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Institute for Anthropological Research and KULA, Slovenian Ethnological and Anthropological Association, Ljubljana, SLOVENIA with cooperation of Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana and Croatian Anthropological Society had the honor to organize Inter congress IUAES (International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences) in Hotel Palace Dubrovnik, May 4th to 9th 2016 under the name World Anthropologies and Privatization of Knowledge: Engaging Anthropology and Public.

As the ethnological and anthropological sciences encompass an abundance of different research fields and perspectives, particularly as they develop in diverse parts of the world, the main topics of the Inter-Congress were: World anthropologies: peripheries strike back; Privatization of knowledge, technologies, and nature; Engagement and practice: publicizing and using anthropology/Bringing anthropology to the people: how can science contribute to everyday lives; Varieties reconsidered: biocultural challenges for anthropology; Anthropological responsibilities; Managing cultural and linguistic diversity and social inequality; Human genetics – costs and benefits; Human evolution: past, present and future; Anthropological knowledge and environmental challenges and Improving health, well-being and quality of life.

The scientific committee accepted 172 diverse and interesting panels. The congress was attended by 708 registered participants, out of which 635 of them presented their papers, posters and films. There were 11 ethnographic films, 39 poster presentations and 585 oral presentations. These numbers we can thank to the fact that the congress was partially supported by the Wenner Gren Foundation, what gave the opportunity for participating to 102 scholars and students.

We were proud to host several keynote plenary lectures held by esteemed and internationally recognized scientists. Prof. Noël Cameron from Centre for Global Health and Human Development, School of Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences, Loughborough University, UK held a very interesting lecture on de-privatisation of knowledge and using “big data” to understand global variation. An inspiring lecture on cost and benefits on human genetics and the presence an future on personalized medicine given by prof. Dragan Primorac (Eberly College of Science, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, USA, The Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, University of New Haven, West Haven, CT, USA, St. Catherine Hospital, Zagreb, Croatia, University of Split, Medical School, Split, Croatia, University of Osijek, Medical School, Osijek, Croatia, University of Rijeka, School of Medicine, Rijeka, Croatia) raised a huge interest among the audience. Prof. Rosana Pinheiro-Machado from Oxford Department of International Development,
University of Oxford, UK presented her views and ideas on rethinking informal markets in the global south.

There were also two guest lectures held by Yohanan Friedmann from Institute of Asian and African Studies, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, entitled *Tolerance and coercion in the Islamic tradition*; and Frank Rühli from Institute of Evolutionary Medicine, Medical Faculty, University of Zürich, Switzerland entitled *Paleoradiology and evolutionary medicine: Learning from the past for the present and the future*.

Among numerous business meetings, a big (and possibly historical) IUAES WCAA meeting was held which included discussion and decisions of possible merging process.

At the last day of the meeting a plenary round table entitled *IUAES Futures of Anthropology: Futures of Anthropology: Critical Challenges, Opportunities* was held. It was chaired by Noel B. Salazar (University of Leuven) and Heather O’Leary (McMaster University), with Dimitris Dalakoglou (VU University Amsterdam) and Meta Gorup (Centre for Higher Education Governance Ghent).

European Research Council held a very interesting and useful sponsored session on funding opportunities for scientists and project consortia.

The emphasis of this meeting was to show the full interdisciplinary aspect of anthropology – the fact that is clear from topics presented, ranging from biological, biomedical, archaeological, linguistic, ethnological, sociocultural and many others. On the margins of the meeting there were many fruitful scientific discussions and initiatives for future collaboration.

We tried hard to bridge the gap between science for science sake and scientific results being implemented in all aspects of society. In short, we tried to bring anthropology into everyone’s lives, and into society in general. With that idea, the Inter Congress was presented on multiple occasions on Croatian National Radio and Television, fulfilling our goal to introduce anthropology to general public. The Inter Congress was also followed by a news internet portal dubrovniknet.hr and several other news agencies.

A rich social program proposed by the organisers was very successful and well accepted by participants and their accompanying persons. It included several post congress tours, a Gala dinner in Ston and Welcome reception at the hotel lobby.

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