

## IUAES ANNOUNCED THE REVISION OF ITS STATUTES

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On December 25, 2012, the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) announced the revision of its Statutes. The draft of the revision was prepared by the Committee for Installation of New Statutes (Chair: Andrew Mugsy Spiegel) and carefully discussed by all members of the IUAES Executive Committee. The revision was formally approved by an overwhelming majority of votes cast by national delegations to the IUAES who comprised the previous Permanent Council. The revision took effect immediately, and it was announced on the front page of the IUAES website with the full text of the new Statutes (<http://www.iuaes.org/>).

The revision of the Statutes involves two important changes. The first concerns the governing body of the IUAES; the second the Scientific Commissions.

Before the Statutes revision, the governing body of the IUAES was the Permanent Council comprising national delegations representing each country. Now the General Assembly, comprising individual and corporate/institutional members, is the source of sovereign legislative, executive and adjudicatory authority over the IUAES. The General Assembly is required to meet physically at least once every five years at World Congresses but new procedures for electronic voting were introduced to permit major decisions of the IUAES (including elections of office bearers) to take place electronically.

Scientific Commissions are now given greater importance as the foci of the IUAES's intellectual work, and new procedures to establish and maintain Commissions are specified. A newly created Council of Commissions comprises the chairs and deputy chairs of all Scientific Commissions, and the Council will elect its Head and Deputy Head who will become members of the IUAES's Executive Committee.

The composition of the Executive Committee has also been changed together with its election procedure. The IUAES will now have twelve executive members instead of the previous sixteen: President of the IUAES, Senior Vice-President, Secretary-General, Treasurer, *two* Council of Commissions Representatives (as above), *four* elected Vice-Presidents, one Ex-Officio Vice-President (chair of the organizing committee of

the next World Congress) and the immediate Past President.

The revised Statutes will be discussed intensively during the Manchester World Congress (August 5-10, 2013 <http://www.iuaes2013.org/>) for implementing reform of the IUAES based on the new Statutes. New members of the Executive Committee will be elected on the basis of the new procedure immediately before and after the World Congress.