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**Two alternative proposals regarding the IUAES-WCAA relationship**

Dear Colleagues — IUAES Members and WCAA Delegates:

During the 2013 IUAES World Congress in Manchester, an IUAES-WCAA Task Team was constituted to discuss the future relationship between the two organisations. The following year in Chiba City, at the jointly-organized IUAES Inter-Congress and JASCA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting, the IUAES and WCAA executives produced a Statement of Intention ("Working towards an IUAES-WCAA Alliance"), which both organisations endorsed.

Since the beginning of 2015, the IUAES-WCAA Task Team, comprising five members from each organisation, has intensified its work on devising a plan to strengthen cooperation between the two organizations. During the 2015 IUAES Inter-Congress in Bangkok, the Task Team's initial proposal generated a great deal of discussion within both organisations' executives, among WCAA delegates, at the IUAES General Assembly, and at an open session on IUAES-WCAA relations.

As a result of this discussion, the IUAES-WCAA executives decided that the members of the two organizations should be offered *two proposals*, reflecting substantially different models for cooperation.

In front of you now are two documents that present quite different arrangements for bringing the two organisations together. The first document, called "Memorandum of Agreement" (MoA), is an agreement to formalize the existing alliance between the two organizations. The second document, called "Memorandum of Understanding" (MoU), recommends creating an integrated organizational partnership with a bicameral structure. The latter is accompanied by a draft constitution for regulating the integrative principles and the functioning of the proposed World Anthropologies Organization, of which the IUAES and WCAA will remain intact as separate chambers.

The two documents have been approved by the WCAA and IUAES executives, and are now offered to you for discussion at the WCAA Biennial Meeting and the IUAES Inter-Congress in Dubrovnik on May 2-9. In the wake of the Inter-Congress, the proposals will be put to an electronic vote. The discussion will be open to suggestions on the contents of both proposals, including the name suggested for the new organisation described in the second document. We are looking forward to the discussion on the documents in Dubrovnik.

Sincerely,



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## **Memorandum of Agreement for Consolidating the Strategic Alliance between the WCAA and the IUAES**

### ***Preamble***

The International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences [IUAES] and the World Council of Anthropological Associations [WCAA], taking into account the many complementarities and synergies which potentially exist between their two bodies, and wishing to see the global anthropological community served through both organisations working at full potential, resolve the following memorandum of agreement.

- 1) The IUAES and the WCAA will continue to meet regularly in order to discuss projects and other matters of mutual benefit through the creation of a joint liaison committee which will have three representatives from both bodies. Each body will nominate their representative through their management or executive committee as they see fit. The committee will meet virtually or actually at least twice a year. An agenda will be circulated, and minutes will be kept of each formal meeting.
- 2) The IUAES/WCAA will move toward the creation of a single web-site, with separate sections for each body, but with a single landing page with both bodies' logos. The costs respecting this web-site will be shared proportionally.
- 3) Where appropriate, and where it may benefit anthropology globally, the IUAES/WCAA shall make collective representations to other national, regional or international bodies such as the United Nations, UNESCO, ISSC, ICSU and so on. However when appropriate they may make separate but related representations to add weight to the representation as coming from two rather than one organisation.
- 4) The two bodies will endeavour to assist each other in practical ways where possible. The WCAA will continue to offer panels at the IUAES conferences, and the IUAES will endeavour where practicable to facilitate the holding of WCAA biennial meetings to coincide with their conferences. This will include the IUAES lending support to the WCAA association delegates from developing countries to attend joint congresses.
- 5) In turn the WCAA will urge its members to encourage their own individual members to join the IUAES and will publicise IUAES events, upon request. Similarly, the IUAES will encourage anthropological associations to become members of the WCAA.
- 6) This agreement is not intended to compromise the independence of either body, and none of the articles in this memorandum are to be interpreted as being dominant over the decisions of the assembly of either.
- 7) The finances of the two bodies will be separately managed.
- 8) This agreement may be amended upon agreement of both sides. The agreement may be terminated by either side at its request if it is felt that it is no longer working to their benefit. However, before such a separation is undertaken, it must be discussed during at least one joint liaison committee meeting to see if resolution can be achieved, and the disagreement (or resolution) minuted in sufficient detail to provide clarity to which future discussions can refer back.

## **Memorandum of Understanding for a Bicameral Organisation with IUAES and WCAA Chambers**

### ***Preamble***

The International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences [IUAES] and the World Council of Anthropological Associations [WCAA], taking into account the many complementarities and synergies which exist between their two bodies and building on a strong track record of successful and ever expanding cooperation on many issues concerning international anthropologies over recent years, propose to form a single organisation with the following structure:

- 1) The IUAES and WCAA will nominate an equal number of representatives from their respective executives to form a joint steering committee (SC). This committee will be charged with coordinating a new joint organisation, to be known as the World Anthropologies Organisation (WAO).
- 2) The organisational structures and electoral procedures of the IUAES and WCAA will remain unchanged within two largely autonomous constituent chambers under a WAO umbrella. The two chambers will retain the names 'IUAES' and 'WCAA,' and the internal affairs of each chamber will be governed, as they presently are, by their respective executive/organising committees.
- 3) The role of the SC will be to coordinate the activities of the two chambers, as well as any decisions about matters of common interest and responsibility.
- 4) WAO will be a global voice of international anthropologies and ethnologies. International anthropologists' and ethnologists' views on matters of concern to the discipline will be articulated through a robust dual process of democratic representation: individual members voting within IUAES, and associations voting (through their elected delegates) within the WCAA council.
- 5) As two chambers of a single organisation, WCAA and IUAES will be fully committed to mutual support:
  - a. The WCAA will launch a worldwide membership drive, urging all individual members of its more than 50 member associations across the world to become individual members of the IUAES, and will facilitate this by setting up systems to make the process as easy and attractive as possible. WCAA will also globally publicize and promote IUAES events.
  - b. IUAES will in turn work with organisers of all its Congresses to provide a meeting space for the delegates of the member associations of the WCAA council to hold their biennial elective meetings, and will work with external funders to contribute toward travel costs for such WCAA association delegates from developing countries as would otherwise be excluded from democratic participation in these meetings due to a genuine lack of access to other funding. The IUAES will also assist in recruiting member associations to become WCAA members.
- 6) WAO will create a single website with a single landing page that includes both the IUAES and the WCAA logos and readily enables one to enter each of two clearly

distinct and separate but interlinked sections, one for each chamber. The costs for this website will be shared proportionally.

- 7) WAO will, when appropriate, make representations to other national or international bodies such as the United Nations, the European Union, MERCOSUL, the African Union, ASEAN, the OECD and so on. When otherwise appropriate, however, each chamber will make its own representations.
- 8) Under the WAO umbrella, the IUAES and WCAA will have a single joint membership in ISSC, ICSU and possibly (in future) CIPSH rather than both paying costly membership fees.
- 9) The proposal to establish WAO is not intended to compromise the independence of either the IUAES or WCAA, and none of the articles in the proposed draft constitution (attached) is to be interpreted as permitting dominance by WAO or its SC over decisions by either the IUAES or the WCAA assembly.
- 10) The finances of the two bodies will be separately managed by IUAES and WCAA treasurers within a coordinated financial framework that incrementally enables ever closer integration. Coordination will be performed by a WAO Financial Coordinator appointed by and answering to the SC.
- 11) WAO's proposed constitution provides for WAO's dissolution if there is seventy-five percent majority support for such dissolution in the supreme decision making body of the IUAES or WCAA chamber.

The DRAFT constitution of WAO, the proposed bicameral joint organization, may be found at the following links: [http://www.iaes.org/downloads/WAO\\_draft\\_constitution.pdf](http://www.iaes.org/downloads/WAO_draft_constitution.pdf) and [www.wcaanet.org/downloads/WAO\\_draft\\_constitution.pdf](http://www.wcaanet.org/downloads/WAO_draft_constitution.pdf).