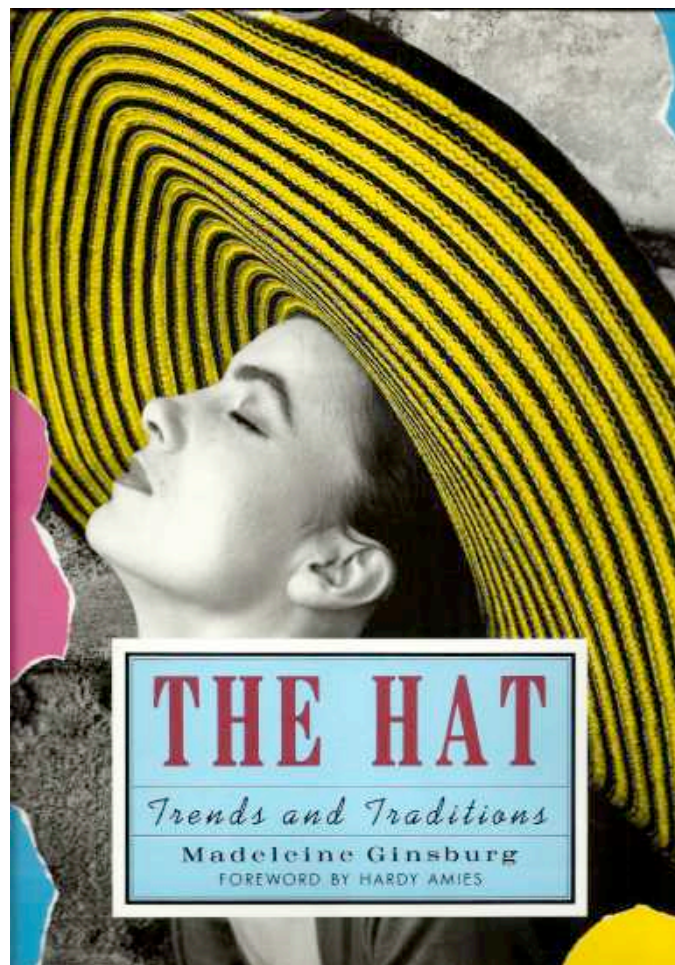


Corinne Thépaut-Cabasset
ICOM Costume Chair,
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Dear ICOM Costume Friends and Members,

The Committee is very sad to announce the passing of our friend and colleague Madeleine Ginsburg (1928-2020), costume historian and former curator of dress at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

Born in 1928, she became the first specialist curator of dress at the V&A. From 1957 until her retirement in 1988 she played a key role in the development of the V&A's now internationally renowned fashion collection. She was a founding member of the Costume Society in the UK, and a member of ICOM Costume. She lectured at the London College of Fashion, and at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. She edited or contributed to many books and catalogues about dress and fashion history. In *The Hat: Trends and Traditions* (1990), she explained that the head, as the "seat of intelligence", was a focal point for communication about status, religious affiliation and group identity. Headwear reflected the socio-cultural mood of the times.



Madeleine Ginsburg drew inspiration from Fashion illustration and fashion prints she collected, which links to the following announcement from the journal *INDUMENTA* published by the Museo del Traje in Madrid (Spain). Issue 03/2020 is available online with free access articles in pdf format.



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Ana Cabrera, Secretary of *Indumenta*, the museum del Traje Journal, is sending the link to the full issue, available at the Museo del Traje Madrid webpage:

<http://www.culturaydeporte.gob.es/mtraje/biblioteca/publicaciones/publicaciones-periodicas/indumenta/indumenta-3.html>

More news is posted on Costume mini site: <http://costume.mini.icom.museum/>

Please keep in touch, and take good care of yourself.

Kindly yours,

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