Voting on IUAES-WCAA collaboration ends on 15th September 2016
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RAISING A VOICE

The recent months have seen a spate of violence and hate crimes across the world. Be it the daily reporting of dead babies and grieving parents in Syria, the shooting down of 52 precious lives in a gay club in Orlando, Florida, the shootout in an upscale café in Dhaka, Bangladesh or the constant attacks in Kabul and Turkey on the civilian populations; the world is reeling under a cloud of intolerance and deadly divisiveness. Women's bodies are being specially targeted as in the Burkini ban issue in France and the open hostility to hijab wearing women in the European countries. In the backdrop of such events, anthropology assumes greater significance as it is among the most humane of disciplines whose central paradigms are based on tolerance and empathetic understanding of the other. Yet, paradoxically, the social sciences (inclusive of anthropology) seem to be under attack, even in those countries where they have been nurtured and have flourished over the past centuries. The IUAES, for the past months has been constantly engaged in fighting for the survival of the discipline and even to safeguard the scholars practicing it.

In our last newsletter we had reported the persecution of academics in Turkey and the inability of the IUAES to protest without risking the targeting of our discipline for further repression. Fortunately, and most appropriately, the World Science Union (ICSU) has since protested in the name of all academic disciplines. IUAES Senior Vice President Thomas Reuter reported that academics in Poland are now beginning to face repressive state interventions and, in his own words, he notes, “I think in these times it would serve to remind the public that shunning and banning historical truth is a common strategy to cover up a crime already committed, to conceal a crime still being planned, or both. Those who engage in such manipulative actions, in turn, would be well served by being reminded that the most central element of manipulative ploys is an initial act of self-deception.” All of us are faced with the dilemma of inaction and silent complicity on the one hand, and the riskiness and likely futility of political action on the other. We thus must be at once courageous and prudent in speaking out. As Prof. Reuter rightly comments, while cautioning the Turkish government may be counterproductive, Poland still sustains hope that our voice could make a difference, especially as the President is an anthropologist. The IUAES as an organization needs to remain engaged in the struggle to maintain academic freedom wherever we can.

The IUAES as an organization is neither giving up nor sitting idle. As Prof. Andrew Spiegel points out, hope remains in being persistent as in South Africa, the situation did improve over many years of protests.

The IUAES President and Secretary-General have had their hands full supporting colleagues across the world. On 13th of June, 2016, the President, Faye Harrison sent a
letter of appeal to President Hassan Rouhani of Iran, c/o of the U.N. Ambassador Khosroo, for the release of Prof. Homa Hoodfar, being held in an Iranian prison. This was done in response to an appeal by her colleague Vered Amit of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada. Appeals for her release were also posted on online petition groups like Avaaz that were signed by many of our members across the globe.

The President had made an ardent appeal, referring to Prof. Hoodfar, as a ‘prisoner of conscience’; also pointing out that she was a Canadian citizen, a world renowned scholar and had been on a personal visit to her home country when she was arrested. Faye also repeated her appeal to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of Canada, on the 2nd of August, as no reply or response has so far been received from the Iranian authorities. We are all waiting and praying for the release of Prof. Hoodfar who is older and suffering from ill health. The anthropological community across the world is distressed at the recent news of Prof. Hoodfar being hospitalized with deteriorating health condition.

The President of the Brazilian Association of Anthropologists (ABA) had also made an appeal for support as their association and he, as its President, were being targeted by the Brazilian authorities for speaking up for indigenous people and opposing some of the so-called ‘development’ projects of the state that would be detrimental to the environment and to indigenous communities. On 31st of July 2016, our President Faye Harrison wrote a strong letter to the President of Supremo Tribunal Federal, Brazil, in support of ABA, to counter the negative attitude of the Chamber of Deputies of the Brazilian Congress towards the activities of the ABA. This was also seen as vital as the next Congress of the IUAES is set to take place in Brazil in 2018. The effort put in by Carmen Rial of the WCAA who worked in close collaboration with Faye and the IUAES EC in drafting the first version of this letter is highly appreciated.

At the end of June, an appeal was received from Prof. Greg Acciaioli, for support for anthropologist Ken George, who had been rendered redundant from the CHL (School of Culture, History and Language) at the Australian National University. A letter signed by many distinguished anthropologists was sent to the Vice-Chancellor of ANU, Prof. Brian Schmidt, on the 2nd of July, 2016. Prof. Ken George had been director of CHL, and is a well-known scholar of the Malaysian region.

These are just some examples of where the IUAES, almost always supported by the WCAA, has been vocal in its support of the interests of the discipline as well raising a voice for individual colleagues facing trouble for their unselfish activities for the cause of humanity.

Gains

A major gain was reported by Antonio Carlos de Souza Lima, President of ABA, that the President of the Brazilian Federal Supreme Court gave an injunction in favour of a security mandate filed by them to halt the breach of bank security and tax data about the ABA and about Antonio Carlos as an individual.
From Inter-Congress 2016

In July the Secretary-General reported that he had received the final report of the 2016 Inter-Congress in Dubrovnik. The excellent news included an announcement that the Congress had managed to generate a small surplus. As per the MoU signed by the IUAES and the Inter-Congress organizers, a portion of that surplus has been paid over to the IUAES – for use in supporting IUAES activities.

IUAES Seed Funding Grants

An invitation for applications for further IUAES Commissions Seed-Funding Grants has recently been published, as only one out of the several earlier applications was successful. The reasons the others were unsuccessful included that proposed projects needed funds before the date of the decision, that the applicants appeared not to have grasped the main purpose of the grants or that their proposals were not sufficiently detailed to convince the independent international committee appointed to consider all the applications. This is a grant meant to provide a start-up for innovative work by the IUAES Commissions towards bigger projects that can involve their individual members and strengthen the role of the Commissions in collating and pursuing research in their respective areas.

As Call for Applications for IUAES Commissions Seed Funding Grants is still open, members are requested to refer to the IUAES website and Facebook for further information.

IUAES membership is now providing various benefits. Among them is an opportunity to purchase with a 20% discount, a collection of papers presented at the Manchester Congress and edited by Thomas Reuter. The title of this work that emerges from the Commission on Anthropology and Environment, is Averting a Global Environmental Collapse: The Role of Anthropology and Local Knowledge, Cambridge Scholars Publishing (2015). Another benefit is in the form of a new funding grant – the IUAES Publication Subsidy Grant.

IUAES Publication Subsidy Grants

A call inviting applications for IUAES Publication Subsidy Grants, for which a total sum of £2000 (GBP) is available, can now be found on the IUAES website and Facebook page. This grant is to help subsidise the publication of edited collections of papers presented during IUAES Congresses and Inter-Congresses.

Applications can be made for a minimum of 200GBP and a maximum of 500GBP per publication. These grants do not cover any travel or other expenses for attending the congresses. They are available mainly for the purposes of 1) Language editing; 2) Indexing; 3) Subsidising publications through well-known publishers; and 4) Translation of already published IUAES collections.

Call for application for these publication subsidy grants will be circulated in August and February each year, while funds remain available. The present call can be found on the
IUAES website. The closing date for the present round of applications is 15th November, 2016.

For further details please refer to the IUAES web site’s front page and to the email news regularly circulated by the Secretary-General.

News from Commissions

New Commissions

At the Dubrovnik Inter-Congress the IUAES gained two new Commissions: Commission on Marginalization and Global Apartheid, proposed by Subhadra Channa and Faye V Harrison; and Commission on the Anthropology of Music, Sound and Bodily Performative Practices proposed by Rajko Mursic.

Members are encouraged to join these Commissions according to their choice and interest.

Academic and Advocacy Engagements

The IUAES Commissions are gaining in value within the organization as the executive members are extending all possible support to them. It is the vision of the organization, that most of the academic activities of the IUAES will take place through its Commissions.

As reported by Soheila Shashahani, chair of the Commission on the Middle East, the annual conference of the Commission on the Middle East was successfully completed in Krakow, Poland, on 7-9th of August, 2016. The theme of the conference was Migration, Change and Continuity and was jointly organized by Soheila Shashahani and Marzieh Kavannah, of the University of Bristol.

The Commission on the Anthropology of Women also reported an increase in its members in the Dubrovnik Congress.

The Commission on Human Rights, led by Buddadeb Chaudhuri and Victoria Chenaut, has been working with the Latin American Network of Legal Anthropology/ La Red Latinoamericana de Antropología Jurídica (RELAJU) in supporting anthropologists whose freedom as researchers and scholars is being undermined by troubling shifts in political climate. Because of the alliance the Commission on Human Rights has built with RELAJU, Victoria serves on the network’s International Committee, which on July 19th sent a letter to Brazil’s Supreme Federal Tribunal expressing concern about the persecution of ABA and its President Antonio Carlos de Souza Lima, who was unjustly subjected to investigation by the Brazilian legislature. The RELAJU letter closes with the following passage:

“This persecution against the Brazilian Association of Anthropology signals the criminalization of those sectors who defend the rights of indigenous peoples, with the clear objective of guaranteeing impunity for the intensification of policies of dispossession. RELAJU recognizes the significant role the ABA plays in the struggle for the rights of indigenous peoples and quilombos, and expresses its deep concern
at current developments which signal a notable reversal in the protection of those rights and of commonly held natural resources.”

Events

IUAES 2016 Inter-Congress in Dubrovnik

The Inter-Congress that took place in Dubrovnik was a grand success both in terms of participation in the beautiful locale of the country of Croatia bordering the Adriatic Sea as well as in terms of major academic and financial gains. As per the report provided by the organizer of the conference, Prof. Saša Missoni; a total of 800 colleagues participated from 64 countries all over the world and 695 papers were presented in 146 panels. In addition there were 39 posters and 11 ethnographic movies. The Inter-Congress provided a vibrant platform for interaction and a conducive atmosphere for discussion among the participants. The major theme of the Inter-Congress was “World Anthropologies and Privatization of Knowledge: Engaging Anthropology in Public”. Many of the panels directly addressed the key theme. A distinction achieved by this Inter-Congress was equal representation of all the branches of anthropology, especially of the key zones of Biological Anthropology, Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology.

For the first time The Society for Applied Anthropology participated in the IUAES. The WCAA was represented in many ways and they held their main panel stream, chaired by Greg Acciaioli, on the theme, “Global Survey of Anthropological Practices”, spread over three sessions.

A special session was organized on the Strategic Alliance between IUAES and WCAA chaired by the respective heads of the two bodies; Faye V Harrison and Vesna Vucinic. This was done with the aim of transparency and also to gather the opinion of the general members on this issue.

Three keynote lectures were given: Noël Cameron on “The de-privatisation of knowledge: using ‘big data’ to understand global variation”, Dragan Primorac on “Human Genetics: Costs and
Benefits”, and Rosana Pinheiro-Machado on “Rethinking Informal Markets in the Global South”. A plenary was also organized to engage the young scholars on “Futures of Anthropology: Critical Challenges, Opportunities” chaired by Noel B Salazar and Heather O’Leary.

There were also invited Guest Lectures by Yohanan Friedmann on “Tolerance and Coercion in the Islamic Tradition and by Frank Ruhli on “Paleoradiology and Evolutionary Medicine: Learning from the Past for the Present and the Future”.

Overall achievements of this congress were beyond expectations and we hope to continue the success in our future congresses.
**Events with other organizations**

Prof Thomas Reuter, our Senior Vice President, recently represented IUAES (as well as ISSC) at a meeting of scoping experts held by the International Panel for Biodiversity and Environmental Services (IPBES) in Bonn, Germany. In his report on that event, he apprised that among 21 experts selected from a field of 230 applicants were three anthropologists, which testifies to the openness of IPBES to contributions from social science, and particularly anthropology. The purpose of the meeting was to prepare guidelines for a global assessment of human uses of wild species (animal or plant), with a view to ensure the sustainability of such uses and the preservation of biodiversity. One of the main issues for social science is that we may need to increase our ability to contribute data on the human-use aspect of biodiversity conservation to match the developing data sets produced by biologists and ecologists. Data on living systems and more so on human practices are difficult to standardize due to their complexity and diversity, but there is now strong demand for global monitoring of biodiversity in a similar way as the monitoring of the earth’s climate system by the IPCC. This is a challenge international associations need to address.

The EASA had its Biennial Conference at the University of Milan-Bicocca from July 20-23, 2016, and several members from our executive including the President Faye Harrison as well as vice presidents Thomas Reuter, Miriam Pillar Grossi and Noel B Salazar attended. The theme was "Anthropological Legacies and Human Futures."

Vice-President Reuter participated in the panel "Food futures and agro-ecologies in damaged environments: entangled species, sustainable livelihoods, contested knowledge." He presented a paper on the vulnerabilities of Bali’s food system.

Vice President Noel B Salazar, co-convened the panel "Slow traveling: a precious heritage or a sustainable strategy for future mobilities?" The panel was sponsored by EASA’s Anthropology and Mobility Network (ANTHROMOB) and the IUAES Commission on the Anthropology of Tourism. Noel also led a laboratory (Lab01), "On the move: walking as anthropological method." Both Faye and Miriam participated in a joint WCAA-IUAES panel. Faye co-convened the panel, "Traditions of anthropology, prospects for engagement: Have ‘World Anthropologies’ tried to change the world?”, with Chandana Mathur. Apart from them other renowned scholars like Filippo Lenzi Grillino, Miloš Milenković, Sanja Špoljar Vržina, Judith Oakely and Frederico Rosa also presented in this well received panel.

The President, Faye Harrison used her time at this conference to attend the WCAA business meeting and a smaller meeting between the IUAES and WCAA executive members to discuss matters of...
shared concern. She also met with Scott Simon, one of the lead organizers for the 2017 Inter-Congress, which will be convened jointly with CASCA. They discussed the funding proposal that he is working on, which will include a letter from the IUAES. They also brainstormed about potential activities that would serve as a bridge between the conference and First Nation communities.

Upcoming Events

The most awaited event is the World Congress to be held in Florianópolis, Brazil from July 30th to August 3rd, 2018. It will be held on the campus of the Federal University of Santa Catarina, and the general theme of the Congress is “World (of) Encounters: The Past, Present and Future of Anthropological Knowledge”.

As already reported in our last newsletter, Secretary-General Junji Koizumi had visited the site and discussed the venue and other logistics with the organizers.

A meeting also took place in the annual conference of the ABA (the Brazilian Anthropological Association) in Joan Pessoa, Brazil, in August 2016 with respect to the organization of this important congress. Secretary-General Junji Koizumi, Vice Presidents Miriam Grossi and Gustavo Lins Ribeiro attended the meeting, as well as several leaders of Latin American anthropology — such as Eduardo Restrepo, the chair of the Latin American Association of Anthropology (ALA).

The next major IUAES event is the Inter-Congress IUAES2017 to take place in Ottawa, Canada, from May 2-7th, 2017. The general theme is “Mo(u)vement”. The sub themes are: “Worlds in Motion”; “Living Landscapes”; “Moving Bodies”; and “Relational Movements”.
This IUAES Inter-Congress will be hosted at the University of Ottawa as a joint meeting with CASCA (Canadian Anthropology Society / La Société Canadienne D’Anthropologie). It will take place on the un-ceded traditional territory of the Algonquians of the Ottawa River Watershed, in the year when Canada celebrates its 150th birthday.

For details please refer to: http://nomadit.co.uk/cascaiuaes2017/.

The call for panel proposals from IUAES Commissions is now open. As decided in the Dubrovnik conference, the call from the Commissions for panels will open first, followed by the call for panels from the general members. The call for panels will close on October 19th, 2016.

A Call for proposals to host Inter-Congresses in 2019, 2020 and 2021 has now been placed on the IUAES webpage.

Other Events

The President of the CIPSH has posted the invitation to the Latin American Conference of the Humanities, preparing the World Conference that will take place in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, at the Federal University of Minas Gerais, between the 4th and 7th October this year (2016).

The ten proposed round-tables are drawing good attention and while some are full others are still open for participation. The Conference will have 3 official languages (Portuguese, Spanish and English, with simultaneous translation).

A conference organized by the European Organization for Sustainable Development is to be held in Karlsruhe, Germany, from the 19th-21st of October, 2016. It will provide a global platform to exchange views on integrating climate change and environmental sustainability at all levels of education.

The World Cultural Forum meeting is to be held in Bali, Indonesia from the 10th-14th of October, 2016. The theme of the conference is “Culture for an Inclusive Sustainable Planet”. An invitation was sent on behalf of the organizers to IUAES president, Faye V Harrison to attend the NGO and IGO roundtable at this conference.

The annual AAA (American Anthropological Association) meeting is to be held at Minneapolis, USA, from 16th to 20th of November, 2016. President Faye Harrison, Secretary-General Junji Koizumi, Chair of the Council of Commissions Heather O’Leary, Vice Presidents Gustavo Lins Ribeiro and Subhadra Channa are among the EC members expected to attend it.

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology is to be held in Santa Fe, NM, March 28 - April 1. The complete pre-registration and abstract submission information is now on the web site and ready to accept submissions for the Santa Fe
Meetings. Please go to https://www.sfaa.net/annual-meeting/meeting-registration/ to begin the pre-registration process.

President, Faye V Harrison is going to be a Keynote speaker at the Anthropology Southern Africa annual conference at the University of Venda in Thoyohandou, South Africa, to be held from 30th Sept to 2nd Oct, 2016.

Voting on IUAES-WCAA collaboration

Electronic voting, due to end on September 15, is underway on the decision about how to formalize collaboration between IUAES and WCAA. The ballot has been open since June 15 and closes on September 15. **If you have not yet voted, please do so urgently** on the following options:

1) Should IUAES and WCAA have a formalised collaboration (YES or NO)?
2) If YES, should it be:

- [ ] A Strategic Alliance between IUAES and WCAA, or
- [ ] An Integrated Bicameral Organisation, with autonomous IUAES and WCAA Chambers?

The detailed explanation of these options is given at: http://www.iuaes.org/vote.shtml

We urge you to carefully read this page and take part. Please note that the passcode, unique for each member, to cast a vote has been sent only to those fully paid up members in good standing as of June 15, 2016.

Members may also view video messages recorded by IUAES President Fay V Harrison and WCAA Chair Chandana Mathur. In addition, for the benefit of providing clarity for the members, Thomas Reuter explains the MoU for an Integrated Bicameral Organization with two autonomous IUAES and WCAA chambers and David Shankland explains an MoA for a strategic alliance between IUAES and WCAA.

**PLEASE VOTE BEFORE THE 15th OF SEPTEMBER.**

Remember your vote counts and it is going to be a very important decision.

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Subhadra Channa, Editor

The editor wishes to thank all her colleagues on the EC for their invaluable inputs and suggestions, and the Secretary-General for the photographs and for putting the newsletter on the web.