

***Nominations and voting for membership of the new Executive Committee
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Raising a Voice

Recent events across the world have not raised hope that liberal voices and sane perspectives are going to be heard in what we may truly look upon as dark times. In Bangladesh and India, voices of sanity have been silenced by violence. Yet another terrifying gun violence in a school in the USA has brought the stark reality of a divided and unequal society to the forefront, where frustrations and insanity can find an easy outlet by simply shooting at innocent children and adults, and where the Head of the state can only find a solution in giving out more arms to more people. One can imagine what education would be reduced to when both teachers and students come to school armed to the teeth! With continued violence in the Middle East and political and economic turbulence in many parts of the world, streams of human bodies are crossing over borders, in vain attempts at survival. Quite often they are met with violence and rejection in the very places where they are fleeing for refuge.

The relevance of the social sciences and humanities, the significance of bonding together to fight this evil, the relevance of understanding others and creating platforms of negotiation based on shared comprehension, is more than ever the need of the day. As we converse with each other, it is necessary to realize that this conversation must become more and more inclusive and more and more extended. With this view in mind, more and more academic bodies are merging with each other to strengthen the voice of scholars and specialists; to gain more groundings for their priorities and pursuits.

Gains

The International Social Science Council (ISSC) merged with the International Council for Science (ICSU) at their General Assembly and the Joint ICSU-ISSC Meeting, held in Taipei, from 23-26th October, 2017. Anthropologists were well represented with IUAES Secretary-General Junji Koizumi and Senior Vice-President Thomas Reuter in the Transition Task Force and ISSC executive, respectively. The new organization is named the International Science Council (ISC). The founding General Assembly of ISC will be held in Paris from 3-5th July 2018, and new executives will be elected there by the vote of members. It is hoped that there will be greater exposure of the social sciences including anthropology and renewed energization of interdisciplinary research involving the social and the physical sciences. Ensuring that this will be indeed the case will require our ongoing attention and lobbying.

The ratification procedure for bringing together the IUAES and WCAA in a bicameral structure and forming a new organization, World Anthropological Union (WAU), was approved by a 2/3rd majority vote at the IUAES General assembly held on the 5th of May, 2017, in Ottawa, Canada. Based on this decision, the Review Committee for the Operational Guidelines and Rules (OGRs) and the WAU Constitution was formed and called for comments from general IUAES members. The completion of the review of the OGRs and the WAU Constitution was announced on 29th November 2017. The OGRs and the Constitution are now fully in effect and succeed the former IUAES Statutes and the WCAA Constitution. The new logo of this new and dynamic organization, bringing together nearly all anthropologists across the world under one umbrella, is being finalized with the collective efforts of the present IUAES's Executive Committee members, the WCAA's Organizing Committee members and Ms. Rita Reuter as the designer.

All information concerning the integration of IUAES and WCAA and the formation of WAU is given in the seven letters at the bottom section of the "Statements" page of the IUAES website. The section is titled "Letters to Members concerning the formation of the WAU (World Anthropological Union) with the WCAA".

The final report on the IUAES Inter-Congress 2017 in Ottawa was received from Scott Simon, who reported that 800 people attended the congress. However, there were actually 960 registered delegates from 50 countries, including 126 French speaking Canadians, 287 English speaking Canadians, and 547 foreign participants. This congress was marked by the presence of members of local First Nations, Metis and Inuit communities as well as University of Ottawa students.



Another interesting event was the flagship conference under the Estonian presidency of the EU Council, organized by the Ministry of Environment of Estonia and the University of Tallinn, from 24-26th October 2017. The theme of the conference was "Nature-based Solutions: From Innovation to Common-use".

The publication of the 6th issue of *Déjà Lu* was announced by the WCAA in early March 2018. It can be viewed on the WCAA website and has 46 articles from anthropological journals from around the world.

IUAES Secretary-General, Junji Koizumi, announced the final agreement with ABA (Brazilian Association of Anthropology), reflected in its signing of an MOU with IUAES for the World Congress to be held in Florianópolis, in July 2018.

By the end of February, Miriam Pillar Grossi, IUAES Vice President and the organizer of the World Congress, reported that 1,000 persons had already registered for this event. The latest count is 2,567 registrants from 89 countries. We are sure to have a dynamic and productive congress.

Up Coming Events



The most awaited [18th World Congress of the IUAES](#) is all set to be held in Florianópolis, Brazil, at the Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC). The theme of the Congress is: **World (of) Encounters: The Past, Present and Future of Anthropological Knowledge**. The deadline for submission of abstracts was extended to 25th March, and we hope that many more people could have submitted their paper abstracts by then.

This Congress is marked by its [pre- and post-Congress events](#) that promise to extend the conversations generated during the congress more extensively and include many more participants.

The next very important event coming up is [the ISSC World Social Science Forum](#), to be held from September 25-28th, 2018, in Fukuoka, Japan. The theme of this important conference is **Security and Equality for Sustainable Futures**.



On behalf of the World Anthropological Union (IUAES and WCAA) a panel entitled “Universal Security, Multiple Pathways: Critical Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Human Security” will take place in Fukuoka. This panel will be convened by IUAES Senior Vice-President, Thomas Reuter, and it is hoped that many members of the organization will be present to make an impact. The Chair of the Council of Commission, Heather O’Leary sent out this information to all Commission leaders to encourage participation in the ISSC event.

Junji Koizumi communicated that The National Museum of Ethnology in Osaka and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) are going to hold a forum in Washington D.C (USA) in collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution. The JSPS has requested co-sponsorship of the event from IUAES and WCAA. This sponsorship, without any financial obligation, will involve the use of the logos of the two organizations. The theme of the Forum, to be held on the 15th of June 2018, is “Memory-Museum”. This request was fully supported by all members of the EC as a step towards outreach and publicity by the IUAES, WCAA and WAU.

Commission News

The Executive of the IUAES formally approved the establishment of a Commission on the Anthropology of Sports, submitted by Luiz Fernando Rojo of Federal Fluminense University of Brazil. We hope to see this Commission flourish in the upcoming Congress at Brazil.

The Commission on the Anthropology of Middle East had sent in their report about their annual conference held from August 10-12, 2017. This was held in collaboration with the Institute of Ethnology and Culture, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland. The theme of the congress was, "Continuity and Change: Diaspora, Religion, Kinship, Food, Art and Architecture" and it attracted 40 presentations from 17 countries.

Marzieh Kaivanara also sent out appeals on behalf of the Commission on the Anthropology of Middle East for members to both submit panels and also papers for the 18th World Congress.

The chair of the Commission on Theoretical Anthropology, Petr Skalnik, sent out a circular to all IUAES members to formally register as COTA members, if they so wished. He also included a call for submission of panels to the 18th Congress.

Other Commissions too have made their efforts and we have several panels from most Commissions.

Some Important Information

With the collective efforts of the EC members, the IUAES Treasurer, Andrew Mugsy Spiegel drafted [a letter for anthropologists and ethnologists worldwide](#) under the heading of the IUAES chamber of the World Anthropological Union (WAU) with the revised payment rates for members:

<£ 20, 000 per annum income - £15

>or = £ 20,000 per annum income - £40

Life Membership in any category - £1000

[Corporate membership fee rates](#) have also been revised.

Next Inter-Congress

Michal Buchowski, former Chair of the WCAA and currently President of Polish Ethnological Society sent a formal letter of proposal for holding the next Inter-Congress in Poznan, Poland, in August 2019. His proposal has been unanimously accepted and the Inter-Congress in 2019 will see us all in Poland.

There are other proposals, including a proposal from Africa, expressing strong interest in the possibility of holding an Inter-Congress after 2019.

Loss

Communication was received from Luiz Oosterbeek, Secretary-General of [CIPSH, the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences](#), about the passing away on the 4th of December, 2017, of Jean d'Ormesson, former President (1992-1997) of CIPSH. He was also the Deputy Secretary General (1952-71) and Secretary-General (1971-92) of CIPSH; having served the organization for most of his career. He was a distinguished philosopher and writer, and a member of the French Academy.

Nominations and voting for membership of the new Executive Committee

As we all know the present executive is coming to the end of its term in Florianópolis in July, and the IUAES Nominations Committee (Faye Harrison, Thomas Reuter, Andrew Mugsy Spiegel, Petr Skalnik and Buddhadeb Chaudhuri) is now calling nominations for election to its IUAES Executive Committee. The call and the nomination form is [here](#). This is to permit elections to be conducted electronically during a 30-day voting period in May-June and so that all signed up and paid up IUAES members are able to vote. The call will be for nominations to the offices of President; Secretary-General; Treasurer; Senior Vice President; and up to four (4) Vice Presidents. The deadline for submission of nominations is 20 April 2018. All IUAES members are strongly encouraged to nominate those they believe will best serve the IUAES (or to seek nomination for themselves).

[The Constitution](#) and [Operational Guidelines and Rules \(OGRs\)](#) require

1. The outgoing EC to re-elect, if deemed appropriate to ensure continuity, and for no more than one further term, one or both of the two Vice Presidents who were first elected at the time of the previous IUAES World Congress and who have served just one term as Vice-President;
2. The outgoing EC to form a Nominations Committee (members who are not standing for election or re-election) to ensure that there are candidates for all EC positions that must be filled through general election by members; and
3. That elections must be held “over a 30-day voting period, commencing no less than 60 days and no more than 90 days prior to the first IUAES General Assembly meeting” at the IUAES World Congress.

Please can all those who wish to be able to participate in this process ensure that they have paid their IUAES membership fee and to have done so before the end of April 2018.

Subhadra Channa, Editor



This is the last Newsletter going out from the present EC, to the members of the IUAES. I wish to thank all members of the EC who have helped me bring out the Newsletter, putting in their efforts and suggestions willingly and generously. My special appreciation is as always for Secretary-General Junji Koizumi. He has been enhancing the Newsletter with his excellent photographs and making the final product worthy of presentation.