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Opening

1) Thanks from Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic to all delegates for coming to this WCAA Biennial Meeting.
2) Welcoming address from the President of the Croatian Anthropological Society, Pavao Rudan
3) Self-introductions from all members. It has been mentioned that two African delegates could not come due to visa difficulties.

Chair's Report

Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic's report on WCAA activities since the Taipei biennial meeting (October 2014-May 2016):
Our main priority in the past two years has consisted of strengthening the position of anthropology worldwide. We have also been working to build closer relationships between anthropological associations and their members.

The WCAA Organizing Committee has identified a few domains central to its activity, some of which represented a continuation of previous ones in a modified form, and others that are novel.
The activities we have been working on are:

- Expanding the tradition of organizing direct, face-to-face business meetings with the WCAA delegates, by organizing not only biennial and annual meetings, but also smaller business meetings at international conferences wherever possible
- Spreading the world anthropologies ideas by organizing WCAA panels and roundtables related to crucial intellectual and political issues at major macro-regional anthropological conferences
- Intensifying communication among the member associations by introducing the WCAA Newsletter.
- Continuing the online publishing of Deja Lu, the WCAA open access journal.
- Implementing a new, four-year project called "Global Survey of Anthropological Practice", with the aim of developing a survey questionnaire which would present the state of affairs in different countries regarding: (a) educational, research, and applied activities, (b) anthropologists' employment, status, criteria for advancement etc. as well as (c) non-university education.
- Continuing to issue public statements to support anthropological organizations, institutions, and programs whose existence is at stake.

- Expanding the WCAA network to increase the number of member associations from insufficiently represented regions, such as Africa, Asia, and Latin America.
- Upholding the activities of the WCAA Ethics Task Force and Advocacy and Outreach Activities Task Force.
- Developing a partnership with the IUAES, the major international organization with a complementary organizational structure and goals with WCAA. The WCAA-IUAES Task Group drafted two proposals for future relations between the two organizations that were approved by the two executives, and are to be discussed with the respective delegates/members in Dubrovnik. During the IUAES Intercongress the procedures for voting on the two proposals will be drafted by the WCAA and IUAES executives.

WCAA Organization Committee members' reports

Chandana Mathur (past and future WCAA panels):
WCAA panels have been organized at a number of conferences: AAA 2014-Washington DC and 2015-Denver, CASCA-Quebec City, SIEF-Zagreb, IUAES-Bangkok, and the MercoSul-Montevideo. Future panels are also planned: a WCAA-IUAES panel at the RAI at the end of May on climate change in London; two panels at EASA in Milan in mid-July WCAA panel on the refugee crisis and the role of anthropology, and a WCAA-IUAES panel on the traditions of anthropology and prospects for engagement; and an AAA CWA-WCAA panel at AAA in Minneapolis on global epidemics and world anthropology collaborations.

Carmen Rial (Newsletter and meetings in Latin America):
The purpose of the newsletter is to continue dialogue between biennial meetings, conveying news to all WCAA member associations. Two issues have already been published on-line; the third issue will be published shortly after this meeting. Carmen also presented meetings in Latin America over the past two years in which WCAA was involved.

Gordon Mathews (Deja Lu and website):
There is a facebook page for WCAA, which more people apparently look at than the official WCAA page. Gordon's graduate students are involved in maintaining this page. Deja Lu is becoming steadily bigger over the years, with 35 contributions from around the world in its current issue. But national delegates need to help to get more journal editors in their countries to be involved in this effort. It has been agreed that Gustavo Lins Ribeiro, the first Co-Editor of Deja Lu, will become the Honorary Editor, and Gordon Mathews will remain the principal Editor of Deja Lu. The plan is that another Co-editor is appointed.

Greg Acciaioli (Global Survey of Anthropological Practice):
The Global Survey of Anthropological Practice was first set forth in Taipei in 2014. Survey data or reports on anthropological practices are available from a broad range of different societies. For this IUAES Conference, on 3-4 May, WCAA has organized a two-day session of papers presented by 27 different presenters, all of which are WCAA delegates and OrgComm members. These presentations are organized in four sub-streams: 1) Profiling Through Surveys and Interviews What Anthropology Graduates Do and How They Identify; 2) Relating Anthropological Practices to the State: Perils, Possibilities, and Policies; 3) Organizing the Diversity of Anthropological Practice Through Associations; and 4) Teaching Anthropology Outside the Traditional Anthropology Program. Presentation and discussion of these papers will be used to gauge further steps in the elaboration of GSAP, particularly the compilation of a quantitative data set from anthropological societies around the world providing a global picture of anthropology today.

Treasurer's report (David Shankland):

The Wenner-Gren Foundation has supported WCAA for the past five years, but that funding has come to an absolute end: this is the unequivocal message. Future applications for Wenner-Gren funding will have to rely on intellectual merit if they are to be successful, as with any other application to Wenner-Gren.

There have long been discussions over whether member associations of WCAA should pay dues. So far, these have been entirely voluntary. Every member should pay something, even if only $50, because it creates a sense of membership. But this needs to be set at a level that members can pay comfortably. Obtaining the current e-mail addresses of associations is sometimes a problem.

Other than partial subsidies for delegates in need to come to WCAA conferences such as this one, WCAA's only major expense is about 2200 Euros annually for the services of NomadIT in maintaining the WCAA website. It has cost some US$20,000 to make a biennial WCAA Meeting such as this one possible. Now we will have to think of new strategies for obtaining such money: Proposals to international think tanks and foundations will be required, as well as requests for donations from donors.

Task Forces' Reports

Report by Raminder Kaur on the Ethics Task Force

The Task Force has nine members, and four associate members, and has held two meetings over the past four years, with another meeting tomorrow. There was an ethics roundtable at the last East Asian Anthropological Association meeting concerning ethical reviews and IRB, with Chinese, Japanese and Taiwanese representatives discussing ethical reviews in their countries. There has also been a discussion of ethics in the Anthropological Association of the Philippines, particularly concerning treatment of indigenous groups. Soumendra Paitnaik, after a long effort, has finally managed to get an ethics code adopted by the Indian Anthropological Association, as has Clara Saraiva with the Portuguese Anthropological Association. In the UK, through consultation led by Veronica Strang and others, anthropologists have had some impact on funders, and have been able to make cases of exemptions from IRB. A global overview of the ethics guidelines of different anthropological associations has been compiled by Miriam Grossi, Brazil. An interesting question is: have we become too concerned with ethics in the pressure to have ethical guidelines? Another question is, should ethics be reviewed over the lifecourse of a project? Variations in ethical guidelines across different societies must be considered, as well as thinking through informed consent and how it might vary in terms of context: when are written consent forms needed? And what kind of research ethics are implied by the new technological world we are in?

The Ethics Task Force members have agreed that Rosita Henry should be nominated as the next task force Chair.

Report by Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic, speaking for Virginia Dominguez concerning the Advocacy and Outreach Activities Task Force

In the past four years, two groups have been founded, one by Carlos Caroso—Antropologos sem fronteiras—and another, ASF -- US, in Illinois, where Virginia Dominguez has been based. This is meant to set up a critical data base of anthropologists who can read over documents concerned with indigenous rights. The idea behind these two charters is to set up a database of anthropologists who can be critical readers of various kinds of documents—legal documents and others—on indigenous and ethnic populations confronting urgent problems. As for the Brazilian and American branches of ASF, a special website has been set up, and so far 80 anthropologists and other volunteers have signed up. However, with both of these, although the infrastructure has been set up, there has been no actual activity: no one has asked for help.

Soumendra Patnaik made a short presentation about the founding of ASF India, that occurred previous to the Dubrovnik biennial meeting. This group has been founded as part of the Indian Anthropological Association, meant particularly for the Global South, in the interaction between indigenous peoples and the state, with anthropologists as intermediaries.

Delegates felt that Anthropology Without Borders needs to be broadcast in every different association newsletter, including the WCAA newsletter and the website: ASF needs more publicity for what it seeks to do.

Future relations of WCAA and IUAES: Presentation and discussion of the two documents produced by the IUAES-WCAA Task Group (Chaired by Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic)
Vesna: This is a report of the results of the working of the WCAA-IUAES Task Group on future relations between the two organizations. All delegates should have received the letter signed by Fay Harrison and Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic, containing an introductory letter and two separate documents, "Memorandum of Agreement" and "Memorandum of Understanding." The first recommends creating an organizational partnership between WCAA and IUAES, attempting to develop greater synergy between two separate organizations. The second recommends creating an integrated organization with a bicameral structure. I will here go over the two documents and accentuate their commonalities and specificities.

The first document, "Memorandum of Agreement," proposes setting up a liaison committee, sharing a website between WCAA and IUAES, making collective representations when appropriate, and engaging in practical mutual assistance; WCAA will encourage its own members to join IUAES, and vice versa; agreement will compromise neither organization; finances will be kept separate. The second document, "Memorandum of Understanding," proposes a tighter and more complex interrelationship: a joint steering committee in a common organization with a common name, although each organization would keep its old name, with old organizational structures under their own internal affairs. At the same time, the two organizations will become two chambers of a common larger organization, with joint decisions made through a dual process, with much stronger mutual support. Finances would stay separate, but within a coordinated financial set-up. The proposed name for the new organization in this document is World Anthropologies Organization. However, the two executives, after a discussion, agreed that a more adequate name would be World Anthropological Union. The reason for favoring the second name is that on one hand it incorporates parts of names of both organizations, and on the other it avoids the discussion whether the name should be incorporating "world anthropologies" vis-à-vis "world anthropology".

Delegates' Questions and Comments:
--Alisse Waterston: In the first proposal there is a joint website but two separate organizations. Why?
--David Shankland: Simply because the websites are run by the same organization, Nomad IT, and lots of money, up to 500-1000 pounds a year would be saved through a joint website.
--Alisse Waterston: Users of the website may begin to assume that there's a single organization.
--Alisse Waterston: The second proposal—what are the benefits and losses for each organization in uniting these two organizations? What if one organization has much more money than the other after a few years?
--Greg Acciaioli: One implication may be that WCAA moves to a fee structure rather than a voluntary contribution structure: to balance the finances, and to allow the finances to be balanced.
--Thomas Hylland Eriksen: Leaving financial matters aside, most anthropologists can't tell the difference between IUAES and WCAA. Funders don't want to fund two overlapping organizations. It would make more sense to have a single organization, but structurally greater complexity will emerge. Would this merger lead to more bureaucracy?

--Gordon Mathews: It makes more sense to merge, but each organization has its own history that stands in the way.

--David Shankland: The second proposal will inevitably lead to one common body.

--Veronica Strang: Does this go far enough? Could we have a simpler unified structure? We'll create more problems for ourselves by going halfway there rather than altogether there.

--Pamela McGrath: Membership fees: Wouldn't members have to pay twice, to WCAA and IUAES?

--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic: No, member associations would pay WCAA, while individuals would pay IUAES.

--Chandana Mathur: Let's go over the history of this proposal. WCAA at first was opposed to this, but later, after WCAA began to accept it, some IUAES members began to oppose it. That's why this is proceeding in a phased way.

--Anita Sulojdzic: It's not clear how the decision-making process will take place, with two bodies.

--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic: It's elaborated in the draft constitution attached to MoU .

--Greg Acciaioli: The original constitution was much longer. This is short because the committee wanted to make a manageable document.

--Anita Sulojdzic: IUAES used to have a Permanent Council based on national organizations.

--Faye Harrison: That was indeed the case, for example in the Mexico meeting. But those mechanisms withered away. Even before Manchester, there was a significant degree of tension between IUAES and WCAA—I'm heartened that we've gotten as far as we have with these two proposals over the past two years. Eventually we are talking about a consolidated organization, but perhaps this is not yet the time: it may take a generation.

--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic: I would like to situate these two proposals in a structural and temporal framework. If you imagine our organizations in four possibilities from complete apartness to complete integration, then these two proposals represent possibilities two and three, in the middle. As for the daily activites, our organizations' members will not feel too much of a difference. However, the main thing is the vision we want for world anthropology. Which do we want – a well integrated organization or more separate organizations? If we look at it as a process, there may also be a danger of getting stuck in one or the other of its phases

--Marcy Brink-Danan: World anthropology needs this unification.

--Sachiko Kubota: WCAA is associations, whereas IUAES has individual as well as corporate members. Will associations still have to pay for both WCAA and IUAES? So JASCA must pay double?

--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic : If the first proposal, the MoA, is voted in, and JASCA chooses to be a member of both organizations, yes, it will have to pay double.

--Greg Acciaioli: But if we move to the memorandum of understanding model, you will only pay once.

--Michel Bukowski: We can encourage our members to join IUAES, but most won't.

--Alisse Waterston: Maybe the first option is better –you might get more stuck if you rush it: there are too many unknowns.

--David Shankland: The first option emerged because some people from IUAES were quite hesitant in Bangkok.

--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic : The final vote will come later, after the meeting, in on-line voting of both the WCAA and IUAES members.

The Future of WCAA: Strategic planning and discussion (Chaired by Chandana Mathur)

Chandana: It is important to bear in mind that the WCAA is an institutional expression of the World Anthropologies Movement; it was founded to overturn the hierarchies of conventional anthropology and anthropological knowledge production. In this sense it is a subversive organization, seeking to disrupt the business of anthropology as usual; it provides a forum for anthropological leaders from around the world to meet as equals. We need to remember who is dominant in the world and who is subordinate. The Croatian authorities have conveniently reminded us of this making it impossible for Isaac Nyamongo and Paul Nkwi, two of our African delegates to attend this WCAA meeting

because of the convoluted process forced on Africans wishing to obtain visas to travel toCroatia. Another example of this hierarchy, as described by Gordon Mathews in a letter to the WCAA Organizing Committee, is the Social Science Citation Index and its bias towards Anglo-American hegemony. This is not a conspiracy to keep marginalized traditions out, but is simply the highly unequal way that things "naturally" work out. It is important to remember the essential purpose of WCAA and the projects it represents.

In light of this situation of ongoing hierarchy, there are broad areas of work that WCAA has been pursuing and will continue to pursue: Deja Lu, the blog, WCAA panels at conferences around the world, and the global survey of anthropological practice. Wenner-Gren's seed money is finished, as of this meeting: what, then, of these meetings every two years? There is also WCAA's ongoing intellectual agenda. We need an ongoing intellectual agenda in order for WCAA to gain future funding. There are the priority themes chosen by WCAA in Delhi in 2014 and thereafter: Environmental challenges and local knowledge; displacement and immobilities; war, securitization and financialization of social life; and epidemics and other disasters. There are also the joint projects with other organizations, such as IUAES and AAA. Beyond this, there are anthropology's difficulties in a neoliberal era—how should WCAA respond to these difficulties? What, in short, should WCAA most intently be focusing on for the next two years?

Delegates' Questions and Comments
--Veronica Strang: We need to ask what do we all need most from WCAA? Most of the research themes are things we can do through other organizations. We should prioritize what is needed: to me it is public policy lobbying, given the massive funding cuts, and degradation of anthropology as a discipline. What we need most from WCAA is speaking for anthropology in political circles.
--Lia Fererro: Deja Lu needs a co-editor: I can do it. I can also do the WCAA blog in Spanish for six months.
--Alisse Waterston: Maybe we should offer only links, not pdfs in Deja Lu, for citation reasons.
--Marcy Brink-Danan: We need to consider the citation index and its inequalities.
--Thomas Hylland Eriksen: There are massive difference between who can publish where, between younger scholars and older, established professors. "Why Anthropology Matters" is an incredibly important document available in anthropology on the EASA website in several languages. Deja Lu is a good initiative because it provides a forum for differences, divergences in anthropology. Anthropology needs to become more visible!
--Chandana Mathur: The new global survey on "practicing anthropology" may be a way of learning about anthropology around the world.
--David Shankland: We should put publishing back on the agenda. Greg's global survey can be published under the WCAA label!
--Michel Bouchard: if we can have open-access texts available on subfields of anthropology, that might be best.
-- Pavao Rudan: We need an official citation index for anthropology, an alternative to SSCI.
--David Shankland: Google Scholar already does this, to a degree.
--Fiona Larkan: We need to focus on these areas of anthropological inequalities and so on, and not have mission creep into other areas. We should have increasing joint publications with anthropologists from other areas of the world.
--Raminder Kaur: We should question the whole process of citation. In the UK, we caused the RAE to be changed quite significantly because of that activism…
--Chandana Mathur: The disadvantaging of Africa we need to take really seriously as a group.
--Faye Harrison: Africa has been underrepresented in IUAES for many years because of visas, finances. This is linked to the neoliberalization of universities, and the degradation of social sciences.
--Chandana Mathur: Can WCAA still manage to have biannual meetings?
--Pamela McGrath: these meetings are really important.

--David Shankland: we have two years to try to do crowdfunding to try to raise US$20,000 to get us to the meeting in Brazil.

--Chandana: It is difficult to find resources to replace the Wenner-Gren seed funding.

--Gordon Mathews: I'll come up with US$20,000 for the Brazil meeting in two years, if my wife agrees. (Thanks from delegates).

--Carmen: In Brazil we can perhaps raise money for the project that Greg is working on. We would need a book.

--Pamela McGrath: We have a branding problem as to what anthropology is.

--Veronica Strang: We spend a long time talking to each other, and not to popular media; we need more reaching out. We need to encourage this.

--Alisse Waterston: Tenure and publication committees are saying that public anthropology doesn't count.

--Faye Harrison: A university press published Gine Ulysse in writing an eminently readable book: but her chair discouraged her: she nonetheless became full professor. It's possible to do this!

Chandana took notes on a large note-pad during this discussion, and wrote down these themes, reflecting the discussion:
--Defending Anthropology Internationally
--The Academic Precariat
--The Practice of Anthropology Around the World
--Putting Publishing Back on the Agenda
--Open Access
--Creating an Anthropological Social Science Index.

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Developing the WCAA agenda for the future: Determining the concrete work of the existing and new task forces and working groups (Chaired by Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic)

Vesna: Starting with the existing task forces and working groups, we would like to suggest the continuation and expansion of their activities for the upcoming period. We will first suggest the path to expansion and then have a brainstorming session about it within small groups, which will then convene again to submit short reports in a plenary session.

--The Advocacy and Outreach Task Force has in the previous period developed Anthropologists Without Borders (ASF) with three chapters (Brazil, USA and India). We need to keep ASF with us, and support it to see whether it will gain life. There will be no specific meeting of this group at this time since Virginia Dominguez who has been the chair of ASF is not present.

--The Advocacy and Outreach Task Force will need to be expanded to cover anthropological education beyond the university. The work of the existing task force can be expanded to make anthropological training both in and outside universities relevant to the larger world (with special emphasis on non-university education and non-traditional university education in anthropology). Thomas Hylland Eriksen has agreed to be nominated a co-chair of this task force. We feel that owing to his vast experience in non-university education in Norway, he would be the perfect candidate to co-lead this task force.

--The Ethics Task Force has collected the existing ethics codes, but work needs to be extended, especially in the domain of analyzing these codes. Raminder Kaur, who has been chair – will talk in a small group with those who are interested to join in. Rosita Henry, a member of this task force has been nominated by the group to become the next task force chair, and will be informed about the outcome of this discussion at the task force meeting that will informally convene tomorrow (after the biennial meeting ends).

--The WCAA Advisory Board suggested another task for WCAA, which the Organizing Committee though could be articulated through a new task force called: "Danger, Violence, and Ethics in Anthropological Fieldwork." In order to draft a report to be of use in setting up guidelines for various funding organizations and universities that deal with managing anthropological fieldwork, workshops and meetings can be held on this topic in the proceeding period. Wenner-Gren has also shown interest in this activity. The WCAA should set up a task force to deal with this topic, either by itself, or jointly with IUAES. Chandana Mathur and Faye Harrison, representing WCAA and IUAES will lead the small group discussion here.

--One more possibility is a task force on global cultural policies. Vesna Vucinic, while participating in a panel on multiculturalism, organized by the World Academy of Art and Science as part of its project called "The New Paradigm for Human Development" (Baku, April 2015), suggested a possible collaboration between the two organizations in this domain. The WCAA could thus found a Task Force on "Global Cultural Policies" to explore issues that impact inter-cultural relations, focusing on policies. This project could include drafting principles to be included in global cultural policies, based on multidisciplinary approaches, whereby giving central place to anthropological theory and ethnography, based on case studies of countries with different sociocultural background and frameworks.

Delegates' Questions and Comments:
--Alisse Waterston: This Global Cultural Policies task force might be looking at policies relating to intercultural relations and cultural heritage. AAA has been trying to set up a group on cultural heritage, which is a problem area unto itself, a complicated issue. We are hoping to have guidelines to help AAA assess things that come across its desk.
--Greg Accaiaoli: There is also biocultural heritage, associated with national parks. There is a lot of overlap between cultural and environmental issues.

--Chandana Mathur: Before we create new task forces, we need to align ideas with what was said yesterday. Short of task groups, we could have less permanent working groups, such as anthropology in public. This could be part of the Advocacy and Outreach Task Force.

--Junji Koizumi: It doesn't matter if there are overlaps. For financial purposes, if we can form effective projects, we can apply for funding, especially if it is international.
--Gordon Mathews: Academic anthropology is beleaguered. We had better focus on that.

--Carmen Rial: I agree with Junji and Gordon, WCAA needs to be focused on anthropology and its current problems. But we also need fundraising, and so we need intellectual projects: we can be a think tank, thinking about world problems such as refugees, for example. We need a task force for fundraising, to build a wonderful intellectual project – race, gender, refugees, migrants,

--Clara Saraiva: Yes, let's put together a fundraising group.
--Junji Koizumi: I'm not sure that we need to form a fundraising task force in particular. But we need to come up with important projects to address global issues, which would give us a very good chance of getting money: the money to come to meetings such as this.
--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic, Faye Harrison: Task forces shouldn't come up only with reports but with ways to apply for fundraising for projects.
--Veronica Strang: We need to be pragmatic, making relations with key government bodies; anthropologists aren't represented in such bodies. Anthropology has always been independent of government. We haven't built key relationships with echelons of Academies of Social Sciences and foundations. How do we infiltrate these levels? They are not interested in the grassroots. They're interested in people they know, and we're not among them.

--Pamela McGrath (???): We need branding. We're usually discreet and low-key. We have to upgrade and bring anthropology in the limelight. We have to sell it so we are known.

--Soumendra Patnaik: We need to put our intellectual capital with IUAES and WCAA together—many of us here in this WCAA meeting are also chairing IUAES commissions.

Language Diversity Working Group

Vesna reported on the findings and recommendations of the Language Diversity Working Group. The Language Diversity Working Group was chaired by Lorne Holyoak, and its members were Huang Shu-min, Isaac Nyamongo, Gustavo Lins Ribeiro, and Maria Mangahas. The analysis of the WCAA constitution done by this group showed that WCAA has never had an official language, and that it has been using English for practical reasons, not because English is a preferred language in any way. But language issues are important, and WCAA must make efforts to diversify, through strategies for fostering linguistic diversity. The Working Group's recommendations are: 1) New associations, when applying, should not need to submit by-laws or constitution in English. The Organizing Committee could appoint two people who know the language and can submit a report on the applicant's constitution. 2) There should be more articles chosen for Deja Lu in other languages. 3) The blog should invite a guest editor to run the blog in other languages for periods of six months. 4) Portions of the website should be translated into other languages.

One issue that this group had been asked to consider was a proposal to make Spanish an official language of WCAA. The proposal came to the WCAA Organizing Committee from the participants at a WCAA meeting held at ALA conference (Mexico City, 2015). The Language Diversity Working Group had examined the issue carefully and concluded that WCAA does need one language as lingua franca. Despite its problematic dominance, English can include more colleagues in the WCAA network than any other language. Without any assured funding, WCAA cannot afford the costs of translation. Despite this, WCAA wishes to do all it can to increase linguistic diversity. What can be done to diversify the use of languages within WCAA? We've returned to this issue again at this meeting because Latin American anthropologists wanted to contribute their perspective.

Delegates' Questions and Comments on Language
--Carmen Rial: Why should Spanish not be recognized?
--Sachiko Kubota: There are so many languages in the world. The summary must be in English in any case.
--Carmen Rial: But documents that are very large, in a foreign language, why can't we accept them in their own language?
Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic: There are languages with lots of speakers and those who don't have lots of speakers. We will thus end up disfavoring associations that use languages with a few speakers because we will not be able to find readers of their constitutions among the WCAA delegates. Let's postpone this issue, and have it worked out further by the Language Diversity Working Group.
--Fiona Larkan: Have we ever had an application from a country where no delegate speaks the language?
--Carmen Rial: We can ask for translation in exceptional cases, but not as a general rule.
--Greg Acciaioli: We may have one case coming up: the Thai Anthropological Association.
--Chandana Mathur: We really have been seeking associations from new areas, with very different languages —so we need to consider this quite carefully.
--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic, Greg Acciaioli: For the time being, we will still require everything in English.
--Lia Fererro: Language is indeed a problem: the issue will continue to grow. Maybe we do need to get independent assessors for these applications in Spanish.
--Cristina Oehmichen: We speak in Spanish as Latin Americanists—Spanish is our lingua franca.
--Junji Koizumi: We need to be as open as possible as a matter of principle, to be as horizontal as possible. Language should not be any kind of barrier. We need to make a distinction between political and practical barriers. The use of English itself is enhancing hegemony. Practically we

must go with English, but we need to make every effort to avoid difficulties. We need to work really hard to find those who can serve as translators.

Anita Sulojdzic: Another possibility is, instead of asking for a report on the applicant's constitution, to design a questionnaire that the applying association will fill out, thus responding to questions that WCAA deems crucial for their admittance.

--Chandana Mathur: I suggest an independent review of those materials that just cannot be translated into English by potential member associations. If we just have a standard questionnaire for applications instead of a narrative form, we won't have the ability to make an informed judgement about accepting or rejecting an association. What we will need is an independent review of such applications by someone who knows the language in question.

--Faye Harrison: If we do the homework, we can find anthropologists who can indeed do this. But we won't encounter this too frequently. I support the recommendation.

--Junji Koizumii: In the future, we may encounter this case, but we haven't yet.

--Pamela McGrath: The question is who bears the burden: the WCAA or the applicant?

--Alisse Waterston: It can be both, a process: cooperation between both.

--Greg Acciaioli: Shall we vote?

--Chandana Mathur: What exactly are we voting for? Are we saying we should accept applications in all languages? We need to wait—this should be taken back to the Language Diveristy Working Group. We are not yet precise as to what we are asking for.

 --Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic : The working group will continue to work seriously on this issue to come up with a few very precise proposals.

--David Shankland: We need a formal proposal for this. We can't vote now until we see concretely what is being asked for. We cannot act yet.

--Conclusion: The Language Diversity Working Group will continue to work on these issues and come up with a precise recommendation.

<u>Additional Delegate Discussion on Task Forces</u>

--David Shankland: This discussion relates to writing more clearly—we use language opaque to those outside of anthropology. Civil servants don't understand what anthropologists are saying. We need a plain-speaking group! "It's all right to use plain English!"

--Thomas Hylland Eriksen: Anthropologists are sometimes caricatures of clear speaking. This topic can be part of the advocacy and outreach group.

--Faye Harrison: Alisse Waterston co-edited a book *Anthropology off the Shelf*, that goes directly into this issue.

--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic: Some anthropologists write unclearly and then criticize the government officials for not comprehending them.

--David Shankland: We need to write a prescriptive statement about how we need to write clearly.

--Faye Harrison: Yes, let's do this, but no need to reinvent the wheel. This is already done by AAA.

--Alisse Waterston: This is a structural issue: we need to change the tenure and promotion criteria. There are several statements made by AAA, on films being equal to writing for tenure and promotion, and on public anthropology, non-traditional writing. Other kinds of writing: NY Times articles, or blogs, for example—don't count for tenure and promotion all too often.

--Veronica Strang: We need to inculcate the importance of good writing into students.

-- Marcy Brink-Danan: This goes back to citation indexes—that's what really counts, it seems. We need to make citations more global.

--Alisse Waterston: Citation indexes are rough indicators, but they're taken as the Bible. In my university, quantity is emphasized over quality. We need data on this! A task force can do this.

--Clara Saraiva: But this must be tied in with the language issue: in many countries, English is what counts in trying to get promotion, not Portuguese, for example.

--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic: We all need to work in our home countries on educating the evaluators, government ministries, etc., as to how to evaluate. In Serbia my colleagues are fighting on this frontier, and I am sure similar activism exists elsewhere. It would be good to exchange these

experiences and develop strategies to work further on this, each association in its own country, but with common goals.

--Clara Saraiva: We have been fighting this for years; in Portugal we continue to be classified with Sociology.

--Soumendra Patnaik: In India, 45 departments have been teaching anthropology over the past 70 years but only 7 anthropologists have been Vice Chancellors. The VCs are typically from physics and economics.

--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic : We also need anthropologists within the government.

--Alisse Waterston: WCAA should create a data-base of these different situations in different countries. We need to fight this everywhere, and we need a data-base of all of this information.

--Chandana Mathur: We need to be working on this. Is this in the Global Survey?

--Greg Acciaioli: It is part of the Global Survey.

-- Gonzalo Diaz Crovetto: This is a global issue. No one asks what you're writing but only, is it in Scopus?

Subsequently, delegates met in small groups corresponding to the proposals for task forces made above. After these small-group meetings, each group made a summary report.

Summary Reports

Outreach and Advocacy Group:

Thomas Hylland Eriksen presenter. Attending: Clara Saraiva, Cynthia Neri Zayas, Joy Owen, Alisse Waterston, Michal Buchowski, Andrei Golovnev, Fiona Larkan, Veronica Strang, Junji Koizumi, Filippo Zerilli, David Shankland, Gordon Mathews, Diaz Crovetto Gonzalo.

--Thomas Hylland Eriksen: The structure of the organization: How can we get things done? What are ways to develop the WCAA website in such a way as to make it communicate beyond anthropology? Could we develop it in a public direction, by including e.g. a blog, links to interviews or presentations of anthropologists around the world showing the diversity and significance of their work? Deja Lu is for anthropologists; can we communicate beyond anthropologists? In the world at large, the economist is perceived as important, but the anthropologist is perceived as fascinating but not important. We need to show that we are important! So public anthropology is also part of this job. Learn from the successes and failure of the past: Why was Margaret Mead so widely promulgated? But should the word anthropology even be used, because of its associations? Don't put anthropology on the book cover, some publishers say. How shall we brand anthropology? Anthropologist as go-between, mediator: translating between different worlds. Anthropological training outside the academy is important, for example for medical training, or in other training programs. The WCAA might play a role in showing and documenting what anthropologists actually do around the world, aside from becoming professors— they do all kinds of things and WCAA might show this: let's put this on the website. Perhaps we might consider producing a text discussing the uses of anthropology in non-academic settings, not with the aim of being comprehensive, but by showing, through examples, how anthropology can matter outside the anthropology departments.

Policy-related work; what kind of input do anthropologists typically provide, and what is unique about our approach? There are also many anthropologists who work in the private sector. Should anthropology be "branded" more clearly for policy makers and government to understand what kind of resource they may be missing out on? Finally, Anthropologists without Borders. This network, developed by Virginia Dominguez, has great promise. How can we take it to the next step?

Greg Acciaioli: Getting at what anthropologists actually do is what the Global Survey of Anthropological Practice is doing: we need a liaison between these two task forces.

--David Shankland: Gordon Mathews and I will form the 'Plain Writing Working Group'.

Danger, Violence, and Ethics in Anthropological Fieldwork Group

Attending: Chandana Mathur, Faye Harrison, Raminder Kaur Kahlon, Soumendra Patnaik.
--This task force idea was triggered by discussion that arose among the advisory board members of the WCAA, based on article by Michel Wieviorka on the torture and killing of Giulio Regeni, a Cambridge graduate student doing fieldwork in Egypt, sent to us by Susana Narotzky.
--Faye Harrison: A great deal of our discussion was on how anthropologists can ensure that Review Boards are better able to understand risks coming from states and other larger entities, and separate these from those that fall into the category of "moral panics." We need a sense of pragmatic reciprocity. We need more decolonized, democratized relations with our interlocutors. We need to be able to talk to lawyers, physicians, NGO practitioners, who may have already navigated these terrains of risk and danger. What can WCAA do? There will be a forum on Friday, that will help us formulate ways to address this. There may be another forum at the IUAES Inter-Congress in Ottawa, and perhaps we could develop a handbook—something very useful and practical. No need to replicate edited books already out there, but rather a handbook that is more immediately practical. This may help us negotiate with Review Boards that may not be familiar with what anthropologists do—IRBs can really complicate things, denying approval if there is the public pressure that a zone is dangerous. While we are serious about addressing the dangers faced by anthropologists doing fieldwork, we do not want to participate in a process of stigmatizing certain world regions as dangerous. Sometimes these perceptions are really false: in fact anthropologists may be embedded in networks, meaning they're not in such danger.
--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic : As preliminarily informed by Benoit de L'Estoile, a member of the WCAA Advisory Board, WCAA could possibly have a workshop on this topic in February 2017 at the Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme in Paris .
-- Another delegate noted that some institutional exigencies should be considered as a factor contributing to increased danger (e.g. quick in and out fieldwork). We're up against these institutional and governmental pressures about how long an anthropology degree should take.

Language Group of Researchers on Anthropological Publication Activity (Grappa)

Marcy Brink-Danan, presenter. Attending: Anita Sulojdzic, Carmen Rial, and Pavao Rudan
Marcy Brink-Danan: The language group has six concrete proposals. The first proposal is implementing the new membership application form to WCAA to allow greater language diversity: perhaps a questionnaire would be best rather than a narrative, which requires English. The second proposal is to have each member body rank their own best journals from their country in whatever language, and this can be posted on the WCAA website—this could be the WCAA ranking list. Another proposal is how to get more publicity for Deja Lu, promoting it further. Another proposal is the ethical return to our communities, translating our work for them in their own language, not just publishing in high-status research venues. Still another proposal is to offer a minimally bilingual option at conferences, so that anthropologists would not be forced to always present in English. Also, on the blog, WCAA needs a rotating editorship for different language areas. And WCAA needs to strengthen its relationship to linguistic anthropology.

--Greg Acciaioli: I object to the ranking of journals.
--Carmen Rial: The idea is that each association can choose five journals.
--Gordon Mathews: Every national association president can go over the list of journals on Deja Lu site, let us know what's left out or what is included, but should not be ranking them.
--Carmen Rial: I propose that Marcy becomes the Co-Chair of the Language Diversity Working Group.

-- Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic: The existing Language Diversity Working Group has been working on these very issues and has made important recommendations that we should try to follow. Lorne Holyoak has been a capable Chair and should remain in this position, and other members may join it if they would like.

Task Force on Cultural Policy, Cultural Politics, Heritage

--Greg Acciaioli, presenter: Attending: Vesna Vucinic Neskovic, Shu-min Huang, Shao-hua Liu, Yueh-Po Huang, Sachiko Kubota, Pamela MacGrath, Soumendra Patnaik, Chul-In Yoo, Cristina Oehmichen, Cynthia Neri Zayas, Lia Ferrero, Idham Setiadi.

This group is interested in multicultural and intercultural policies and politics, including cultural heritage. There were three foci of attention. The first has to do with relevance to heritage, and thus questions to be asked are: how is culture defined by national governments, and how is heritage defined? How have various local peoples utilized these discourses for their purposes? How have notions of cultural heritage been transformed into issues of property? The second focus deals with how multiculturalism translates in each country: how have policies of multiculturalism been instituted in different national contexts? What has been the role of anthropologists as brokers and interfaces in these processes? How have policies of multi- and inter-culturalism been conceptualized and implemented in various contexts? What is the range of diversity that cultural policies encompass? Indigenous peoples, handicapped people, sexual minorities? Indigeneity is a special case, but we will concentrate on wider contexts within these notions. Finally, the group will set to describe these issues of cultural policy in terms of principles and evaluation. Case studies of successful and failing practices coming out of anthropological and other social science accounts, could perhaps serve as the basis for general and specific frameworks of policy action. This would need to begin with various panels and discussions. Some practical parameters need to be worked out further.

Proposals for WCAA Constitutional Changes (Chaired by Greg Acciaioli)

The tasks at hand: a) determining the mandates of Task Force Chairs; b) co-opting one of the Deja Lu co-editors as an ex officio member of the Organizing Committee; and c) deciding on the new quorum for elections of WCAA officials.

--Greg Acciaioli: There's a lot that's not specified in the WCAA constitution: it's only five pages long. Task forces are not mentioned in the constitution. Should we put in a statement, a new article, about task forces, explaining what task forces do, and what their lifespan is, and the term of office as to task force chairs?

--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic: Task forces were established after the constitution was initially written. The proposal of the Organizing Committee is that a task force be initially constituted for four years, with possible further extension of activity. The term of the task force chairs should be the same as that of the Organizing Committee members. In special cases, which would serve the interests of WCAA, the term of the task force chair can be extended to another four years. Such is the case for Anthropology without Borders, which was a WCAA project, but had to be set up through legally independent organizations. Virginia Dominguez, the initiator of ASF, has thus agreed to serve as the Outreach and Advocacy Activities co-chair in charge of ASF for another four years, alongside Thomas Hylland Eriksen as the new co-chair in charge of developing non-university education and other outreach activities. So we need a four-year mandate with the possibility of extension for four additional years.

Delegates' Questions and Comments

--Carmen Rial: We also need a statement of goals in the constitution for task forces.

--Anita Sulojdzic: Maybe no time period should be put in—tasks differ in how long they take.

--Greg Acciaioli: At the time of formation, a task force can make its own period of operation.

--Veronica Strang: We need a statement of goals, set forth clearly, with periodic reviews.

--Clara Saraiva: We need practical outcomes. We can't just talk in these task forces. We need to do real things.

--David Shankland: And we need to decide on an appropriate rotation of chairs.

--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic : We need to distinguish between task forces and working groups. Task forces have a longer time span. Working groups may be with shorter-term objectives and life-span..

--Gordon Mathews: We need to have practical goals for task forces stated in the constitution.

Pavao Rudan: We need to be flexible, and not try to repeat IUAES Commissions; I'm afraid of too much bureaucratization.

--Chandana Mathur: There should be a limited term for task team chair. Four years is reasonable. But review should happen more frequently than four years—the review of outcomes can be at every biannual meeting.

--Raminder Kaur: We can have a deputy chair, who would be trained for becoming chair. We need guidelines on new members and placement of new members.

--Greg Acciaioli: We will draft something and send it out electronically.

--Greg Acciaioli: We would like to make a Deja Lu editor an ex officio member of the Organizing Committee, but the person can be excluded from some discussions. This needs to be in the Organizing Committee's constitution.

--Pavao Rudan: No one should be excluded from discussions. Everyone has a right to be present during discussions, if not to vote.

--Chandana Mathur: We work by consensus; we don't really vote.

--David Shankland, Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic : The co-editor should be coopted with no qualification.

--Greg Acciaioli: The third matter is the quorum: we might change the constitution so that we can make decisions based on a lower quorum, not 2/3 of delegates but 1/2. The quorum has to be redefined now in light of the increased number of associations belonging to WCAA.

--Chandana Mathur: There are now 52 member associations, many more than when the constitution was first written.

--Clara Saraiva: Can't we just vote on line?

--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic: We need to be face to face. We haven't changed the constitution for a long time: it's about time to do so. Today we need a preliminary agreement from all of you, and then we'll send it out to vote. So what of the quorum?

--Cynthia Neri Zayas: If no one questions the quorum, it won't matter.

--Shu-min Huang: James Chen, the China delegate, couldn't get his visa to come: it was denied by the provincial government.

--Fiona Larkan: Do we want to have a proxy vote? For people who cannot attend?

--Sachiko Kubota: That may be necessary.

--Greg Acciaioli: We have a good sense of this: we'll work on the phrasing, and send it out.

WCAA Elections (Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic, presiding)

We will now proceed to present the nominations and then to vote for the Deputy Chair and two Ordinary members of the Organizing Committee. Deputy Chair –this position generally needs someone with the prior Organizing Committee experience. Two nominations were received: Isaac Nyamongo (former President of the Pan-Africa Association of Anthropologists) and Carmen Rial (Former President of the Brazilian Anthropological Association). Isaac Nyamongo unfortunately could not be present because of visa difficulties, and could not be skyped in.

For Organizing Committee members, there were three nominees: Sachiko Kubota (Japanese Association of Social and Cultural Anthropology), Shao-hua Liu (Taiwan Society for Anthropology and Ethnology), and Clara Saraiva (Portuguese Anthropological Association and SIEF)

Most delegates have one vote, representing one association, and a few have two, if they represent two associations. Some participants in this meeting have no votes, if they are members of the organizing committee but not representatives of an WCAA-member anthropological association. Owing to the fact that this Biennial Meeting lacks a 2/3 quorum (which demanded 36 out of overall 52 delegates of the member associations to be present), the voting that will take place here will be treated as a preliminary vote, to be ratified by all member associations electronically after the meeting.

The 33 votes were cast through a secret ballot.

The vote outcomes are:
Carmen Rial was elected the Deputy Chair
Sachiko Kubota and Clara Saraiva were elected Organizing Committee members.

Chairs of task forces were selected after the recommendation of the Organizing Committee and/or the task force member, and on the basis of their willingness to take on the task. The meeting unanimously voted in the new chairs of the task forces:

Chairs of Task Forces:
--Thomas Hylland Eriksen (new co-chair) and Virginia Dominguez (the previous chair) are elected the co-chairs of the Advocacy and Outreach Task Force
--Rosita Henry is elected the new chair of the Ethics Task Force
--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic is elected chair of the new Global Cultural Policies Task Force
--Lorne Holyoak remains the chair of the Language Diversity Working Group.
--The group on Violence, risk and ethics in anthropological fieldwork has not yet become a task force.

After the electronic ratification of votes, the new Organizing Committee should comprise the following members:
Chandana Mathur: Chair (automatically takes over the position as the previous Deputy Chair)
Carmen Rial: Deputy Chair
David Shankland: Treasurer
Greg Acciaioli: Non-designated OC member
Lorne Holyoak: Secretary
Sachiko Kubota: new member OC
Clara Saraiva, new member OC
Soumendra, continuing OC member
Isaac Nyamongo, continuing OC member
Gordon Mathews, Deja lu co-editor as co-opted OC member (after the voting of the Biennial Meeting regarding the constitutional changes)

Forthcoming WCAA Meetings (Chaired by Carmen Rial)

There have been WCAA panels and meetings at numerous conferences of late. These are listed in Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic's Chair's Report on the WCAA Activities Since the Biennial Meeting in Taipei (October 2014 - May 2016):
http://www.wcaanet.org/downloads/meetings/Agenda%20for%20WCAA%20Biennial%2 0Meeting%20in%20Dubrovnik%20(2-3%20May).pdf
As for upcoming meetings, several directly bear the rubric of WCAA:

At the Conference of the Royal Anthropological Institute in London (27-29 May 2016), entitled "Anthropology, Weather and Climate Change," the WCAA and IUAES will jointly present a panel entitled "Disciplinary Dalliances and Disciplinary Transformations in an Age of Climate Chaos"

(P22). Convened by Chandana Mathur (Deputy Chair) and Mugsy Spiegel (IUAES Treasurer), the panel will feature 7 papers.
http://www.nomadit.co.uk/rai/events/rai2016/panels.php5?PanelID=3818

At the EASA conference in Milan (20-23 July 2016), the WCAA will organize two panels. The WCAA panel on "'Refugee Crisis, European Reactions and the Role of Anthropology" (P025), convened by Michal Buchowski (former WCAA Chair) and Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic Neskovic (former WCAA Chair), will comprise two sessions with 10 paper presentations. The WCAA-IUAES co-sponsored panel on "Traditions of Anthropology, Prospects for Engagement," (P108) convened by Chandana Mathur (WCAA Chair) and Faye Harrison (IUAES President), will comprise two ? sessions with 6 papers. A WCAA Delegates Meeting will be organized there as well. http://nomadit.co.uk/easa/easa2016/panels.php5?PanelID=4369
http://nomadit.co.uk/easa/easa2016/panels.php5?PanelID=4297

At the AAA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis (November 2016), the AAA Committee on World Anthropologies and WCAA will jointly organize a panel on "World Anthropologies, Global Epidemics, and Imaginative Collaborations," to be convened by Cristiana Bastos (CWA) and Isaac Nyamongo (WCAA Organizing Committee member).
On 3-6 August, the ABA will present a conference on "The Politics of Anthropology," and WCAA will have a panel, IUAES –WCAA, on "The Internationalizton of Anthropology Today."

There are numerous other conferences that associations represented in the WCAA are holding.

* APA Conference in Portugal, with the IUAES represented, 1-4 June in Coimbra.
- On 19-22 June, HKAS (Hong Kong) will co-sponsor a conference.
- EASA conference in Milan 20-23 July.
- On 22-23 Sept., the Polish Ethnological Society will meet to explore "What kind of reflection on Europe is needed today? Challenges, dilemmas and perspectives."
- On 30 Sept.- 2 Oct. 2016, ASnA will hold its annual conference at the U. of Venda, "Rethinking Anthropology in the Negative Moment."
- In the third week in October in Manila, UGAT, the Philippine Association will hold its annual meeting.
- ASA will meet in the first week of July; in Dec. 2017 there will be a joint meeting of ASA, AAS, and ASAANZ in Adelaide. On 12-15 December, the AAS will meet in Sydney;
- October 2016, the World Culture Forum will take place in Bali.
- On 28 March 2017, in Santa Fe USA, SfAA will hold its annual meeting.
- In April 2017, SIEF will meet in Gottingen, with the theme "Dwelling Creativity and Mobility."
- On 2-7 May, there will be an IUAES Inter-Congress along with a meeting of CASCA, "Mo(u)vements," in Ottawa.
- On 6-9 June, in Bogota, the LAAS conference "Anthropological Knowledge & Practice in Latin America and the Caribbean" will take place;
- on 8-9 June 2017, the Israeli Anthropological Association will have its annual meeting.
- In the first week of July 2017, the Congress of Russian Anthropology & Ethnology will have a meeting in Udmutiya Republic, Izhevsk.
- On 15-18 September, InASEA will hold a conference "Balkan Life Courses: Family, Childhood, Youth and Old Age in Southeast Europe".
- In Sept. or Oct. 2017, there will be an ASnA meeting in either Malawi or Mozambique.
- On 3 August 2018 the IUAES Congress, "World (of) Encounters," Florianopolis, Brazil, will take place, with the WCAA biennial meeting in Florianopolis, before or after this meeting.

The information in the preceding paragraph is imprecise and incomplete. Everyone is asked to send the complete information of conferences in writing, with confirmed dates, to Carmen Rial at rial@cfh.ufsc.br so that it can be included in the newsletter.

Delegates' Questions and Comments:
--Gordon Mathews: What exactly are WCAA panels? How are they sanctioned?
--Chandana Mathur: They have to be agreed by the conference organizers. And by the WCAA itself: by the Organizing Committee. A panel requires an Organizing Committee member and presumably several other WCAA delegates as well. However, it doesn't always work out that way. People don't have to be delegates to participate in a WCAA panel. Panels should be encouraged as much as possible.
--David Shankland: It's usually the case that other associations waive conference fees for WCAA delegates. This is often true, although there are many exceptions. Members of different association in WCAA can theoretically go to other conferences in other countries with their fees waived, but this really isn't practically feasible.
--Andrei Golovnev: To what extent will WCAA members be involved in IUAES commissions? WCAA Task forces and IUAES commissions, what is their relation?
--Faye Harrison: The two proposals for IUAES –WCAA future relations suggest this kind of cross-organizational linkage. Both proposals we will vote on say that IUAES and WCAA mutually encourage membership, so commissions and task forces may naturally fit together…
--Junji Koizumi: We will need to rearrange all this if we come together. Now there are 26 commissions. I am hoping to see more commissions. We need to differentiate commissions (longer-term areas of cooperative work) and task forces (short-term projects with results in four or five years)
--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic: There are already some overlaps between WCAA and IUAES. For example, David Shankland, who is a member of the Organizing Committee, is also Chair of the Anthropology and Education Commission; there is lots of overlap. Also, Soumendra Patnaik is Chair of the Anthropology in Policy and Practice Commission.
--David Shankland: When you get different mixes of people together, you have different kinds of projects. So there is no guarantee that the Commission on Education (IUAES) and the task force, will address similar issues. We need to share knowledge on how to get pre-university teaching of anthropology started and sustained. A number countries have seen curricula adopted and then eliminated.

Summary Discussion of this WCAA Meeting (Chaired by Chandana Mathur)

--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic: At the end of the Future Relations of WCAA and IUAES session (that took place the previous day) it was suggested that a straw vote might be useful to get a sense on how the delegates feel regarding the two proposals (MoA and MoU). However, the Organizing Committee decided that this action would not be useful since the WCAA delegates were not yet in position to consult their respective executives about their stances on the two proposals. They should be able to officially declare their decisions at the time the electronic voting is organized, which will occur soon after the Dubrovnik biennial meeting.

--Chandana Mathur: In summary of the previous discussion, we should try to answer the question: what shall our direction be over the next two years? The issue of publications has not yet been fully addressed here: tangible form of making our intellectual activities public. We do roundtables, often, and simply stop at that. I urge people to have proper panels, and make them into a publishable set of articles.

--Greg Acciaioli: We can put these roundtable and other presentations onto blogs and other outlets. A lot of roundtable presentations can go into different venues. We can facilitate getting those kinds of presentations out in the blogosphere.

--Faye Harrison: It's important to target different audiences: don't only make these highly cerebral. Think of other styles of writing, graphic novels, etc. One possibility is the free writing strategy of a Collaborative Ethnography workshop that I've been recently participating in.

--Raminder Kaur: The journal *Identities* can publish an array of free writing.

--Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic: Considering the previous WCAA experiences and what has been said at this meeting so far, in different situations we may choose between a range of publishing options. The more conventional approaches, such as edited volumes or special themed issues of journals may be used in rare cases where the panel organizer is specifically interested to become the editor of a publication. However, some texts may be published in journals that offer space for alternative themes and genres, such as Identities. Other possibilities include placing non-conventional texts on the WCAA blog or Facebook, but also on other public forums, such as Cultural Anthropology Hotspots.

--Chandana Mathur: The intellectual agenda of the WCAA has to be determined. What are we going to do with four themes that previous generations of WCAA had delineated? What are the key ideas, or do we want to leave this open and free to develop?

--Pamela McGrath: There is an incredible brain trust here. An article written by two presidents of societies from different parts of the world could speak to the power of anthropological voices, and mass media outlets would probably be willing to publish this work.

--Chandana Mathur: Would you coordinate this?

--Alisse Waterston: We need to know how to leverage everything we already do. Think about curating themed issues, e.g. on refugees and environments. Consider *Open Anthropology* online, a curated journal bringing material from the archives of AAA journals. (AW was first editor). To what extent can Deja Lu accomplish this?

--Gordon Mathews: Deja Lu will need two or three or more years to compile an archive and get the online journal more established.

--Veronica Strang: ASA has experience developing central resources in this way.

--Michel Bouchard: Consider open access textbooks, readers. Maybe we can collect a small minimal charge for downloading.

--Veronica Strang: I wasn't suggesting a textbook but introductory materials on what anthropologists actually do and what the field is about. We can pool into resource list.

In the end, the WCAA sposnosred and cosposored panels and sessions at the IUAES Intercongress that followed were announced.

1. WCAA Panel Stream "Global Survey of Anthropological Practice" (Convened by Greg Acciaioli)
2. WCAA-IUAES Roundtable "Anthropological Fieldwork and Risk in a Violent World" (Convened by Chandana Mathur and Faye Harrison)
3. IUAES-WCAA Panel (no. 312): "The Teaching of Anthropology in Schools" (Convened by David Shankland)
4. IUAES-WCAA Panel (no. 608): "Engaged Anthropology and Public Policy in Neo-liberal Economy" (Convened by Soumendra Patnaik and Tanya Yakimov)
5. IUAES-WCAA Panel (no. 436): "Social and Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology as/and Science: Addressing Contemporary Instrumentalist Threats to the Humanities" (Convened by Andrew 'Mugsy' Spiegel and Isaac Nyamongo)
6. Special Session: Strategic Alliance between IUAES and WCAA (Convened by Faye Harrison and Vesna Vucinic-Neskovic Neskovic)