



**Interim WCAA Delegates Meeting, Minneapolis, USA**  
**Friday, 18th November 2016**  
**Hilton, Room: Marquette I (3:30 to 5:30 pm)**

**Chaired by: Chandana Mathur**  
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- **Introductions**

- The Chair (Chandana Mathur) welcomed the delegates to the interim WCAA meeting and asked those present to introduce themselves and the organizations they were representing.

- **Treasurer's update**

- **David Shankland:** Reported that currently the WCAA has £9,000 (about US\$12,000). He thanked Leslie Aiello, the outgoing President of Wenner Gren for continued support.
- Leslie Aiello indicated that the WCAA could apply for funds for specific activities, particularly for conferences and workshops, but not for general support.
- It was noted with gratitude that Gordon Matthews has donated US\$20,000 towards the biennial meeting in Brazil.
- David pointed out that delegates had voted for a union between WCAA and IUAES. He noted that this would have financial implications. The final picture would only emerge once the relationship between WCAA and IUAES is further discussed by the interim steering committee.

- **New members**

- The Nordic Association of Film Anthropology has requested to become a WCAA member. WCAA members will be soon be asked to vote on this.

- **Deja Lu and Spanish language website forum**

- **Gordon Matthews:** Reported that the Deja Lu project has been going for 5 years. Deja Lu receives papers selected by Editors of the various Anthropology journals for publication. Although Deja Lu has grown over the last 5 years, it does not receive enough articles from Africa and Asia. The delegates were requested to follow up with the various Editors of Anthropology journals and encourage them to submit the best of their journal's articles to Deja Lu.
- **Chandana:** Reported that the language diversity working group recommended that a website forum should be established where articles in different languages can be published. In the first 6 months, this forum has been hosting information/papers in the Spanish language. The delegates were requested to popularize the website forum by informing the members of their associations.

- **Newsletter**
  - Carmen Rial who has been the editor of the Newsletter has stepped down from that role. The Newsletter will now be coordinated/edited by Lorne Holyoak who previously worked with Carmen Rial. Carmen was thanked for initiating the project and her excellent work as editor.
  
- **Solidarity initiatives**
  - Delegates were informed that the Iranian-Canadian anthropologist Professor Homa Hoodfar was finally released by the Iranian government. The efforts by the WCAA were much appreciated and hopefully helpful.
  - The Polish Ethnological Society are organizing a Convention in November 2016 to speak out against the rise of xenophobia following the refugee crisis. The WCAA has sent in a solidarity statement.
  - *Antonio Carlos De Souza Lima*: WCAA also intervened in the case involving ABA which has been targeted by Brazilian government because of its support for indigenous communities. It is, however, uncertain what is likely to happen going into the future as Brazil is going through a difficult political phase. Further action by WCAA will have to wait until the political uncertainty clears.
  
- **Updates from Task Forces**
  - **Ethics Task Force**
    - The new Task Force Chair Rosita Henry has begun work on re-energising the Task Force by drafting its Terms of Reference to initiate discussion about its agenda for the next four years.
    - Delegates were informed that Task Force member Miriam Grossi in Brazil is comparing the ethical codes that the Ethics Task Force has compiled from different WCAA member associations. This is a valuable project that could help us understand how ethical issues are understood/applied in different parts of the world.
    - Chandana Mathur, Faye Harrison (IUAES President) and Rosita Henry (Ethics Task Force Chair) are together organizing a panel at the IUAES Inter-Congress in Ottawa on ethics and dangerous fieldwork.
  
  - **Advocacy and Outreach Activities Task Force**
    - This Task Force is co-chaired by Thomas Hylland Eriksen and Virginia Dominguez. The Task Force is focusing on anthropology in non-university education. They are also considering what might be done regarding broader public communication.
    - Anthropologists without Borders (ASF – Anthropologos Sem Fronteiras): There was some discussion about the fact that the ASF's work has not properly begun, despite the setting up of branches in Brazil, the US and India. Virginia Dominguez reported on her meeting with the Board of ASF US. They have decided not merely to wait until an appropriate group contacts them for assistance, but to actively set themselves an agenda. In the

immediate future, they have resolved to consider issues of immigration with an initial focus on the US but may expand to cover other countries/regions.

- Global Cultural Policies Task Force

The Task Force Chair (and former WCAA Chair) Vesna Vucinic sent in the following report:

The Global Cultural Policies Task Force has been established at the WCAA Biennial Meeting in Dubrovnik. Its aim is to define a framework for studying how different policies affect intercultural relations within nation states and regions with ethnic and/or religious diversity around the world. The task force is still in its formative period, thus further information about developing its agenda will be given in due time.

### **Global Survey of Anthropological Practice (GSAP)**

The gathering together reviewed in detail the survey instrument for the GSAP and made comments. These comments were noted, but delegates were asked to further review the document and share with Greg Acciaioli any comments they might have via email.

### **'Anthropological Fieldwork and Risk in a Violent World' initiative**

Following on from the joint WCAA-IUAES open forum on this subject in Dubrovnik, it has been resolved to advance this conversation by organizing a panel on the ethical dimensions of this issue at the Ottawa IUAES Inter-Congress (details as above).

### **WCAA-IUAES partnership**

The Chair noted that WCAA member associations (and IUAES members) had voted that WCAA and IUAES should come together to form a bicameral organization with separate WCAA and IUAES chambers. This bicameral organization is likely to be called the World Anthropological Union (WAU). An interim Steering Committee is currently being formed, comprising members of the WCAA Organizing Committee and the IUAES Executive Committee, which will begin the work of carrying out this mandate.

### **Any other business**

*Ellen Judd:* Mentioned the WCAA Advisory Board discussion on what might be done regarding issues of nationalist and nativist assertion in many parts of the world as a result of contemporary immigration/refugee crises. As a first step, Mugsy Spiegel is putting together an abstract for a roundtable at the Ottawa IUAES conference on 'Resurgent racism, ethno-nationalism and xenophobia in a world of mo(u)vement: The global rise of populist politics and its challenges for world anthropologies'.

Ellen and Mugsy will serve as the point persons for a new WCAA-IUAES grouping (Task Force? Or Commission?) that might grow out of this.