WORKING TOWARDS AN IUAES-WCAA ALLIANCE

Statement of intention, May/June 2014

Following a joint meeting of the IUAES Executive Committee (EC) and the WCAA Organizing Committee (OC) at the IUAES World Congress in Manchester in August 2013 and two further such meetings at the IUAES Inter-Congress in Chiba City, Japan, in May 2014, the two committees have reached the following in-principle agreement:

The WCAA and the IUAES, in view of their shared commitment to serve the world community of anthropologists, agree to work toward forming an ongoing alliance. The alliance is expected to produce practical benefits for anthropologists and anthropologies worldwide. It is made possible by the fact that both organisations share and have demonstrated a fundamental commitment to working, over the long term, in accordance with the principles of inclusiveness, participation, equality and diversity – with regard to anthropological associations and to individual anthropologists respectively.

A joint working committee, comprising members of the IUAES EC and the WCAA OC, has been established to formulate a modus operandi for an alliance of the two organisations and to move towards a possible agreement in a timely manner. It will propose alternatives for discussion in time for the WCAA biennial meeting in Taiwan in October 2014. Regular updates will be provided to the membership of both organisations, both by email and at meetings – for IUAES we expect general discussion at the planned intercongress in Thailand in July 2015. The working committee will also report regularly to the IUAES EC and the WCAA OC for them to review progress and to respond to recommendations which can then be voted on by the membership of both organisations, as required by their respective constitutions.