



WCAA delegates meeting 2015, Bangkok @ IUAES Inter-Congress

Minutes prepared by WCAA Deputy Chair Chandana Mathur.

The meeting was chaired by WCAA Chair Vesna Vucinic.

Delegates attending:

Michael Goldsmith (New Zealand)
Mugsy Spiegel (ASnA; WCAA Advisory Board member)
Gordon Mathews (WCAA OrgComm; HKAS)
Junji Koizumi (IUAES; WCAA Advisory Board member)
Faye Harrison (IUAES)
Yasumasa Sekine (JASCA)
David Shankland (RAI; WCAA OrgComm)
Michal Buchowski (PTL-PES)
Edmund 'Ted' Hamann (AAA)
Andrei Golovnev (AAER, Russia)
Zhang Jijiao (IUAES, China)
Soumendra Patnaik (IAA; WCAA OrgComm)
Maria Mangahas (UGAT, Philippines)
Sasa Missoni (HAD, Zagreb, Croatia)
Greg Acciaioli (WCAA OrgComm; AAS, Perth, Australia)
Carmen Rial (WCAA OrgComm; ABA)
Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic (WCAA Chair; InASEA)
Chandana Mathur (WCAA Deputy Chair; AAI)

Chair's Report

Report by Vesna Vucinic

Since the WCAA Biennial Meeting in Taipei (October 1-2), after which the new Organizing Committee was constituted, the following activities were pursued and implemented:

1. Initial conceptualization of the "Global Survey of Anthropological Practice" Project, which assumes planning its overall purpose, content and schedule, as well as its first phase of implementation (to be rounded by the next Biennial Meeting at the IUAES Inter-Congress in Dubrovnik, 4-9 May 2016). The Project task group includes Greg Acciaioli, Lorne Holoyak, Chandana Mathur and Vesna Vucinic. Once the major themes for the WCAA Panel related to the Project are defined, a call for papers will be sent to the WCAA delegates to submit their proposals.
2. Intense discussions within the WCAA-IUAES Task Group on future relations have been taking place through Skype meetings and e-mail exchange. A draft constitution of the merged/unified organization was produced in order to be discussed at the executives meetings in Bangkok. (further details may be found in the Report below).

3. Wenner-Gren extended the use of the last instalment for seed funding grant for 2015 till the end of 2016. Org Comm has also started to look for new funding opportunities for the period to come. Call for this year's voluntary associations' contributions will be sent out soon.
4. Organizing WCAA panels at different international conferences. In the first half of 2015, WCAA panels were organized at four conferences in different world regions, namely at the AAI Conference in Cork, Ireland, at the CASCA meeting in Quebec City, Canada, at the SIEF Conference in Zagreb, Croatia, and at the IUAES Inter-Congress in Bangkok, Thailand. WCAA will organize two more events until the end of the year, namely at the AAA meeting in Denver, USA, and the RAM meeting in Montevideo, Uruguay.
5. Continuing to issue public statements to support anthropological associations, institutions and programs whose existence is at stake. This WCAA Organizing Committee has so far issued: the WCAA Statement on Ebola, a Letter to AQA Exam Board supporting the continuation of A-levels in the UK, an endorsement letter for the Brief for the UN Global Sustainable Development Report, written by Hans Baer and Thomas Reuter (University of Melbourne) entitled "Anthropological Perspectives on Climate Change and Sustainability: Implications for Policy and Action", and a letter to the House of Representatives against the US Congress Bill cutting NSF funding for social sciences, including anthropology.
6. Intensifying communication among member associations by introducing WCAA Newsletter. Carmen Rial and Lorne Holyoak will collect and publish news from member associations in the WCAA Newsletter that will come out on quarterly basis.
7. Expanding the WCAA network to increase the number of member associations from insufficiently represented regions, such as Africa, Asia, and Latin America. With the assistance of other Organizing Committee members, Soumendra Patnaik is systematically mapping the existing non-member associations and inviting them to join the WCAA community.

Global Survey of Anthropological Practice (GSAP)

Report by Greg Acciaioli

- A. Introduction to initiate this project given to delegates at WCAA biennial business meeting at Academia Sinica, Taiwan, 1-2 10 2014
- B. Executive committee discussions concerning GSAP 11/14 – 3/15
Formation of a WCAA task team to progress GSAP
Vesna Vucinic
Chandana Mathur
Lorne Holyoak
Greg Acciaioli
- C. Responses to request for EXISTING data from associations relevant to GSAP drafted by WCAA secretary and sent by WCAA Chair, 31 03 2015:
AAA (USA): List of surveys conducted of primary data and secondary data available on topics such as employment patterns, departmental service programs, labour statistics, as well as links to relevant US government statistics and Linked In summaries employment patterns; request sent to obtain actual survey reports,
AAI (Ireland): Previous survey of members (18 respondents of 65 members at the time)

ABA (Brazil): Description of country practice survey being undertaken (Project proposal only available in Portuguese: FORMAÇÃO, PESQUISA E INSERÇÃO PROFISSIONAL NO CAMPO DA ANTROPOLOGIA: Anteprojeto de pesquisa)

AFA (France) & RAI (UK): PDF of Contents and Introduction for *Anthropology at the Crossroads: the View from France* (Sophie Chevalier, editor)

CWA (AAA, USA): Bibliography on World Anthropologies

DGV/GAA (Germany): List of surveys done by universities of their anthropology graduates, bibliography of professional orientations and trajectories in anthropology, overview of the current situation of academic anthropology in Germany (all in German), with links to each

InASEA (SE Europe): PDF file of *Ethnologica Balkana 17 (Changing Paradigms: The State of the Ethnological Sciences in Southeast Europe*, ed. Klaus Roth)

ISItA (Italy) PDF file of 'Anthropology and Ethnology in Italy: A Preliminary Report' (Pier Paolo Viazzo)

TAA (Tunisia) Brief general information about the state of Anthropology in Tunisia

D. WCAA-sponsored discussion panel at CASCA entitled 'The Global Practice of Anthropology', involving Lorne Holyoak (WCAA secretary Noel Salazar, Noel Dyck (Simon Fraser U), Deirdre Meintel (U Montreal), Marie-Francoise Guedon (U Ottawa) and Monica Heller (AAA President). It was well attended with lively discussion. The discussion was based on the primary orienting question, 'What is your experience in anthropology globally, and how is that experience reflected in your own practice?' and the following subsidiary framing questions:

1. Is it useful to distinguish between a global anthropology (ethnographic topics/objectives) and world anthropology (a plurality of traditions). If yes, in what way is it useful and can we reconcile the two ideas, or is global anthropology inherently hegemonic in nature.
2. Is there another way to conceptualize a global anthropology that would relieve the tension between a global conception and local traditions?
3. What is the most exciting new direction or influence that is emerging in the global practice of anthropology? Is it linked to a particular tradition?
4. If you were asked to give advice to a new scholar about the expanding globalization of anthropology, how would you suggest that they engage with it productively while still maintaining plurality?
5. Do you perceive a neglected or unheralded element in the plurality of world anthropologies that is deserving of greater attention?
6. Have you seen a shift in how funding opportunities have pushed a global perspective in anthropology?

E. Funding inquiries
Following on from an initial inquiry by the OrgComm, Chandana Mathur met Leslie Aiello to discuss the possibility of Wenner-Gren funding this project, primarily conference costs for presentation of findings from member WCAA associations. All such conferences already covered by recurrent grant from Wenner-Gren, so no further funds would be given for the projected meeting. Difficulties in scheduling a meeting with Ford Foundation in NYC to discuss WCAA and this project.

F. Future Steps

- 1) Preparation of a preliminary survey, dissemination to member associations and collation of preliminary results as orientation to step 2). Coverage should attempt to encompass educational, research, museological and applied activities
- 2) Symposium in Dubrovnik (As a separate meeting? As a panel stream within the IUAES intercongress?) with presentations on particular institutional and labour histories of the

- discipline to contextualise survey findings, and also a discussion of appropriate (and hopefully cost neutral) further information gathering within associations.
- 3) Collation of these findings and preparation of preliminary report(s).
 - 4) Presentation of final papers in Brazil. Given the number of associations, there may be a need for clustering analysis of results according to shared regional identity or shared experiences of geo-politics and empire or other kinds of linkage. The issue of whether we should proceed from step 3) directly to step 5) or use Brazil for refinement of papers (as opposed to other sorts of panels) is still an open one.
 - 5) Publication (Online only? In hard copy too?) of this research done by the WCAA in its capacity as a global research network.

G Urgent Problems and Needs

Delimitation of feasible scope: e.g. can we cover such topics as non-university education contexts of Anthropology?

What type of funding agencies would be interested in providing funds to help finance this project?

GSAP team member to be recruited from member associations with survey and statistical expertise to analyse results of preliminary survey and final survey.

Additional Report by Chandana Mathur

This was concerned with the thinking that underlies the GSAP project.

Since it was founded 10 years ago, the WCAA has worked to foster communication between anthropologists in different world regions (through concrete projects such as *Deja Lu*) and to build a strong global voice for the discipline of anthropology (hence the commitment we bring to the unification discussion with IUAES). To do this effectively, it is essential to know about the true face of the discipline of anthropology today. Who are we as a profession? What are the institutional and political contexts within which we produce anthropological knowledge today? Evidence-based data on the current contours of the discipline at a global level is vital not only for the WCAA, but for all those engaged in the advancement of anthropology internationally.

WCAA is uniquely positioned to gather together this information, with a membership of nearly 50 national and international anthropological associations, all of whom collect some baseline data about the anthropologists who are their members. Now that it is a firmly established as a worldwide professional community, we intend to re-imagine it as a large-scale international research network and indeed as itself a research tool.

The Dubrovnik GSAP symposium will be an occasion for pooling and collating what is known about the anthropological profession in different parts of the world. WCAA delegates will present papers profiling the discipline within the jurisdiction of their associations. We anticipate much variance in what associations know about their members and we expect that the volume, texture and quality of this knowledge will be dramatically different for larger and smaller associations. e.g. ABA has undertaken detailed membership surveys that have resulted in significant publications, whereas some smaller associations may not have collected anything more systematic than simple database information, but may still be able to share more face-to-face and 'ethnographic' findings about the nature of their membership.

In discussions within the WCAA Organising Committee, it was felt that we should compile detailed data that can be further analysed later on, perhaps to help define the ways in which the discipline of anthropology can help address major global problems. It was also felt that ethnographic interviews should be part of the data gathering process. Finally, it may be necessary to use a

federated methodology rather than a one-size-fits-all questionnaire to be sent to all anthropological associations (both large and small).

Some of the panels suggested for the Dubrovnik GSAP symposium were as follows.

: on the range of applied anthropological work

: anthropology's interface with government (jointly with IUAES Public Policy Commission, Soumendra)

: the place of anthropology in pre-university education (jointly with IUAES Education Commission, David Shankland).

Discussion

Mugsy Spiegel pointed out that Gustavo Lins Ribeiro is currently co-editing the International Encyclopaedia of Anthropology and compiling entries related to world anthropologies, and also that Virginia Dominguez has been seeking contributions along these lines for the 'World Anthropology' section of the 'American Anthropologist'. He said that we should think about whether the Global Survey we had enthusiastically agreed to carry out in Taipei might end up duplicating these initiatives. Gordon Mathews responded that Gustavo's and Virginia's initiatives are focused on intellectual issues regarding anthropological trajectories in different locations, whereas the Global Survey is trying to gather concrete data about the actual dimensions of anthropological practice today.

Faye Harrison referred to Greg's appeal at the end of his presentation saying that we should try to involve colleagues who are quantitatively trained to help analyse our findings at the end. She said that we should be doing so from the stage of research design onwards, and we should seek out friendly peer review of our planned research from specialists early on in the process.

Ted Hamann wanted to know who would be counted as anthropologists for the purposes of the Global Survey. Will it be people with anthropology degrees? And if so, what degrees (i.e. only PhDs, or also those with undergraduate or MA qualifications?) Greg said that we would be surveying all those who are members of WCAA member associations. So it will be extended to people who regard themselves as anthropologists to the point that they go to the extent of joining an anthropological association. We can work in a question as to why individuals self-identify as anthropologists, given the diversity of our discipline and the variety of ways in which people are connected to it.

WCAA-IUAES Relationship

Report by Vesna Vucinic

Discussion about cooperation between the IUAES and the WCAA first occurred at the IUAES World Congress in Manchester 2013 and again at the 2014 Inter-Congress in Chiba City, where a joint statement was issued by the IUAES's EC and the WCAA's OC and circulated to all IUAES and WCAA members. In order to lead the discussion on future cooperation, the WCAA-IUAES Task Group was constituted in Manchester, and expanded in Chiba City and in its aftermath. At present, it comprises ten members, five from each organization, and is co-convened by Faye Harrison and Vesna Vucinic.

The developments in WCAA-IUAES cooperation have been discussed with the WCAA delegates at the Biennial Meeting in Taipei in October 2014, and summarized at the the WCAA Delegates Meeting in Chicago in November 2014.

Since the beginning of 2015, the WCAA-IUAES Task Group intensified its work on modes of future cooperation. Seven Skype-based meetings were held so far. Initially they revealed diversity of perspectives but this did not reflect any division between members of the IUAES's Executive Committee and members of the WCAA's Organising Committee. Rather they reflected differences emanating from participants' individual experiences and the associated concerns.

By the end of June 2015, an interim document called the Draft Constitution of the World Anthropology Union (WAU) was prepared for review of the executive committees of the two organizations, with the hope that their reactions will provide the groundwork for agreement on further steps.

This is a summary prepared by the Task Group to be presented to the WCAA delegates as well as the IUAES members at the IUAES Intercongress in Bangkok, however, slightly modified to accentuate the WCAA perspective.

Reasons for creating and consolidating an alliance:

- **to be able to present a unified face and voice of anthropology to the world at large,**
- **to enhance opportunities for new collaborations through incubating and promoting collaborative international projects in research, teaching, publication etc.,**
- **to expand the IUAES individual membership base and that of the IUAES Commissions,**
- **to enhance the capacity for international research networking at IUAES Congresses, Inter-Congresses and within the Commissions,**
- **to deepen the WCAA's focus on the world anthropologies project so as to enhance diversity and mutual recognition of the insights of various anthropologies,**
- **to ensure that diverse anthropological perspectives are recognised,**
- **to permit significant savings for both organisations.**

Potential risks to the WCAA that could possibly be experienced include:

- **Loss of identity of the WCAA**
 - o This risk is highly unlikely and can readily be avoided.
 - The WCAA structure and decision-making procedures would be kept intact.
 - The name would be retained for the WCAA 'chamber'.
- **Loss of autonomous control and autonomy over the WCAA's operational policy.**
 - o This risk is averted by a proposed organisational structure comprising two parallel chambers and a single umbrella structure. The WCAA chamber would, through the Delegates Meeting, have the sole authority over WCAA policy.
- **Loss of access to travel and accommodation resources** for delegates that lack the resources locally.

o Such support would be sought through applications for organizing workshops (at independent or alliance organized conferences), and project funding.

Brief summary of the draft constitution:

The draft constitution proposes the following:

- Two chambers allied with one another in a consolidated umbrella structure.
 - o The WCAA chamber will comprise the present WCAA structures.
 - o The IUAES chamber will comprise all of the present IUAES structures which include the Council of Commissions and the individual Commissions.
- As regards the umbrella structure into which the above two chambers are consolidated:
 - o Effectively it will be led by a steering committee comprising equal numbers of members from and elected by the WCAA's OC and IUAES' EC,
 - o It will represent the two chambers only where cooperative representation is in their mutual best interests; and
 - o It will not have authority to over-rule decisions by either chamber.
 - o A proposed name for the umbrella structure is World Anthropology Union (WAU) – but, as is the case for everything else, that is open for further discussion.

Plans for the future:

- So far, there have been ten rounds of revision of the preliminary draft constitution. The most recent version was sent by the task team to all members of the WCAA's OC and IUAES's EC for comments, suggestions and proposed revisions. At least one more round like that is expected. Thereafter, the draft will be made available to all WCAA and IUAES members for their comments, suggestions and proposed revisions.
- Ultimately, therefore, every WCAA delegate and every IUAES member will have a chance to express an opinion and, where that member deems it necessary, to suggest revisions to the task team. Thereafter, with EC and OC agreement, the proposal will be put to a vote by all members of both organisations.
- No defined timeline is set for this process, although our hope is that there will be sufficient clarity by the time of the WCAA Biennial Meeting and the IUAES 2016 Inter-Congress in Dubrovnik, to permit voting by all WCAA delegates and members of the IUAES soon thereafter. Ideally, a final decision should have been reached to permit the election process due to take place around the time of the 2018 World Congress in Florianópolis, Brazil, to be conducted in accordance with whatever decision has been taken.

Discussion

Vesna said that the draft Constitution document had been circulated to the entire WCAA OrgComm and there were no serious objections to it, but there had been some constructive feedback. Mainly the following:

- (i) It is too long. Carmen Rial had recommended a much shorter and far less detailed document all along. Lorne Holyoak had sent in some specific suggestions for reducing its length.
- (ii) David Shankland had raised a query about the proposed structure that places a financial coordinator above the two Treasurers. He observed that as a matter of proper process the WCAA Treasurer needs to be accountable to the WCAA and the IUAES Treasurer to the IUAES, so it is

problematic to place a financial coordinator in charge of both of them. Finances should either be separate in two distinct but allied organisations, or else unified in a single merged organisation.

Vesna ended by inviting input from WCAA delegates. Ted Hamann enquired about the relevant procedure for the approval of a WCAA-IUAES alliance -- whether it would be decided by majority vote or by consensus, and if the former, the exact threshold for determining a majority. Mugsy said this would depend on the two existing Constitutions, and is probably a matter of 2/3rds or else 60% majority. Michal asked if a physical meeting was required for the vote, and Vesna clarified that voting can take place electronically, if necessary.

That said, David noted that it was imperative to achieve consensus regarding this issue. There were genuine concerns expressed at that morning's meeting of the Heads of IUAES Commissions, which must be attended to. Thomas said that he agreed with this -- while the Task Force has had time to consider this issue in detail, it is new to the IUAES membership and they need time to catch up. David brought up the fact that there was a fundamental objection to the organisational name change, for example. Faye elaborated on this saying that the history of the IUAES is very important to people, and that many IUAES people who are critical of this model are still interested in working together with the WCAA. While there has been some response that is misinformed, unreflective and ad hominem, there are also genuine concerns which must be considered seriously. Mugsy noted in conclusion that it is the Task Team that may need to do the catching up, and try to learn about the different perspectives within the IUAES membership.

Financial Report

Presented by David Shankland

An abbreviated version of the following report (which had previously been circulated to all delegates) was laid out by David.

WCAA Treasurer's report 2014

The WCAA has been admirably served by my predecessor, Dr Greg Acciaioli (University of Western Australia). I should like to acknowledge our great debt to his amiable wisdom, from which we are fortunate in still be able to benefit as he remains on the Organizing Committee. As Dr Acciaioli is resident in Australia, our WCAA bank account has been held there during his tenure. Now that the chalice has passed on, we are in the process of applying to the co-op bank, UK, which has traditionally been supportive of small learned societies and associations such as our own. However, as each year passes, opening up a bank account which will be used primarily for international purposes becomes increasingly complicated, and the co-op have only just responded to our application, requesting a substantial amount of further detail. For this reason, we continue to operate our bank account in Australia, and I am grateful to Dr Acciaioli for his kindness in continuing to look after this whilst we resolve our bureaucratic complexities.

Turning now to the substance of our position, we received in 2014 \$15,000 (US) from the Wenner-Gren Foundation toward the costs of operating the WCAA. In addition, we received a total of \$6,394 (Aus) in voluntary contributions. In total, sixteen member associations contributed funds during the year, including a double subscription from the UK Association of Social Anthropologists. I do not have access to detailed accounts from previous years, but it is of course possible that some associations paid in 2013 for two years, in which case I would not be aware. However, we can say for definite that sixteen associations paid during 2014. The amount that each association is asked to pay varies according to the capability of each, and it has been a policy until now that all associations are permitted to remain members of the WCAA whether or not they offer a contribution.

Taking the Wenner-Gren grant together with the voluntary contributions gives us a total income in 2014 of \$22,509 (Aus). To this we may add a balance of \$19,330 (Aus) carried over from 2013.

Expenditure

Expenditure during the year falls into the following categories; \$19,398 (Aus) on supporting a total of fourteen delegates to the bi-annual meeting in Taiwan, \$2,164 on NomadIT (web-site, web-posting of Deja Lu, plus occasional administration), 100 Euros on annual membership of ISSC, and \$66 (Aus) sundries. This gives a total expenditure during the year of \$21, 775 (Aus). Our remaining balance is \$20,064 (Aus).

Here, we should acknowledge the extra-ordinary generosity of our hosts in Taiwan. Through so very kindly covering our lodging and board, the resulting costs to the WCAA were reduced to a fraction of what they otherwise would have been.

It should also be noted that the organizing committee meets remotely using Skype, therefore there are no costs associated with their regular discussions.

Please also note that a small number of delegate claims for travel to Taiwan had not been made by end 2014. These will appear in the 2015 accounts.

Wenner- Gren

Though the arrangement with the Wenner-Gren was made some time ago, before I or Dr Acciaioli became Treasurer, our understanding is that there is one further grant instalment due from the Wenner-Gren Foundation of \$15,000 US. Again, it is my understanding that it can be used toward the costs of attending the next biennial conference in 2016. However, after this point, there will be no further WG Funds. If the membership subscriptions stay approximately similar to the present levels, then we will have an income of approximately \$6,000 (Aus) each year, as against expenditure of approximately \$2,200 (Aus). This means that we can continue to have the same level of support from NomadIT and maintain a web-presence. However, we would not be in a position to provide significant travel support to delegates for our meetings.

Turning to the future, there would appear to be a number of options:

- 1) Provided that the level of associational contributions is maintained, the WCAA can survive indefinitely as an important committee by meeting alongside major conferences, drawing in those who are attending to give a paper at them. A few delegates are supported in full by their associations; other delegates may have travel funds from their national bodies provided they are giving a paper, and some delegates from smaller or less well-off associations may in this case not be able to attend unless careful provision is made, either by discussing the situation with the host conference and arranging for a subvention from the conference funds provided that they give a paper or by husbanding WCAA resources and attempting where possible to assist. That this possibility exists is good news, in as much as the existence of the WCAA is assured. It would take very careful co-ordination, and transparent use of who receives what when, but it could be done.
- 2) It should also be possible to arrange for specifically WCAA seminar or workshops on important topics to take place at the same time as major conferences, and make a specific application for funding for that workshop, which can then include travel funding for those who otherwise would not be able to attend. In as much as the Wenner-Gren monies are given also for intellectual interchange, this is actually very close to what we are doing already. Combined with the possibilities in 1) above, it would provide a further way to ensure the viability of the WCAA biennial meetings. Again, it would take careful co-ordination as to who gets funded out of which income stream, but it is possible.
- 3) It is also possible to apply for funding, provided that we locate suitable topics, for specifically WCAA projects which would run additionally to the biennial meetings. This would provide further opportunities to increase interchange between delegates, and be a step toward the fulfilment of our hopes in creating a forum for anthropology internationally.

It should be noted that, as we have no core funding, the development time here would have to be donated by whoever were the applicants. However, it is a very worthwhile and enjoyable thing to do.

- 4) The proposed merger with the IUAES will complicate the above, but not make it entirely redundant, because the WCAA will still need to generate some funds if delegates are to be able to meet once every two years. It is possible that the new association will provide some regular funding toward the meeting of the WCAA delegates but it goes without saying that this would have to be by mutual arrangement with the IUEAS, and it is my feeling that it would be important to convince the IUAES that they are gaining some benefit through acquiescing in any such arrangement. It has been said, for example, that the IUAES would grow in size by virtue of the merger, and therefore supporting the WCAA less of a possible issue.

The Organizing Committee has discussed the merger in some detail, both internally and with the IUAES. The financial implications are still not yet clear. However, it has been suggested that a small group of delegates may be brought together to provide an advisory board for WCAA finances. This could be at once a small forum upon which to bounce the above ideas, and also to think of new ones.

Deja Lu

Report by Gordon Mathews

Gordon reported that Deja Lu has become increasingly successful -- the latest issue was blogged about on savageminds.org and had about 7,000 hits.

He said that the two editors, Gustavo and himself, had been thinking carefully and at length about Carmen Rial's objection to the inclusion of work in Deja Lu from journals that are not the official journals of member associations. They have concluded that they will maintain an open policy, inviting contributions from journals that are not the publications of national associations, unless any member associations raise objections to specific material. These objections will be considered seriously and honoured on a case by case basis, but an open policy would be maintained as a general principle.

Carmen raised two issues -- first, that Deja Lu should have an ISSN and she volunteered to work with Gordon on the process of applying for it. Secondly, she continues to feel that limiting Deja Lu only to the journals of member associations is an important principle. It was agreed that she and Gordon would consult separately about this and then jointly suggest an agreed course of action to the group.

Newsletter

Report by Carmen Rial

The layout and content of the first issue of the newsletter was described in detail. The working version of this issue was presented on the screen. Carmen ended by asking delegates to contact her if they have news to contribute.

Membership

Report by Soumendra Patnaik

Soumendra described the mapping exercise he had conducted in order to identify and approach associations from continents under-represented in the WCAA. Two associations have submitted all their documents -- the Serbian Society for Ethnology and Anthropology and the Society for Applied Anthropology -- and their membership applications will be put to the vote shortly. The Pakistani association has submitted all but one of the required documents, and voting can take place once that is received.

Discussion

Greg pointed out that the new Indonesian association was accidentally left off the list of member associations on the WCAA website after the recent alphabetical rearrangement of that list. It is important to check that no other associations are similarly excluded.

Forthcoming Conferences

The following upcoming meetings were noted:

American Anthropological Association, Denver, 18-22 November 2015

RAM (XI Reunión de Antropología del MERCOSUR- XI Reunião de Antropologia do MERCOSUL), Montevideo, 30 November to 4 December 2015

WCAA Biennial Meeting, Dubrovnik, 2-3 May 2016

IUAES Inter-Congress, Dubrovnik, 4-9 May 2016

Royal Anthropological Institute Climate Conference, London, 27-29 May 2016

Any Other Business

Yasumasa said that the Executive Committee of JASCA had asked him to raise a question about contributing to both WCAA and IUAES. In 2015, JASCA paid £ 610 to IUAES and \$ 500 to WCAA. They feel that this money should go to WCAA since IUAES already collects dues from individuals.

David noted that IUAES raises only £3,000 or so from organisational dues, so it would not be a significant loss if this category of income were to be channelled into the WCAA. The WCAA, in its turn, could help increase the number of IUAES individual members.

End of Meeting.