

Report on the activity of the panel Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Development at the CASCA/IUAES Inter-congress/conference in Ottawa, Canada (2-7 May 2017).

Conveners: Dorothy Billings and Viacheslav Rudnev

Discussant: James Phillips

A joint CASCA/IUAES Inter-congress/conference 2017 was dedicated to a topic of Movement. There were presented more than 100 panels.

The panel on Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Development looks at international ethnological views on problems of cultural diversity and harmonizing a Human-Nature-Society system in the context of Sustainability. Global changes in relationships in a Nature-Society system as a result of Human activity have a lot of aspects and results. High level pressing of industrial society on nature promote a lot of success in a Life style of the society and at the same time create a lot of new problems in ecology, human health and social life for Mankind. All those problems give reality to a process of searching a way for solutions for those problems and create a context for creating different technologies in Life-support activities; in particular, the unique value of cultural diversity.

Scholars from Canada (Donna Lester-Smith, David Ryniker), France (Telesphore Matchioundji ), India (Keya Pandey), New Zeland (Matthew Harms), Russia (Marina Martynova, Viacheslav Rudnev) and USA (Dorothy Billings, Zhanna Pataky, James Phillips, Ethel Vesper) participated in the panel. Some papers were presented on line.

Panel's papers focused attention on different aspects of the topic.

A few scholars focused attention on collisions in relationships between groups of Folk/Indigenous peoples and modern society: Dorothy Billings reviewed the power of protests by indigenous people and environmental activists in this context. Marina Martynova examined problems of cultural transformations among migrants in a city.

Several presentations were dedicated to the meaning of Folk Heritage in Life-support activity for modern : Viacheslav Rudnev has analyzed Folk Heritage in agriculture for keeping a fertility of soil; Zhanna Pataky focused attention on the history of growing potatoes in Peru and the nutritional importance of this tuber as it spread round the world.

Regional specific papers were submitted by: David Ryniker and Donna Lester-Smith, who argued that a life-style of indigenous people in Vancouver (Canada) had sustainable foundations. Matthew Harms presented his ongoing research on a conservation project shared by Maori and Pakeha (European settlers) in New

Zealand. Ethel Vesper considered corporate social responsibility for sustaining and protecting the natural environments in Micronesia and elsewhere. Regional projects that support sustainability were explored by Keya Pandey (in North India) and Telesphore Matchioundji (in East Cameroon). James Phillips presented his research on the findings about First Nations land possession and title in the courts of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

Presentation of the papers was followed by substantive discussion and contributions of examples by attendees. Two students, one from Japan and one from Canada, expressed interest in presenting papers in this panel in the future.

Discussion at the end of Panel's work has shown a wide interest of anthropologists from different areas of the World to this topic and a positive value of international collaboration in investigation problems of Indigenous/Folk peoples Culture in context of quickly changing modern World.

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