

April 27, 2017

Dear Members of the IUAES,

We are writing in regard to a vote to be taken at CASCA/IUAES 2017 in Ottawa regarding the approval of the eventual procedure for ratification of the Operational Guidelines and Rules and of the Constitution of WAU.

History behind the vote

- [A vote in September 2016](#) by the respective memberships of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) and the World Council of Anthropological Associations (WCAA) [agreed to the formation of the World Anthropological Union \(WAU\), with the IUAES and the WCAA becoming separate chambers of WAU.](#)
- [A WAU Constitution](#) was circulated at the time of the September 2016 vote.
- Operational Guidelines and Rules have now been drafted by [the interim WAU Steering Committee](#). This is a document intended to govern the everyday functioning of WAU, and intended also to be read alongside the WAU Constitution already seen by members before they voted for the formation of WAU.

Next steps

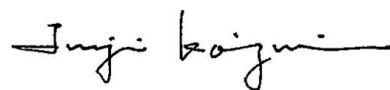
- [A full draft of the Operational Guidelines and Rules \(OGRs\)](#) will be circulated to all members before and again after the Ottawa Congress for open consultation;
- revision of this draft (and of the WAU Constitution) in response to members' proposals will be the responsibility of a Review Committee;
- the Review Committee will be open to all members to join;
- the OGRs and the WAU Constitution will be adopted upon recommendation of a two thirds majority of that Review Committee;
- Following the eventual approval of the final text of the Operational Guidelines by the Review Committee, the WAU Constitution and Operational Guidelines and Rules will both be considered fully ratified and will succeed the IUAES Statutes and WCAA Constitution.

The vote in Ottawa is to indicate formal agreement with the gradual and incremental process for consultation and eventual ratification of the Operational Guidelines and Rules and of the Constitution of WAU, as described above. Votes that are cast will be counted at the IUAES General Assembly / AGM to be held on 5th May 2017.

Sincerely, on behalf of the IUAES Executive Committee,



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IUAES President



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