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Dear Thomas,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of the World Council of Anthropological Association, international delegates and all member organizations, I would like to thank you for your enormous contribution to the establishment, development and success of the project called 'WCAA'. You were one of the founders of this unique initiative in Recife (Brazil) in 2004. Since then you have actively participated in several meetings and various undertakings of WCAA, and latterly you took over the function of the Chair of the Council, until April this year. We all know how much time this function demands, and can only guess at the energy you have invested in strengthening the organization, expanding its membership and making it recognizable for anthropologists worldwide. The membership has been constantly growing, reaching more than forty national and regional anthropological and ethnological organizations; and this momentum still continues. You have served the community not only with your organizational skills, but also by offering it your passion for anthropology, empathy for people, sympathy with the weak, critique of all forms of injustice and inequalities. You have constantly offered an inspiring vision as well as rational and pragmatic solutions in solving problems or tackling the issues. In all your dealings, you have acted in a polite and conciliatory, but at the same time, resolute manner. Be sure that the legacy you bequeathed will be a legacy that we would all like to continue by all possible means. But it will be a hard task to live up to the high standards you have established.

Thank you once again and I hope you will be able to move successfully forward with your plans for the future.

All the best,

*Michał Buchowski*