



WCAA biennial delegates meeting 2014, Taipei @ 2014 TSAE/WCAA joint meeting

1-2 October 2014

Minutes prepared by WCAA Secretary Chandana Mathur.

The meeting was chaired by WCAA Chair Michal Buchowski.

Introduction and Reports

Michal began by talking about the key elements of the WCAA ethos -- the intent to counter hegemonic anthropology and to pluralise anthropology. He mentioned that the WCAA website now has a video that describes the history of the Council.

The preparation of detailed reports on the activities of the WCAA since the previous biennial meeting in Delhi had been initiated and coordinated by Organising Committee member Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic. The first of these reports was prepared and provided by Mugsy Spiegel.

Report on New Member Associations

My primary task as a member of the WCAA's Organizing Committee (OC) is to manage applications from new members and to seek out potential new members, particularly in those parts of the world where there has been little evidence of an anthropology presence.

The past two years have seen eleven associations applying for membership and eight¹ being admitted (the remaining three's² applications are still being voted on: if they are accepted, the total membership will be 49 associations). The process for admitting new members involves the OC first commenting on applications and, if there is agreement there, all existing WCAA member associations are asked to vote.

I have also on a couple of occasions 'discovered' the existence of an anthropology association which is not a member of the WCAA and have approached its leaders to enquire whether they would wish to become a member.³ That is because the general goal of the WCAA is to include as members as many associations of anthropologists as possible from as wide a range of parts of the

¹ Anthropological Association of Sweden; Latvian Association of Anthropologists; Norwegian Anthropological Association; Czech Association for Social Anthropology; Finnish Anthropological Society; Croatian Anthropological Society; Madrid Institute of Anthropology; Chinese Anthropological Society.

² Czech Ethnological Society; National [Italian] Academic Association for Cultural Anthropologists; Korean Society for Cultural Anthropology

³ Romanian Society for Social and Cultural Anthropology

world as there are places where anthropology is formally taught or practiced. The reason for that is to ensure that as many anthropologies as possible are represented, that way to give voice to the wide diversity in our discipline.

One challenge I've experienced is that there are places where there is an anthropological presence, but too small a number of anthropologists there for them to have constituted an association.⁴ Another is that the tendency has been that those working broadly in the field of social-cultural anthropology have sought to become WCAA members, whilst there is little interest shown by associations of physical anthropologists, archaeologists and, in some cases, linguistic anthropologists. This of course raises questions about how one should define the discipline and how that process might interact with the WCAA's commitment to recognizing multiple anthropologies – something that might itself be very much a facet social-cultural anthropology/ies. A third challenge is that there are places where state pressure and/or political instability is such that anthropologists keep close to or even under the ground – rather than establishing associations that make them visible.⁵

Discussion

Mugsy concluded by saying that sociocultural anthropology tends to dominate within the WCAA.

This led to some discussion, with Monica Heller arguing that buy-in (i.e. active support for the WCAA), for example by physical anthropologists, would be affected by the nature of projects undertaken by the WCAA. She noted that Carmen Rial and Clara Saraiva have ideas to contribute about transnational issues of sub-disciplinary interest. A project-oriented approach is necessary; WCAA must go beyond institution building.

Junji Koizumi pointed out that 4-field anthropology is itself a hegemonic notion. He alluded to the ongoing discussions to bring WCAA into closer alliance with the IUAES (International Union for Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences). He said that the IUAES Commissions fulfil the role of the consistent production of anthropological knowledge. In a unified organisation, they can do this kind of substantive work.

Terence Wright brought up the issue of the lack of buy-in by members of member associations. It crops up when canvassing opinion within member associations about making a financial contribution to the WCAA. He felt that this was partly the fault of official delegates, who could do more to inform members of their associations about the work of the WCAA. Michal agreed, saying that WCAA delegates often do not percolate information down sufficiently.

Vesna Vucinic, in her capacity as the Organising Committee member who has been coordinating the organisation of conference panels on behalf of the WCAA, provided the following report that she had prepared.

Report on WCAA Organized Panels

⁴ Mozambique is an example

⁵ Pakistan is one such example; Iran is another

WCAA has been organizing panels on both intellectual and professional issues. They took place as symposia (comprising usually three to five panels) at major international anthropological meetings within which WCAA held its biennial meetings, or as individual panels at conferences at which WCAA held its interim meetings (e.g. IUAES congresses, AAA meetings, etc.). All WCAA Organizing Committee members participated in creating these panels, while my role was to coordinate this activity. Since 2012 the following WCAA organized panels were realized:

1) International Symposium "Anthropology of Global Issues" in New Delhi (2012)

1. "Engaged Anthropology from a Global Perspective: Promise and Problems", organized by Setha Low
2. "Anthropology and Public Policy: Critical Perspectives and Productive Interventions", organized by Greg Acciaioli
3. "Anthropology, Development and the Shaping of Globalization", organized by Thomas Reuter
4. "Building a Network of Anthropologists without Borders – ASF", organized by Carlos Caroso
5. "The Growing Power of IRBs and the Issue of Ethics for Anthropology Worldwide", organized by Mugsy Spiegel
6. "Publishing, Prestige and Money in Global Economy", organized by Thomas Reuter and Gordon Mathews (at the ASA Conference in New Delhi, 2014*).

2) AAA Meeting in San Francisco (2012)

Invited Session Sponsored By AAA Executive Program Committee "American (Anthropological) Imperialism? An Overdue Dialogue", organized by Setha Low and Michal Buchowski: 7 participants.

3) IUAES World Congress in Manchester (2013)

1. Plenary panel "World Anthropologies Today: Experiences and Prospects" (sponsored by WCAA), organized by Gustavo Lins Ribeiro and Susana Narotzky: 6 participants.
2. "Displacement and Immobility: International Perspectives on Global Capitalism" (WCAA panel), organized by Bela Feldman Bianco: 9 participants.
3. "Averting a Global Environmental Collapse: The Role of Anthropology and Local Knowledge" (WCAA with IUAES), organized by Thomas Reuter: 13 participants.

4) AAA Meeting in Chicago (2013)

AAA Presidential roundtable session "Making Sense of Contemporary Capitalism: Theoretical and Ethnographic Reflections from the Multiple Vantage Points of World Anthropologies", organized by Chandana Mathur: 7 participants.

5) ASA Decennial Meeting in Edinburgh (2014)

"Postcolonial Perspectives on the Enlightenment and Ethics" (WCAA Ethics Task Force), organized by Raminder Kaur and Soumendhra Patnaik: 4 participants.

6) IUAES with JASCA in Chiba City (2014)

1. The Past and Future of WCAA (WCAA Tenth Anniversary Symposium), organized by Gustavo Lins Ribeiro: 15 participants

2. Urban Futures (WCAA, IUAES, JASCA joint panel), organized by Setha Low and Vesna Vucinic: 9 participants
3. Situating Statelessness: Anthropological Perspectives (WCAA and Commission on Theoretical Anthropology panel), organized by Greg Acciaoli: 6 participants.

Vesna also presented the following report that had been submitted by Virginia Dominguez, Chair of the WCAA Task Force on Advocacy and Outreach Activities. Virginia had been delayed by travel disruptions, and joined the meeting later that day.

Report on the WCAA Task Force on Advocacy & Outreach Activities (AOA)

Founding: The Task Force on Advocacy and Outreach Activities was established in August 2010 at the WCAA meeting in Maynooth, Ireland. Its designated objective was to explore the possibility of establishing something like ANTHROPOLOGISTS WITHOUT BORDERS. After about a year of discussions via Skype and email, the Task Force voted to establish such an organization legally headquartered in Brazil as a non-profit NGO initially devoted to providing non-profits and named communities and groups with anthropological readers/experts able to read, analyze, and critique documents prepared by government agencies and corporations whose conclusions trouble said groups or named communities. After further discussions at the WCAA meeting in New Delhi, India, Virginia Dominguez (USA) was elected to a 4-year term as Task Force chair and Carlos Caroso (Brazil) set about establishing ASF in Brazil (an act of legal filing and incorporation that finally took place in March 2013). At the moment Carlos Caroso (recent former head of the Brazilian Anthropological Association and current member of the WCAA's Org Committee) is President of ASF.

Background: A meeting of the nearly-full WCAA Task Force on AOA took place in Manchester, England, in August 2013. It had two major foci: (1) it discussed and revised the ByLaws of ASF (Antropologos sem fronteiras/Anthropologists without Borders) to enhance the presence of non-Brazil-based colleagues and to vote into those positions certain Task-Force members (& other interested colleagues); (2) it served as a broad and open-ended discussion of the Task Force itself, its existence, its mission, its possible transformation, and other tasks or activities it might take on beyond the initial exploration of the idea of an organization like ASF (which took about a year to explore) and its continued monitoring, participation, and support.

Since Manchester 2013:

- (1) A substantive revision of ASF (as per the Manchester meeting) was entered into the legal record in Brazil.
- (2) Tim Landry (now U of Oklahoma) has created an easy-to-use website for ASF. That website is: *antropologossemfronteiras.wordpress.com*
- (3) Translations of the ASF ByLaws (into English & Spanish) have been made and posted onto the ASF website, and French and Italian ones have been commissioned. Translations into other languages (perhaps especially non-European ones) would be especially welcome.
- (4) Several dozen colleagues have added their names & areas of expertise to the Volunteer Expert database that is part of the website, but we want many more.
- (3) One-page announcements have been sent out in recent months to the WCAA membership & to foundations & NGOs, but we need many more. That announcement includes the two email addresses ASF currently has, one in Portuguese & one in English. They are: (1) asf.antropologos.sem.fronteiras@gmail.com (if contacting ASF in Portuguese), and (2) antropologossemfronteiras.br@gmail.com (if contacting ASF in English).

(4) So far, ASF has been approached by a few potential clients, but none matching ASF's stated mission.

(5) This August (2014) Lauren Anaya, Tim Landry, and I filed papers in the U.S. State of Illinois to establish an NGO to be called ASF-US. It is not limited to people in Illinois. This will be a U.S.-based version of ASF, imagined as legally independent but also as a Group Affiliate of the Brazil-based ASF. All of this is clearly envisioned and articulated in the official ByLaws of ASF. A similar NGO is being established in India, under the leadership of Soumendra Patnaik.

(6) While I would like to move to other fronts/other work of the WCAA AOA Task Force, I continue to focus on ASF and I believe we need to do so if ASF is to have a chance of achieving its goals.

Appendix:

The Task Force meeting in Manchester created an office of ASF Vice President and voted me (Virginia R. Dominguez) into that position. It also resulted in most WCAA Task Force members being voted onto the governing board of ASF OR its Advisory (Technical-Scientific) Council. Many signatures were obtained and official Minutes recorded. Voted onto the ASF Executive Board were Raminder Kaur (UK), Thomas Reuter (Australia), and Andrew ("Mugsy") Spiegel (South Africa). Voted onto the ASF Advisory Council were Greg Acciaioli (Australia), Michal Buchowski (Poland), Luis Roberto Cardoso de Oliveira (Brazil), Ellen Judd (Canada), Gustavo Lins Ribeiro (Brazil), Gordon Mathews (Hong Kong), Chandana Mathur (Ireland), Ruben Oliven (Brazil), Soumendra Patnaik (India), Francine Saillant (Canada), Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic (Serbia).

The Task Force meeting in Manchester also concluded with a general consensus (a) that the WCAA Task Force on Advocacy and Outreach Activities (AOA) ought to continue to exist; (b) that a focus on pre-university or non-university educational settings would be worthwhile but so might having the AOA serve as a type of clearinghouse for anthropological advocacy and outreach activities worldwide; and (c) that some new members would probably be added to the Task Force and some rotation of members would be good (but that we would wait to see how the WCAA Org Committee responded to a query by Raminder Kaur, Chair of the WCAA Ethics Committee, regarding procedures for adding or replacing members of the WCAA Task Forces).

Discussion

Carmen Rial queried the need for such an organisation in Brazil, since ABA also works on similar issues within Brazil. Soumendra Patnaik clarified that ASF is international in scope, and would be tackling issues all over the world. National laws are the reason for locating ASF chapters in different countries, Brazil being one of them.

The report on the WCAA Ethics Task Force had been submitted by its Chair, Raminder Kaur, and was presented at this meeting by Clara Saraiva, Task Force member.

Report on the WCAA Ethics Task Force

Activities

1. A panel was organised for the ASA decennial in 2014, "Postcolonial Perspectives on the Enlightenment and Ethics", which went very well.
<http://www.nomadit.co.uk/asa/asa2014/panels.php5?PanelID=2784>
2. Plans were afoot to organise a panel, "Engaging with Ethics: The Problems of Codes and Guidelines for an Anthropological Future" at IUAES/JASCA 2014 but it had to be cancelled due to limited submissions.

3. Procedures for established and new members, and Associate Member status were clarified. So far, we have four new Associate Members confirmed in our last taskforce meeting at ASA 2014: Raul Acosta, Urmi Bhattacharyya, Dawid Bunikowski, and Debojyoti Das. Matei Candea had to step down from the taskforce due to his obligations as JRAI editor.

What next for the taskforce?

1. We discussed a Special Issue based on ASA panelists' papers amongst other contributions from interested members of the taskforce where space and time permit.
2. We are seeking to apply for funding for a themed workshop in South Asia in 2016.
3. We are in the very early stages of planning a collaborative panel on media and ethics for EASA 2016.

Key Challenges

Practical: we have limited capacity to see through what we have identified. Clear and swift lines of administrative support are required to update the WCAA Ethics Taskforce page to:

- connect member associations url for ethical guidelines where they are available
- upload and update taskforce details, working papers and other material

Thematic: discussions have been raised about consultations to deposit qualitative field data with German and European funding bodies. The UK-based ESRC has already implemented these measures as a condition of awards. This practice of depositing fieldwork data is likely to spread to other countries and co-ordinated action from the WCAA is required.

Discussion

David Shankland noted that there has been some success in the UK in modifying the demand that field data must be deposited. Monica Heller suggested that the WCAA Ethics Task Force should prepare a statement about the ethical dangers involved in depositing field data. Noel Salazar said that this statement should add an anthropological perspective to the documents that can already be found online.

Rosita Henry mentioned in this regard a statement drafted by Jonathan Marrison of the Society of Visual Anthropology regarding the value of visual documentation for ethnographic research.

Greg Acciaioli presented the following report that he had prepared on publications.

Report on the WCAA Publications Taskforce

The publications task force has largely not been active since the last WCAA biennial meeting/symposium in Delhi due to lack of shared understanding concerning its focal aims and inability to find a suitable chair. Thus, a priority for this meeting should be a clarification of the purpose of this task force and the steps needed to fulfill that aim, along with selection of a chair. The following report is therefore a partial attempt to summarize what have been some of the highlights of WCAA publications since the 2012 meeting. As the report by Gordon Mathews lists WCAA internet activities (*Deja Lu*, blog, facebook page), this report covers only printed publications.

At the 2012 WCAA meeting in Delhi, breakout groups specified a number of themes upon which the WCAA should focus for the 2 years up to this meeting: future of anthropology, climate change,

issues of evidence, marginalization and displacement, migration, conflict (war and torture), financialisation of social life, environmental abuse, ethics and human rights, fair distribution of global resources, globalisation and natural resources, and displacements and immobilities: studies in global capitalism. The Intellectual Engagements Group selected three research themes – (1) War, securitization and financialisation of social life; (2) Environmental challenges and local knowledge; (3) Displacements and immobilities. These were agreed upon by the meeting as a whole as a framework for the next three years of panel organisation and publication. In addition, the WCAA has continued to generate publications that treat various national and regional anthropological frameworks in the context of global flows of knowledge.

The suggestion for an edited book to come out of each biennial meeting has not been acted on, in part because the diversity of topics covered in the 2012 symposium papers rendered impossible the delineation of a common theme, as publishers increasingly demand. This suggestion can, of course, be revisited in the context of this 2014 meeting/symposium.

One publication has resulted from the session organised by WCAA at EASA's 2008 biennial conference in Ljubljana: 'Changing flows in anthropological knowledge', edited by Michal Buchowski and Virginia R. Dominguez has been published as a Theme Section in the journal *Focaal* (Berghan Publishers), 63 (2012), with papers authored by Michele Hanks ('Introduction: The politics and ethics of collaboration among World Anthropologies'), Blai Guarné ('The world is a room: Beyond centers and peripheries in the global production of anthropological knowledge'), Buchowski ('Intricate relations between Western anthropologists and Eastern ethnologists'), Chris Hahn ('Faltering dialogue? For a doubly rooted cosmopolitan anthropology'), Dominguez ('Mutuality, responsibility, and reciprocity in situations of marked inequality: Dilemmas of, and concerning, US anthropology in the world'), and Johannes Fabian ('Comments on "Changing global flows in anthropological knowledge"').

Another journal module resulted from the WCAA panel 'Publishing, prestige and money in global anthropology' organised by Thomas Reuter and Gordon Mathews for the 2012 ASA conference in Delhi, which immediately followed the WCAA meeting/symposium. The following papers from that panel were published in the *Journal of Workplace Rights* (Volume 16, Number 3 - 4 / 2011-2012): Raymond A. Mazurek 'Academic Labor is a Class Issue: Professional Organizations Confront the Exploitation of Contingent Faculty'; Thomas Reuter 'New Hegemonic Tendencies in the Production of Knowledge: How Research Quality Evaluation Schemes and the Corporatization of Journals Impact on Academic Life'; Joseph Bosco 'The Formula as a Managerial Tool: Audit Culture in Hong Kong'; Gordon Mathews 'Contesting Anglo-American Anthropological Hegemony in Publication'; Michelle Daveluy 'The Academic Copyrights Trade: Canadian Scholars Buying the Privilege of Citation'; and Justin Gaurav Murgai and Charles W. Baker 'Sands of Change: Overcoming First World Hegemony Over Knowledge'.

In accordance with the WCAA research theme 'Displacements and immobility', a special double issue (i.e. linked consecutive issues) of *Anthropological Forum* tentatively entitled 'Space Configurations and Mobilities' and 'Displacements, Mobilities and Inequalities' respectively, under the guest editorship of Bela Feldman-Bianco, Monica Heller and Susana Narotzky, is currently in the midst of refereeing, with a projected publication date in 2015. These issues consist of a selection of papers taken from three panels sponsored by the WCAA in whole or in part at the Brazilian biennial anthropological meeting (2012), the AAA annual meeting (2012), and the IUAES World Congress in Manchester (2013). The projected papers in the first issue include: Rosita Henry 'Doubly Displaced: Indigenous Australians and Museum Artefacts of the Wet Tropics'; Jaume Franquesa 'Wind farms and the production of uneven development in Southern Catalonia'; Michal Buchowski 'Immigrants in the City of Poznan (Poland): Can One City Exemplify Global Phenomena?'; Setha Low 'Processes of Securitization in Displacement and (Im)mobilities: Gated

Communities, Market Rate Co-operatives and Condominiums in New York'; Gabriel DE SANTIS Feltran 'Brazilian Development and its Margins on Semantic Displacements and Social Conflict'; and Ayse Caglar 'Displacement of European Citizen Roma in Berlin: Sites of contentious politics'. The second issue includes: Noel B. Salazar 'Displaced Through Immobility" Versus "The Freedom to Stay Put"; Alicia Torres 'Migration, Development and Exclusion: Reflections From Ecuador'; Adriana G Piscitelli 'The Emotional Strength of the Language of Human Rights: International Human Trafficking Involving Brazilian Women'; Cheryl Mwaria 'Between a Rock and a Hard Place: African Americans and the Politics of the First Black President of the United States'; and Ida S Susser 'Displacement for the New Spectacle: Reshaping the Wounded City'.

Thomas Reuter also has plans to produce an edited volume from papers that came out of the panel on "Averting a Global Environmental Collapse: The Role of Anthropology and Local Knowledge", presented at the IUAES World Congress in Manchester (2013).

Individual papers linked to WCAA themes that have been published by past and present WCAA delegates and members of the executive in the last two years have also included:

Ribeiro, Gustavo Lins 2013 Global Flows of Development Models. *Anthropological Forum* 23:2:121-141.

Chaabani, Hassen 2012 Insights on the history of Anthropology: its emergence in the wider Middle East before it existed as a discipline, *International Journal of Modern Anthropology* 5: 80-87.

There are also plans to produce in association with the AAA Committee on World Anthropologies transcripts of some of the papers of the WCAA Webinar 'Language and anthropological knowledge', but these are still being implemented to our knowledge.

Greg also presented a report on WCAA internet activities submitted by Gordon Mathews, since Gordon was unable to attend the Taipei meeting owing to his involvement with the protest movement in Hong Kong.

Report on Internet Activities

The WCAA website, managed by NomadIT, is a central forum for information on WCAA. It is at <http://www.wcaanet.org/> All WCAA activities and initiatives are featured there.

One successful WCAA endeavor on the WCAA website has been *Deja Lu*. *Deja Lu* is an annual journal of reprints of anthropological articles from journals from around the world, edited by Gustavo Lins Ribeiro and Gordon Mathews, which was begun in 2012. We republish articles selected by the journals of the association members of the WCAA and other relevant journals in the field and give them global visibility. The first issue of *Deja Lu* came out in April 2013; the second issue of *Deja Lu* came out in February 2014, and consisted of 24 articles from a broad array of different countries' anthropologies. We are now beginning our work for the third issue, by contacting all the different anthropological journal editors around the world we can find, asking them for their selections. We will also be contacting American anthropological journals to specifically inform them that *Deja Lu* can provide a means by which they can contact non-American journals to find referees and editorial board members. You can read *Deja Lu* at <http://www.wcaanet.org/dejalu/index.html> If you have any questions or comments about *Deja Lu*, write Gustavo Lins Ribeiro, Universidade de Brasília gustavor@unb.br or Gordon Mathews, The

Chinese University of Hong Kong, cmgordon@cuhk.edu.hk All WCAA members are strongly encouraged to put the above link to *Deja lu* on their website, to encourage global anthropology!

A less successful effort has been the WCAA blog, which has not been active for the past few months. This is because it was the work of only one person (Gordon Mathews), who was never able to get enough people contributing and commenting to make it a vibrant global anthropological forum. However, the blog remains, and is open for your contributions and energy! You can see the blog at <http://www.wcaanet.org/blog/> Please write Gordon Mathews if you would like to contribute to the blog or have ideas about its resuscitation.

WCAA also has a facebook page, run by postgraduate students at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, which contains both information specifically pertaining to WCAA and also a wide variety of other on-line links of anthropological links. Please have a look, and please post links where you can. <https://www.facebook.com/wcaanet> Please write Gordon if you have any comments or ideas!

Discussion

Greg also mentioned Noel Salazar's idea that WCAA and IUAES should produce a book series together.

Virginia Dominguez joined the meeting at this stage, and addressed issues that had arisen in the earlier discussion of ASF. She noted that the Advocacy and Outreach Task Force was created at the Maynooth biennial meeting and it had resolved to found a 'without borders' organisation, but felt that it should not be based in the US. ASF is an organisation that is not of or for Brazil; it just had to be planted somewhere. It has taken ASF-Brazil a very long time to be set up. Since then, ASF-US has been legally incorporated as a non-profit organisation that is not technically connected to ASF-Brazil.

Lorne Holyoak asked how WCAA member associations should be directed to act with respect to ASF. Similarly, Greg wished to know if those interested in serving should register with each ASF chapter in each country. Virginia said that the details were still to be worked out fully. The problem that they were trying to address was inaction.

The final report that was presented was the Treasurer's report compiled by Greg.

Treasurer's Report

(Note: All figures are in Australian dollars (AUD), unless otherwise noted, since that is the currency of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, in which the WCAA account resides. The value of the Australian dollar has fluctuated considerably in the last two year period from a bit over USD\$1.04 to a current value of just over USD\$0.85.)

Expenses for the last WCAA biennial meeting/symposium

Balance at the end of the WCAA biennial meeting in Delhi (8 April 2012): \$14,715.08

(This figure takes into account all deductions made for payments to the Indian Anthropological Association for hosting the meeting/symposium. However, this did not include the reimbursements made after the conference—see below):

Total of payments for (partial) meeting/symposium expenses:	\$ 8,452.13
(for dinner expenses, lecture room rental, conference room rental, guesthouse rooms, etc.)	
Reimbursements made to delegates at the biennial conference (to 14 delegates):	\$13,308.91
Reimbursements made to delegates after the biennial conference (to 10 delegates):	\$11,583.77
TOTAL reimbursements (including bank charges for wire transfers):	\$24,892.77
(Average reimbursement to each delegate: \$1037.20)	
<u>Total Delhi meeting/symposium expenses:</u>	<u>\$33,344.90</u>

Income since the last WCAA biennial meeting/symposium

Wenner Gren contributions

2013 Wenner Gren annual payment (USD\$15,000 minus bank charges)	\$13,835.30
2014 Wenner Gren annual payment (USD\$15,000 minus bank charges)	\$16,103.44
TOTAL Wenner Gren contribution in last two years:	\$29,938.74
Voluntary contributions of member associations (pre-WCAA mtg 2012 round of \$ 4276.18)	
Round 1 2013 (11/2012-1/2014) [17 associations] (average: \$385.02/association)	\$ 6,545.35
Round 2 2014 (7/2014-9.2014 <i>so far</i>) [6 associations] (average: \$397.88/association)	\$ 2,387.30
TOTAL voluntary contributions since 2012 Delhi WCAA meeting	\$ 8,932.65
<u>TOTAL income since 2102 WCAA meeting (minor interest accrual not included):</u>	<u>\$38,871.39</u>

Expenses since last WCAA biennial meeting/symposium expenses acquitted

Payments (4) to NomadIT for website maintenance, <i>Deja Lu</i> , etc.	\$ 7,135.03
Payments (3) to ISSC for annual membership (reduced rate of €100/year)	\$ 491.37
<u>TOTAL of non-meeting related expenses since 2012 WCAA meeting</u>	<u>\$ 7,626.40</u>

Current balance [03-09-14](before expenses for this WCAA 2014 meeting):\$36,094.92

Discussion

Greg pointed out that there is a strong financial case for merger rather alliance with the IUAES in the post- Wenner Gren funding conjuncture. David Shankland suggested that Wenner-Gren might be open to funding WCAA if they saw a road-map for bringing the two organisations together. It is unlikely that they would want to miss an opportunity to bring into being a single global association of anthropology. He also said that the Royal Anthropological Institute will provide long term support to a merged IUAES-WCAA.

Open Discussion Regarding the IUAES-WCAA Partnership

This segment of the meeting was jointly chaired by Mugsy Spiegel and Chandana Mathur. An ad hoc committee had been constituted to look into the possibilities of alliance/merger at a joint meeting of the WCAA Organising Committee and IUAES Executive Committee in Chiba, Japan, in May 2014, and Mugsy had agreed to chair this ad hoc committee since he was a member of both

executive committees When he was unable to continue, it was decided that the committee would be jointly chaired by Rajko Mursic of IUAES and Chandana Mathur of WCAA. The other members of the ad hoc committee are Junji Koizumi and Thomas Reuter from the IUAES and Vesna Vucinic and Greg Acciaioli from the WCAA.

Mugsy began by presenting the following report prepared by Chandana from the written exchanges within the ad hoc committee.

There is widespread agreement that our discipline does not need two global organisations working completely separately from each other. Everybody stresses the complementarity of the IUAES and the WCAA, but there are differences of opinion about what the "coming together" should look like, and how it should be brought about.

Advantages of an Alliance

- A truly global community of world anthropologists (20,000, according to Thomas Reuter's estimation) -- mutual respect, recognition and dissemination of diverse anthropologies, greater democratisation of anthropological knowledge.
- A unified global voice for anthropology. On important issues like environmental degradation, increasing inequalities, cultural homogenisation, genocide, ethnocide etc. A unified voice is also needed to push back against the targeting of anthropology by politicians and technocrats in many countries and regions who wish to privilege technical/vocational training over humanities/social sciences education.
- Exchange of ideas, methods and research results; the strengthening of anthropology and its institutions worldwide.
- Challenge to prevailing hegemonies within the discipline and outside of it; mutual support between world anthropologists.
- Enhanced recruitment of new member associations and individual members in a unified organisation.
- Greater financial stability for a unified organisation, since WCAA and IUAES will no longer be competing for funds from the same sources. Funders and member associations alike have said that they cannot continue to contribute to both organisations.
- For the IUAES, the advantages would include the established network for communication offered by WCAA, formally bringing *Deja Lu* into IUAES as a means of encouraging international anthropological awareness, integration of the Task Forces (which would complement the IUAES commissions) and developing the WCAA blog as a true voice for international anthropology.

Fears

- Most pronounced among longstanding members of both organisations who are new to the idea of this alliance. Concerned that the distinct identity and achievements of their organisation will be sacrificed in this process.
- Concerning the ethos/reputation of the other organisation. There are some worries within IUAES that WCAA may be elitist. Some WCAA members worry about the low ebb IUAES reached in the recent past.
- Concerning shared finances. Some IUAES members worry about the considerable expense involved in funding WCAA biennial meetings. Some WCAA members worry that WCAA's

financial needs may be disregarded within an alliance since it is a smaller organisation, and could be swallowed up.

Imagining the Format for 'Coming Together'

The following leaves aside the two extreme positions, viz. (i) WCAA should come in as a Commission of IUAES, (ii) WCAA should continue as it is, but that each executive body should have an observer on the other.

Possibility I: Unification

The WCAA joins the IUAES, taking its place as an actively functioning and robust variant on the former IUAES Permanent Council. The merged organisation, IUAES-WCAA has a tricameral structure, the three legs being

- WCAA, the new Permanent Council
- IUAES General Assembly
- IUAES Council of Commissions

Some structural changes are needed:

- A fusing of the IUAES Executive with the WCAA Organising Committee. This cannot be the simple addition of one to the other, both because it becomes large and unwieldy, and because WCAA will continue to require a governance structure within the unified organisation. The exact division of WCAA personnel needs to be worked out, and of course, the current IUAES Executive will also need to be reformulated so that the numerically fewer WCAA representatives on the Executive do not immediately become a minority voice within the merged organisation.
- A single joint Treasurer. This is the fairest way of managing joint finances and balancing the competing financial demands of the WCAA and the Commissions.

Possibility II: Confederation

The two organisations come closer together, but maintain their own current executive bodies. There is a capstone steering committee that coordinates the two.

This option offers the WCAA greater independence, and makes divorce easier if needed! It will require fewer structural changes (the two executives remain the same, but a new steering group has to be constituted). However, it may also be rather ramshackle, e.g. it could draw greater resentment from IUAES membership and Commissions, since WCAA will not be a formal part of the IUAES, and there may be questions about the usefulness of this relationship to the IUAES.

If this is the option pursued, the WCAA will need a long-term feasible financial plan of its own. Of course, independent financial planning for the WCAA is also important to enable the merged organisation (possibility I) to thrive. But with possibility II, it will have to be made very clear at the outset that the WCAA is not a financial drag on the confederation. This rules out the common financial models that have been suggested (e.g. the \$1 levy) unless a clear plan for sharing finances can be negotiated.

Open Discussion

Shu-min Huang asked about the current state of health of the IUAES. Mugsy replied that the IUAES was now on the rise, despite its disastrous recent history.

Terry Wright wanted more information about the IUAES, and Isaac Nyamongo asked about the view within the IUAES of the possibility of the two organisations coming together. Virginia Dominguez said that the IUAES was not a well known organisation.

Junji spoke in favour of a tricameral system, which would keep both organisations intact. Helen MacDonald said that the potential fusing of the two organisations could be seen as a rare opportunity to bring together the strengths of both.

Lia Ferrero observed that if the members of WCAA member associations could become individual members of IUAES, it might be duplication for the WCAA to also be transformed into a council of associations within the IUAES. Soumendra Patnaik pointed to the need for strong negotiations to ensure that the WCAA is taken seriously within the eventual unified organisation.

Zdenek Uherek commented on the diversity of processes within the IUAES; for example, the Commission on Urban Anthropology has its own Treasurer.

Monica said that the focus should be on the unique contributions of the WCAA and how they can be kept going. Noel felt that it was more important to focus on the wishes and needs of the WCAA and its members, rather than move directly to a discussion of structures.

Anita Sujoldzic wanted to hear more about what the two organisations could do together that they were not doing on their own. Carmen needed to be convinced that it is bad to have two separate organisations, and Virginia was likewise not convinced.

Greg again pointed to the financial reasons that underlay the need for a faster pace on reaching an understanding between the two organisations.

Vesna suggested that a structural scheme be produced for Possibilities 1 and 2, which would show how the unification/alliance would work organisationally.

The discussion was held over until the next day, when it was resumed following a Strategic Plan prepared and presented by Vesna Vucinic.

The Future of WCAA: Strategic Planning

This Strategic Plan took into consideration what WCAA should strive for in its own right, and only secondarily treated how it can work complementarily with IUAES. In its conceptualization, both the future needs and the past experiences were taken into consideration. The Strategic Plan is based on the conclusions of the WCAA Organizing Committee meeting held in Chiba City, Japan (May 2014), and the individual preliminary strategic plans of the Org Comm members submitted preceding the Taipei Biennial meeting.

The three main questions that the Strategic Plan is based on are:

1. What is it that only WCAA can offer? And what is it that we won't give up no matter what?
2. How do we widen the membership on one hand, and develop communication with member associations? Do we need to reach all the way to their members, or should we leave this to their associations' leaders and to IUAES?
3. How independent WCAA should be, and what would be the best way to collaborate with IUAES?

The primary task of WCAA should remain in the domain of acting for the good of anthropology and anthropologists. This comprises two streams of activities, namely:

- networking among anthropologists and anthropological institutions/organizations in order to learn about each other,
- promoting anthropology as an important social and human discipline on the local, regional, and global scale.

This task can be realized via micro- and macro- planned activities:

Micro-plan:

Activities outside WCAA

- Work on **introducing anthropology in secondary and non-university education.**
- Create lobbying groups among social scientists to make pressure on the **national ministries** of education, science and culture, to increase funding or create a new fund that would **finance translation of capital social science products**, such as books and articles into English and other widely spoken world languages.
- Lobby with **international publishing houses to translate and publish quality ethnographies from other world languages into English**, as well as to influence anthropological journals published in English to accept and translate good articles from other languages.
- Encourage **editors of national associations' journals** to publish articles of anthropologists from other countries with geographic, linguistic, or thematic proximity to their own.

Activities within WCAA

- Encourage the association presidents to **cooperate with other associations on bi-lateral or tri-lateral bases** with which they find a common ground (geographically, linguistically, or intellectually), by organizing projects and events (actual or virtual).
- Presidents of associations could **invite the WCAA leaders or other delegates to their national conferences**, either to organize a panel or to give an invited talk (on topics that are related to the WCAA mission).
- Presidents and delegates could invite the WCAA colleagues **to exchange visits and give lectures at their institutions** (outside the conference time).
- Delegates should be encouraged to **write summaries/reports of WCAA meetings** they attended in national and international journals.
- They should be stimulated to **send in the association's announcements and news**, or discussions on events in their country that have to do with anthropological concerns. This should be put on the WCAA Blog or a virtual 'announcement board', both existing on the WCAA website.

- **Video messages and lectures** could be produced and placed on the WCAA website. Their content should have to do with the WCAA mission and concerns.

Macro-plan

WCAA organized medium-term projects, such as:

- 'The actual face of contemporary anthropology: Member association's findings about the present employment status of their membership'
- 'The future of anthropology within corporatizing university' (or 'The audit culture and the future of anthropology')
- Other projects (to be determined during this meeting)

How to implement this plan?

- As suggested in Chiba City, Org Comm should take a more personal approach to communicating with delegates, according to regional criteria. This way, Org Comm members can also encourage better the delegates in their domain to pull through some of the common goals and actions.
- There is also a possibility of electing regional representatives that would assist the Org Comm in this communication, or even form a new task force.
- As we already agreed, Dubrovnik IUAES inter-congress in April/May 2016 should be designated as the next possible biennial meeting. If funds allow, WCAA will fund the needy delegates (at least partially). By that time, situation on the common relationship between IUAES and WCAA should be much more defined. The definite WCAA delegates meeting should be scheduled for the 2018 IUAES Congress in Brazil.
- It is still debatable whether WCAA interim meetings (and even biennial meetings) should be organized (a) attached to the IUAES inter-congresses, or (b) during the regional conferences (such as organized by EASA, SIEF, Pan African Association, East Asian Association, etc.). The solution might be to be open to both possibilities and not to stick to the idea of organizing regional meetings only during the IUAES (inter)congresses.

Financing the activities of WCAA:

- The stance of the WCAA Org Comm is that we should not lower our ambitions for **financing biennial meetings** and financing **other WCAA activities**. It is very important to establish the direct relationship/contact between the WCAA delegates via biennial meetings. Once this contact is established we can continue communication by other (electronic) means. And in order to do this, we need to fund (at least partially) the air fares of the delegates. Part of the funding (for accommodation) may be expected from the host institution, as we will be having in the case of the Taiwan meeting.
- This biennial gathering is crucial for defining the essential nature of WCAA. **No one else brings together the presidents of anthropological associations throughout the world.** To some, looking from the outside, and not really knowing what we are doing nor what the effects are, this may seem as a luxury (or even spending money in vain), but in fact this is fundamental to the existence and workings of WCAA.
- To this expenditure, we should also add some that would come out of specific projects we want to undertake.
- We will need about 75000 US\$ in order to sustain the next biennial meeting and the website costs.

- We should not be discouraged by the fact that the 5-year regular Wenner-Gren Foundation financing is nearing the end. We can always reapply to Wenner-Gren, but also seek other sources for funding projects that we will create. We might want to think about creating a "Fundraising Taskforce", but we need to see what the new treasurer will have to say about this possibility.

The relationship between WCAA and IUAES:

Ideally, it should be a relationship in which each organization will keep its own primary functions:

- (a) IUAES as a body gathering individual members interested in participating internationally in the anthropological exchange of ideas, methods and research results (who expect well organized conferences and commissions within which they can communicate and present their work), and
- (b) WCAA as a professional body, gathering associations' presidents who will together with WCAA Org Comm create innovative ways of strengthening anthropology and its institutions worldwide.

At present, the space for discussion is wide open: Is it going to be a partnership or merger?

Each organization needs to set up its medium-term strategic plan (esp. its aims, projects and budget outline) and bring it into the negotiations.

Discussion

Monica noted that there are some things that the WCAA can and should uniquely do. It is necessary to prioritise those issues, and we should discuss how this should be done. Virginia suggested that people should talk about the reasons why their associations wish to belong to the WCAA.

Helen MacDonald said that ASnA had wanted her to say the following on their behalf. ASnA members sometimes feel that they are so tied up in their institutions that they cannot see what is going on in anthropology even in their own region. They are looking to internationalise through more virtual connections and lectures. They are thinking about a funding proposal that centres on anthropology in the South African region, and will enable a road trip to create these connections. This work could be done in collaboration with PAAA, to go beyond the known nodes of Cameroon, South Africa and Kenya.

Michal said that the WCAA should think about how to translate regional cooperation into international cooperation. For example, the Czech association recently hosted a regional meeting, but it is not known beyond the region.

Shu-min spoke of Academia Sinica's history, and how it serves as the hosting institution for funding grants, and thus uses overheads income as a way of financing the TSAE. Rosita commented that this was also a good way of undermining the corporate university. She went on to say that the WCAA does not need to go through an exercise of redefining itself, since member associations already recognise its strength as an association of associations. She felt that the WCAA can preserve its identity within the IUAES. Finally, Rosita noted that associations in the relevant location should be told whenever our students go off to do fieldwork in their country or region. There was widespread agreement about this.

Noel suggested that instead of seeing the world through WCAA's eyes, we should consider what its unique selling point is -- what is it that cannot be done without the WCAA? Chandana pointed out that the WCAA has enabled radical democracy between larger and smaller associations, that it provides a forum where dominant associations have to acknowledge more marginal associations. This unique attribute of the WCAA has paradoxically come up in conflict situations where larger associations have planned conferences in other countries without consulting the local associations. The WCAA has served as a forum where these issues emerge and can be resolved, but it also ensures that such decisions will not be made without consultation in the future.

Virginia felt that it was important to identify what WCAA brings to the world of anthropology, and what would be lost without it. She also said that it was important to acknowledge the differences between different WCAA delegates, and to work with it. Monica pointed out that it is important to think about what we bring to the world as anthropologists. This is not just a question for wealthy associations.

Terry said that the WCAA had served as a sounding board for the Anthropological Association of Ireland, and that it can provide a sense of security for smaller associations. Ignacio noted that the WCAA's very existence is a big success for a small association. It allows for information sharing in a non-competitive context.

Greg wondered about attendance at WCAA sponsored panels at conferences. Michal said that it depended on the topic of the panel: some of them attracted a very significant turnout. Carmen said that Vesna's report had shown that the issues of communication, funding and projects were all linked, and she welcomed the idea of common projects.

Mugsy said that WCAA has pushed for the pluralisation of anthropology, and this radical focus should be maintained. He asked: what kind of big projects are people interested in? Rosita observed that the WCAA panel on ethics planned for the Chiba conference had to be cancelled for lack of papers, even though it should have been of interest. Perhaps people would rather focus on issues that are major challenges for humanity. Lorne felt that WCAA projects should maximise international communication, and that the WCAA should choose projects that could bring together as many anthropologists as possible.

Junji reminded everyone that cooperation with the IUAES would expand the scale and effectiveness of WCAA projects. Okpyo Moon said that it was unsettling to hear at her first WCAA meeting that it may not continue to exist. She sees the WCAA as having a valuable role in increasing connectedness, which is lacking even within the East Asian associations, and was concerned that this may be lost with the merger.

Debate on Potential WCAA Project Platforms

As WCAA approaches the end of its seed funding period, it has been suggested that it could perhaps re-imagine itself as a large research network with a uniquely global reach. If all the member associations were to collaborate on collective research that can only be practicable for such an association of associations, WCAA can access project-specific funding for research symposia that will simultaneously serve as delegates' meetings. For example, Greg Acciaioli has

suggested that in order to increase the general public's knowledge and appreciation of what anthropologists do, the WCAA could accurately map the actual face of anthropology today if member associations were to pool data about the kind of work their members do (whether academic or applied anthropologists, what kind of research they are employed to do etc.). These findings could be shared at a symposium which would also be a biennial meeting. The WCAA was perhaps the only organisation that could carry out what he termed (tentatively) a 'Global Survey of Anthropological Practice', as working through the member associations as administrators of the survey was one of the only practicable ways to reach such a wide constituency of anthropologists, even though, admittedly, it would not reach anthropologists who were not members of these associations.

Discussion

Clara said that a similar survey had already taken place within APA, and Carmen said that ABA had done so as well. Helen suggested that such a survey could gather more than numbers, e.g. anthropologists could be asked why they are not members of associations. Soumendra said that the IAA had compiled a directory of Indian anthropologists, which helped address a number of important questions, such as: how is the habitus of the anthropologist shaped by the doxa of the field? What are the aspirations of anthropologists within the larger political economic climate? He noted that there is a difference between the public presence of anthropologists and the presence of anthropology, and we should think seriously about the opportunities missed.

Shu-min suggested that WCAA should seek funding in this collective way around global health issues. This was a theme that resurfaced later in the day.

There was an extended discussion of English language hegemony. Monica proposed some concrete steps: the compilation of a list of journals in different languages that can be used by universities in promotion and hiring processes, the compilation of a bank of reviewers who can evaluate work in different languages, etc. David said that these resources already exist at anthropologylinksonline. Greg pointed to the list of journals available on the WCAA website, and Carmen said that member associations should be asked to nominate journals in order to improve this list. Shu-min noted that all English language journals are not equivalent to each other.

Terry said that English language hegemony is an issue in other social sciences as well, and WCAA should perhaps join forces with other disciplines. Anita said that English is regarded as the only scientific language, even by local funders in Croatia. Research topics also become skewed in the direction of the priorities of English language journals. Virginia said that all this attests to the need for a 'Language and Publication' focus in the WCAA. This has been written about previously, but not in the company of the leadership of anthropology across the world. Mugsy said that we should think about whether this is an intellectual project or an engagement project. It needs to be conceptualised.

Noting that ranking instruments is how neoliberalism proceeds in our world, Greg said that a practical measure would be to get non-English journals into the Reuters index, ISSI list elite group. Monica suggested that it might be possible to ask English language journals to publish articles in languages other than English, to which Greg replied that a journal editor cannot just decide to do so. For example, Taylor and Francis will not permit him to do so for the journal he edits.

Rosita pointed out that the emphasis on publishing in English takes away from the possibility of anthropologists publishing in the languages of their research participants. Shao-Hua acknowledged

that many important issues had been raised in this context, but cautioned against language separatism.

Elections

Since the delegates present in Taipei did not constitute a full quorum, there was considerable discussion about how to make the best use of such a substantial gathering of WCAA delegates in the elections process. Several delegates noted that the excessive quorum proportion set out in the WCAA Constitution is better suited to a much smaller organisation, and that constitutional revisions have not kept pace with the rapid expansion of the WCAA.

It was unanimously decided that Mugsy Spiegel (who was rotating off the Organising Committee in Taipei and going on to become a member of the WCAA Advisory Committee) would lead a new Committee on Constitutional Reform that would recommend revisions of the procedural aspects of the WCAA Constitution to bring it in line with the Council's present needs. Lorne and David will be members of this committee.

After discussing the issue at length, there was a motion made in favour of voting by secret ballot in Taipei, and for the subsequent online approval of the vote by the full membership. The motion passed with 17 for, 4 against and 2 abstentions.

The secret ballot at the meeting yielded the following Organising Committee slate for approval by an online vote.

Chair: Vesna Vucinic

Deputy Chair: Chandana Mathur

Secretary: Lorne Holyoak

Treasurer: David Shankland (appointed position)

Members: Gordon Mathews (continuing), Isaac Nyamongo, Carmen Rial, Soumendra Patnaik, Greg Acciaioli (undesignated member)

Immediately following the Taipei meeting, this new Organising Committee came to be fully elected by an online vote of the entire membership of the WCAA.

Other Key Matters

Forthcoming Meetings

The following list was compiled by those present.

IUAES Bangkok, July 2015

Anthropological Association of Ireland Cork, March 2015

RAM Montevideo December 2015

SIEF Zagreb, June 2015

EASA Milan, July 2016

APA Portugal, Sept 2016

ASnA Maputo, Sept 2016

(the above two will take care not to clash)

WCAA biennial meeting in conjunction with IUAES Dubrovnik Inter-Congress, May 2016

'Epidemics and Other Disasters' Focus

Monica sought assistance from the WCAA for an AAA-sponsored workshop on Ebola in November 2014, and also asked more generally if WCAA can co-sponsor and help populate initiatives such as this. Carmen volunteered ABA support and David said that the RAI's Medical Anthropology section would like to be involved. He noted that a single global body would be far more effective for rapid responses to such challenges. A motion was proposed and passed (22 for, 1 abstention) that WCAA would assist with AAA's November workshop.

It was suggested that WCAA should develop and circulate a statement on Ebola. Isaac and Shao-Hua will together draft this.

Lorne suggested that ASF-US should get in touch with MSF about Ebola. Virginia said she would pursue this.

Greg moved that 'Epidemics and Other Disasters' should be added as a fourth theme to the list of the three priority intellectual themes identified by WCAA delegates at the Delhi biennial meeting in 2012.

Noel pointed out that choosing priority themes can exclude many kinds of research. Greg said that the intention was to reinforce key issues rather than exclude any others. Noel said that if we do choose priority themes for the WCAA, we should adhere to the lists of research themes prioritised by international bodies. Michal said that the WCAA priority list is rather bland, and thus does not contradict the major international themes. Chandana noted that WCAA's chosen themes inevitably reflect the research interests of the delegates present at the time, which may not be shared by the next generation of delegates or by the wider membership.

Rosita proposed that we should discuss and decide at the next biennial meeting whether we want to choose themes, or whether we should follow Noel's suggestion about conducting proactive groundwork to identify themes.

As Greg had framed this as a motion, it had to be voted on and was passed. However, it was decided that the new Organising Committee should place this item on the agenda for the 2016 biennial meeting.

APA Request for WCAA Support

Clara brought attention to the fact that Portuguese funding agencies have cut anthropology out of their list of disciplines and included it as part of sociology. A motion was made that Clara would draft a letter to be sent on behalf of the WCAA, and then send it to the Organising Committee, which would circulate it for approval. The motion was passed with one abstention.

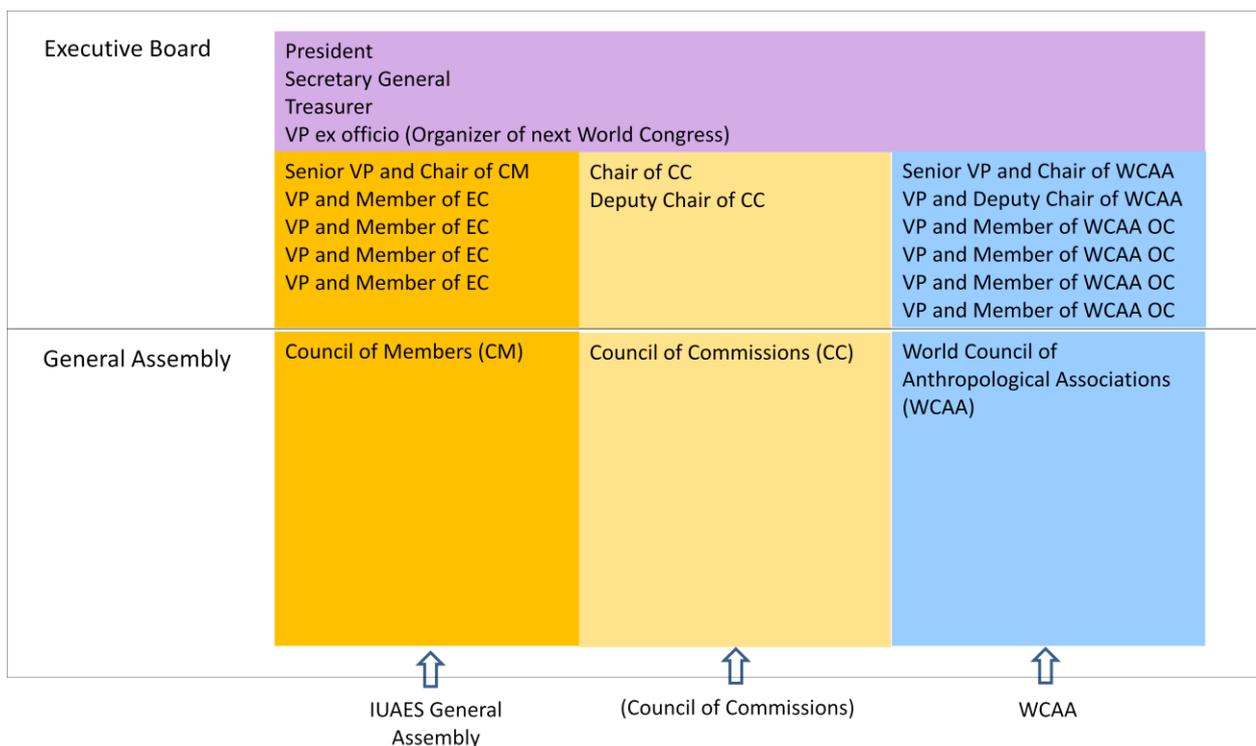
Rosita suggested that the letter should pinpoint what is unique about anthropology in the social sciences rather than criticising sociology. Anita said that it is important to mention biological anthropology also in this context, and to remember that anthropology is an interdisciplinary science. She said that it could be a general statement to be used by everyone. Carmen disagreed, saying that the Brazilian research establishment does not dismiss anthropology as irrelevant, and there is no need to offer them a statement that identifies them as an outlier in this regard! Shumin underlined the point that circumstances are different in different parts of the world. It was decided that each statement to be issued by WCAA in the future should be addressed to a clearly targeted entity or public.

Open Discussion Regarding the IUAES-WCAA Partnership, Part 2

As agreed on the previous day, there was a resumption of this discussion. It was organised around a detailed proposal that had been prepared as a way of thinking through the possibilities.

Tricameral Merger Proposal for IUAES-WCAA

Based on detailed discussions with Mugsy the previous evening, Junji had devised the following graphic of a unified structure for the IUAES and the WCAA.



Discussion

There were various questions regarding the model. Ignacio noted that certain persons were counted twice, as individual members and office holders, to which Junji replied that they are not office-holders but active people in Commissions who deserve to be double-counted. Greg asked if this model required WCAA member associations to pay dues. Junji said there should be no compulsory dues, in keeping with WCAA's original spirit. Lia pointed out that large organisations like AAA and ABA would dominate decision making, but Junji said that a capping of votes was envisaged, though it could not be easily represented on this figure. Soumendra wanted to know if this structure gives WCAA room to grow, and wondered if the WCAA Task Forces should be

classified with IUAES Commissions. Junji said that the potential for the growth of the WCAA would be increased by the unification and that the Task Forces were short run structures, whereas Commissions were intended for the long run for the development for certain subfields of anthropology, and that they should both exist.

Monica said that the fundamental structure was good, and seemed fair to both WCAA and IUAES. Virginia remained unconvinced that a merger of this kind would be in WCAA's interest. David said that this graphic was just intended to stimulate discussion, and that the details would need to be carefully worked out. Mugsy observed that it was important to maintain WCAA's autonomy rather than independence. Sachiko reminded everyone that a financial discussion regarding this relationship is very important: it is crucial to find a way to maintain WCAA activities when funders and member associations are paying into one organisation instead of two.

Vesna also mentioned that the alliance could be framed differently, with the WCAA as one organisation and the IUAES with its constituent bodies as another coordinate organisation, rather than integrating the WCAA as one of the constituency councils within a merged organisation.

The ad hoc committee on IUAES-WCAA alliance had until this meeting had consisted of seven members, namely, Junji Koizumi, Rajko Mursic, Mugsy Spiegel, Thomas Reuter, Chandana Mathur, Greg Acciaoli and Vesna Vucinic. It was now decided to co-opt David Shankland as its eighth member, so as to keep the representational symmetry of the two organizations.

Michal summed up the decision reached at the end of two days of discussion by saying that the WCAA ad hoc committee members should continue negotiating with IUAES counterparts subject to the principle that the specificity of the WCAA must not be lost.

End of meeting.

List of Attendees

Monica Heller, AAA

Mugsy Spiegel, WCAA Organising Committee member

Chandana Mathur, WCAA Secretary

Lia Ferrero, CGA Argentina

Anita Sujoldzic, HAD Croatia

Isaac K Nyamongo, PAAA

Junji Koizumi, IUAES

Carmen Rial, ABA

Clara Saraiva, APA and SIEF

Terence Wright, AAI

Helen MacDonald, ASnA

Ignacio Fernandez De Mata, AACLMK

Lorne Holyoak, CASCA

Shu-min Huang, TSAE

Zdenek Uherek, CASA

Greg Acciaioli, WCAA Treasurer

Noel Salazar, EASA

Rosita Henry AAS

David Shankland, RAI

Soumendra Patnaik, IAA

Vesna Vucinic, InASEA and WCAA Organising Committee member

Michal Buchowski, WCAA Chair and Polish Ethnological Association

Virginia Dominguez, Chair, WCAA AOA Task Force/ASF/AAA

Okpyo Moon, KOSCA (Korean Society for Cultural Anthropology)

Suzanna Roldan, UGAT

Sachiko Kubota, JASCA