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ANH / Asian New Humanities Net

Year of Foundation: 2004

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH:

President: Prof. Hsiung Ping-chen

Mission

Initiated by Professor Hsiung Ping-chen, currently Director of Taiwan Research Centre at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Asian New Humanities Net (ANH) was established in 2004 to serve as a regional network for the sharing of humanities resources in Asia. It also aims at enhancing academic and research excellence in humanities through the promotion of cooperation among Asian universities and research institutes. As an evolving forum, the ANHN has become a driving force in the incubation and nurturing of the development of humanities in Asia.

Apheleia

Year of Foundation:

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH: 2016

Prof. Gudauskas, General Director of Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania, represents Apheleia Project.

Apheleia aims at structuring a convergent set of strategies based in the methodology of the Humanities that will foster the need for a properly Integrated (as opposed to dispersed) Cultural (i.e. human and diverse) Landscape Management (rooted in human understandings and leading towards governance through awareness and critical thinking) for Local and Global Sustainability (addressing the great global dilemmas, but also focused on individual anxieties and needs). Such a program implies a high degree of complexity to be dealt with by the academia, but also requires efficient operative tools, that render such complexity simple for non-academics and for daily lives. Apheleia, the spirit of simplicity in ancient Greece, stands as the leading and inspiring word for the current partnership, since rendering simple the complexity of things is an academic obligation and an urgent need to foster tangible down-the-line convergent actions. For instance, Cultural Landscapes result from past effective behaviours facing local natural disasters, climate impacts, etc., thus being a true paradigm of past sustainable and integrated territory's management. Yet, academic courses are "physiologically" specialized and often fail to enhance such examples, so the contribution of multiple institutions, including non-academic, is necessary.

Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania is a national cultural institution open to all users, active in the areas of dissemination of information, culture, science and education, performing library activities and ensuring implementation of the national information policy falling within its competence. Mission: to be the Lithuanian space of knowledge creating value for the public. Vision: to become an integral part of the State information policy, culture, education, science and economic progress. The role of Libraries is beyond any dispute a major component of the current common efforts of CIPSH and UNESCO to resume the role of the Humanities in our society and the experiences.

The National Library of Lithuania plays an important role in the fields of the national documentary heritage preservation, mainstreaming and integration into the areas of the European cultural heritage. Excellent collaboration in the strategic and knowledge management projects, one of the most significant - International project of the Apheleia European Strategic partnership (The strategic partnership Apheleia / Ἀφέλεια was established aiming at structuring a convergent set of tools that will foster the need for a properly Integrated Cultural Landscape Management for Local and Global Sustainability) which sponsored by the European Commission and endorsed by the CIPSH and the UNESCO-MOST. The National library of Lithuania is the "Apheleia" project partner which is

responsible for all project strategic communication.

CASS / Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Year of Foundation: 1977

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH: 2015

President: Prof. Wang Weiguang

The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) was established in 1977, evolving from the Department of Philosophy and Social Sciences of the Chinese Academy of Sciences founded in 1955. The Academy is the highest national research institution in the fields of social sciences and the humanities. It is also the largest and premier think tank of the Communist Party of China and the Chinese government. Prof. Wang Weiguang is now the president of the CASS.

The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences is composed of 38 research institutes grouped in six academic divisions, division of literature and philosophy; history; economics; law, social and political science; international studies; and Marxist studies. Covering most disciplines of the humanities and social sciences, the Academy employs 3,600 staff, of whom about 2,700 are full time researchers. The CASS publishes about 100 academic journals, many of which are top national journals. In the past 40 years, scholars of the CASS produced a great number of research results important both to the academic advancement and national policy making, including 13,000 monographs, 147,000 academic papers, 27,000 research reports, 4,000 translated books, and more than 1,100 textbooks.

Over the past years the Academy has develop extensive international collaborative relations with over 200 national academies, universities, research institutions and think tanks in more than 80 countries and regions. It also works with a good number of international organizations. In 2015, the CASS became a member organization of CIPSH.

CHCI / Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes

Year of Foundation: 1988

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH: 2015

President: Prof. Sara Guyer

Established in 1988, the Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes serves as an arena for the discussion of issues germane to crossdisciplinary activity in the humanities, and as a network for the circulation of information and best practices related to the organizational and management dimensions of humanities centers and institutes. CHCI currently has a membership of over 230 organizations and affiliates in 23 countries and 46 US states. Our membership is extremely diverse and includes small, university based humanities centers to major Institutes for Advanced Study, and from large independent organizations to research libraries. Our members are engaged in a wide range of programs, including research support, community-based programs and public humanities, internal and external fellowship programs, activism and advocacy on issues of cultural and educational policy, digital humanities programs, and the development and maintenance of research collections. CHCI produces a major Annual Meeting of its membership, maintains a directory of member organizations, and supports multiple research initiatives with a focus on the global humanities.

Members of the CHCI International Advisory Board are directors of member organizations selected both for their individual qualifications and the need for intellectual, regional, and institutional representation within the Consortium. Beyond their administrative responsibilities—including the supervision of CHCI finances, grants, staff, and meetings—Board members provide the intellectual leadership that is key to identifying emerging opportunities for international collaborations with a transformative effect on scholarly inquiry and conversation on major issues of public concern in the 21st century.

CHCI operations are based at the Center for the Humanities at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which provides operating and staff support.

CIPL / Permanent International Committee of Linguists

Year of Foundation: 1928

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH: 1949

President: Prof. David Bradley

CIPL is a non-profit, non-governmental organization whose aim is to promote the knowledge of linguistics throughout the world, to encourage the development of linguistic science and to stimulate co-operation among linguists.

Each five years CIPL organises a world conference ICL in close collaboration with national committees of linguistic research. Every year CIPL prepares and publishes a Linguistic Bibliography which aims at giving a complete and reliable survey of all linguistic publications, irrespective of the country of their appearance or the language in which they are written. In co-operation with UNESCO, CIPL sponsors special linguistic projects such as projects in the field of Endangered Languages.

CIPL is a founding member of CIPSH and contributes in the following ways to the world cultural heritage and world humanities:

- 1) By trying to further linguistic research all over the world;
- 2) By informing the world community of linguists of the most recent publications in the field of linguistics (the Linguistic Bibliography)
- 3) By organizing every 5 years a world conference on linguistics (e.g. Geneva 2013 and upcoming Cape Town 2018) and organizing classes and lectures by international experts in the field (e.g. Leiden, London, Tbilisi, Vilnius, Jakarta, Bangkok, etc.) The topics discussed at the congresses reflect the rapid growth of linguistics as a science and its manifold interfaces with psychology, sociology, anthropology, philosophy and many other sciences. The expansion and specialization of linguistics is impressive. At present no scholar can claim to be conversant with the whole of the linguistic literature. Even more limited fields, such as sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics and semantics are developing at a rate which makes them increasingly difficult for the individual scholar to follow without reliable bibliographical assistance.
- 4) By stimulating research in the field of Endangered Languages (by financial endorsement of workshops on that issue), and this in cooperation with UNESCO (following an official resolution in 1992)
- 5) By giving an award to the best publication on threatened languages

CISH / International Committee of Historical Sciences

Year of Foundation: 1926

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH: 1949

President: Prof. Andrea Giardina

The International Committee of Historical Sciences (ICHS) or Comité international des sciences historiques (CISH) has been founded in Geneva on May 15, 1926. Today, the organization encompasses a total of fifty-three countries. The ICHS includes two sorts of organizations. First of all, there are the National Committees formed in each country from their individual centres for historical research. In addition, International Commissions specializing in particular fields of history (some known as 'International Affiliated Organizations' and others as 'Internal Commissions') have formed over the years.

The ICHS was created in order to promote the historical sciences through international co-operation. In particular it organizes every five years, in collaboration with the National Committee of the historians of the host country, an International Congress of Historical Sciences. It may handle, patronize or support financially the publication of reference works of general interest and the organization of scientific symposia or of other events encouraging the spread of historical thought and knowledge. It shall defend freedom of thought and expression in the field of historical research and teaching, and is opposed to the misuse of history and shall use every means at its disposal to

ensure the ethical professional conduct of its members.

ECHIC / European Consortium for Humanities Institutes and Centres

Year of Foundation: 2011

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH: 2017

President: Prof. Silvana Colella

ECHIC is a non-profit international association of research institutes, centres, departments and universities based in Europe.

Since its founding, the Consortium has served as a joint platform for reflection about research in the humanities, and as a network for the dissemination of information and exchange of best practices. We pursue a threefold aim: 1) to foster theoretical discussions about the future of the humanities in the 21st century; 2) to lobby for the humanities in dialogue with funding and policy-making bodies at the European and national levels; 3) to develop sustainable partnerships for collaborative projects and other activities.

ECHIC has a membership of over 50 institutions based in 20 European countries. We place great significance on collaborations with like-minded international organisations, such as CHCI (Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes), EASSH (European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities) and CIPSH. Every year ECHIC organises a European Conference for the Humanities. The 2018 ECHIC conference will take place in Leuven under the topic of “Equip & Engage: Research and Dissemination Infrastructures for the Humanities”.

FILLM / International Federation for Modern Languages and Literatures

Year of Foundation: 1928

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH: 1951

President: Prof. Margaret R. Higonnet

The International Federation for Modern Languages and Literatures (FILLM) is the official international body which represents the study of language and literature as research-based scholarly disciplines in universities and tertiary higher education institutions world-wide.

FILLM seeks to develop and encourage the scholarly study of modern and medieval languages and literatures. This aim is pursued through forms of international scholarly cooperation which bring together detailed research on particular topics with themes and approaches of global relevance and general application. In practical terms, FILLM

- organizes a triennial International Congress and other scholarly gatherings;
- publishes works of scholarship;
- draws attention to outstanding achievement in linguistic and literary scholarship from all over the world;
- actively lobbies for the international maintenance and improvement of education and research in the field of languages and literatures;
- and maintains a website and newsletter as a discussion forum for scholars in the field of languages and literatures world-wide.

At present FILLM’s overall strategy is to further increase its outreach, impact and usefulness.

FISP / International Federation of Societies of Philosophy

Year of Foundation: 1948

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH: 1949

President: Prof. Dermot Moran

FISP is the highest non-governmental world organization for philosophy. It was established in 1948. Its main objectives are: to contribute directly to the development of professional relations between philosophers of all countries, freely and with mutual respect; to foster contacts between institutions, societies and periodical publications dedicated to philosophy; to collect documentation useful for the development of philosophical studies; to sponsor every five years a World Congress, the first one of which met in 1900; to promote philosophical education, to prepare publications of global interest and to contribute to the impact of philosophical knowledge on global problems. FISP members are not individual philosophers, but philosophical societies and other similar philosophical institutions at national, regional and international levels. Among its approximately one hundred members, three-quarters are national and one-quarter international societies.

IAA / International Association for Aesthetics

Year of Foundation: 1913

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH: 2015

President: Prof. Jale Erzen

The IAA currently consists of 29 collective members, i.e. national societies for aesthetics, and approximately 600 individual members. The main aim of the IAA is to give institutional recognition to aesthetics as a field of humanistic knowledge, to encourage and promote inquiry into aesthetics, and to disseminate its findings. The IAA does this by publishing the IAA Newsletter (published on this website), an IAA Yearbook (in 2010 volume no. 14 appeared) and organizing international congresses: the last four being those in Rio de Janeiro in 2004, Ankara in 2007, Beijing in 2010, and Krakow in 2013. The 2016 congress will be in Seoul, South Korea. All scholars interested in philosophical or other kinds of aesthetics and in related areas such as art history, comparative literature, musicology, visual arts, cultural studies. etc., are invited to become members of our Association, thus joining a community of aestheticians which has institutionally existed for almost a century.

IAHR / International Association for the History of Religions

Year of Foundation: 1950

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH: 1951

President: Prof. Tim Jensen

The IAHR is a worldwide body of national and regional associations for the academic study of religion. The IAHR was founded in 1950 at the 7th international congress of the history of religions in Amsterdam. The 2015 IAHR World Congress took place in Erfurt, Germany, and the 2020 IAHR World Congress will take place in Dunedin, New Zealand.

The IAHR has 40 national and 7 regional member associations as well as 6 affiliated societies, - reflecting its international and global character and aspirations.

The IAHR is composed of a General Assembly, an International Committee, and an Executive Committee. The GA meets at each quinquennial congress and is composed of all members of all constituent member associations present. The International Committee, consisting of two voting delegates from each national or regional association, meets during every world congress and once in-between the quinquennial congresses. The Executive Committee consists of 12 members, representing diverse geographical areas, featuring as reasonable a gender balance as possible.

Apart from the quinquennial congresses, the IAHR sponsors regional and special conferences in as many parts of the world as possible. This serves to promote the academic study of religions worldwide, to support the work of IAHR members and affiliates, and to encourage international collaboration and intercultural ex-change between scholars.

The IAHR seeks to promote the activities of all scholars and members who contribute to the historical, social, and comparative study of religion. The IAHR is the preeminent international forum for the critical, analytical and cross-cultural study of religion, past and present. The IAHR is not a forum for confessional, apologetical, or other similar concerns.

IAPG / International Association for Promoting Geoethics

Year of Foundation: 2012

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH:

President: Prof. Stefano Tinti

The IAPG is a multidisciplinary, scientific platform for widening the discussion and creating consciousness about problems of Ethics applied to geosciences. IAPG deals with ethical, social and cultural implications of geoscience knowledge, education, research, practice, and communication with a worldwide membership providing a global network of 1600 geoscientists in 116 countries in 5 continents. IAPG has an Executive Council, 26 national sections, a Board of Experts, a Young Scientists Club and a Task Group on Responsible Mining. IAPG promotes scientist's responsibility, research integrity, sustainability, risk prevention, geoeducation. Concepts and values on geoethics are summed up in the Cape Town Statement on Geoethics, released in 2016.

The main IAPG activities are: organization of symposia in scientific congresses, publication of articles and books with peer-review process, dissemination of geoethics within the scientific and professional community and society as a whole through seminars, conferences, and exhibitions. IAPG cooperates with other organizations through affiliations, agreements for cooperation, and partnerships. IAPG is legally recognized as a non-profit scientific association, has its Head Office c/o the Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia in Rome (Italy), lives through donations and personal funds of its members.

IAPG is greatly interested to strengthen its international relationships with Institutions/Organizations that share the common goals to promote the importance of addressing ethical and social aspects in research and practice activities, and of developing multi- and transdisciplinary approaches to cultural and environmental challenges our society has to face. For this reason IAPG considers strategic the membership to the CIPSH and to contribute from its peculiar perspective to the discussion on cultural issues affecting the human communities.

IGU / International Geographical Union

Year of Foundation: 1922

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH: 2015

President: Prof. Yukio Himiyama

The International Geographical Union (IGU) is one of the world oldest international academic associations founded in 1922 and holding its Congresses since 1876. Nowadays it reunites geographical communities of 90 countries. Its mission consists in promoting the study of geographical problems, initiating and coordinating geographical research requiring international cooperation, its scientific discussion and publication. The activities of IGU are focused on facilitating the collection and diffusion of geographical data and documentation in and between all member countries, and the participation of geographers in the work of relevant international organizations, including ICSU and CIPSH. IGU sponsors the sessions of its 42 Commissions and two Task Forces representing different geographical sub-disciplines and interdisciplinary fields, holds International Geographical Congresses, Regional and Thematic Conferences in the periods between them, and other meetings in furtherance of the objectives of the Union. IGU participates in any other appropriate form of international cooperation with the object of advancing the study and application of geography, promotes international standardization or compatibility of methods, nomenclature, and symbols employed in geography.

IPPA / International Positive Psychology Association

Year of Foundation: 2007

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH: 2017

President: Prof. Lea Waters

Positive psychology is the scientific study of what enables individuals and societies to thrive. The International Positive Psychology Association (IPPA) was founded in 2007 to carry forward the research and application of positive psychology.

The mission of IPPA is threefold:

1. To advance the scientific study and ethical application of positive psychology.
2. To facilitate collaboration among researchers, teachers, students, and practitioners of positive psychology around the world and across academic disciplines.
3. To share the findings of positive psychology with the broadest possible international audience.

IPPA has a global membership of nearly 2500 researchers, practitioners, and students. We just held our 5th World Congress on Positive Psychology in Montréal, Québec, Canada in July, with more than 1300 attendees from 58 countries present.

Since IPPA's mission is well aligned with the work of CIPSH, we believe that by working together we can help each other reach our common goals for the betterment of humanity. We look forward to a long and fruitful collaboration.

**IUHPST – DHST / International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology -
Division of History of Science and Technology**

Year of Foundation: 1958

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH: 2001

President:

**IUHPST – DLMPST / International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and
Technology -Division of Logics, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and technology**

Year of Foundation: 1949

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH: 2015

President: Menachem Magidor

The IUHPST is the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology. It represents the research fields of history of science and technology and philosophy of science and technology, as well as research studying the foundations and methodology of science and technology in general, including the study of logic. These fields are linked to the natural sciences, the humanities, and the social sciences, and are interdisciplinary in nature. The Union represents both national and international institutions related to these fields.

The Union consists of two independent divisions, each with its own membership and governance structure: the Division of History of Science and Technology (DHST) and the Division of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology (DLMPST). Each of the divisions is an institution in its own right with statutes, members, commissions, and activities. The Union forms an umbrella for the two divisions and uses the governance structure of the divisions for its own purposes according to the Memorandum on the Cooperation of the two divisions.

The DLMPST is the Division of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology. Its objectives are:

- (1) to promote contacts among logicians, philosophers of science and scientists interested in the foundational problems of their disciplines, and among institutions dedicated to logic, methodology, and philosophy of science;
- (2) to encourage and sustain research and study of important problems in logic, methodology, and philosophy of science;
- (3) to collect documents useful for the development of logic, methodology and philosophy of science;
- (4) to organize, sponsor, and support international meetings of logic, methodology and philosophy of science (International Congresses and Symposia), and to publish reports, Conference Proceedings, and other works related to such meetings.

The main activity of the DLMPST is its quadriennial congress. So far, fifteen congresses have been organised in Stanford (1960), Jerusalem (1964), Amsterdam (1967), Bucharest (1971), London ON (1975), Hannover (1979), Salzburg (1983), Moscow (1987), Uppsala (1991), Florence (1995), Cracow (1999), Oviedo (2003), Beijing (2007), Nancy (2011), and Helsinki (2015). The next congress will be held in Prague in 2019.

MAAYA / World Network for Linguistic Diversity

Year of Foundation: 2005

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH:

President: Prof. Adama Samassékou

The MAAYA Network was created in 2005 by a group of entities present at that Summit on the Information Society (WSIS, Tunis, 2005) and today has 101 members from 34 countries on four continents, of which 41 institutional members.

Its main goal is to encourage civil society, the private sector, research institutions and NGOs, as well as governments and institutions to adopt and implement measures enhancing equitable multilingualism.

This implies promote mother tongue based multilingual education that contributes to value the capacity of free linguistic and cultural expression of the community to guaranty both social and gender equality as well as promote software localization and equal access of all languages to cyberspace.

MAAYA facilitates the empowerment of language communities worldwide in developing and defending their own languages and its usage and contributes to the creation and sharing of language resources. At the same time, it observes the implementation of language policies, ensure technological monitoring and serve as a focal point for linguistic research projects.

This program is of great relevance to the Humanities, which depend on the different languages and different traditions of thought, expressed in these languages, to make their maximum contribution to the construction of the future of human societies.

UAI / International Academic Union

Year of Foundation: 1919

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH: 1949

President: Prof. Øivind Andersen

Founded in the wake of WWI in Paris in 1919, the Union Académique Internationale (UAI)—International Union of Academies consists of national and international academies (or equivalent institutions) engaged in research in the humanities and social sciences.

At present, the UAI comprises around hundred member institutions from about sixty countries at all continents. The UAI's financial resources are generated from these institutions, as well as from private or public funds.

From its inception, UAI's mission has been to promote international cooperation in the humanities across cultural and political borders. Motivated by a concern for cultural policy, the UAI was a founding member of the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (ICPHS/CIPSH) and is also a member of the International Social Science Council (ISSC).

The UAI's practical objective is to initiate, evaluate and, within its means, to support financially long term international collaborative scholarly enterprises – projects of a scope and size that cannot be handled by a single academy. Projects fall into six sections: European Language and Literatures, The Greco-Roman World, Oriental Studies (by now the section with the greatest number of projects), History of Civilizations, History of Thought, History of Art. Typically, projects result in printed and/or electronic reference tools like source collections, critical editions, catalogues, encyclopedias, dictionaries etc.

The oldest and biggest project of the UAI, still going strong, is the Corpus Vasorum Antiquorum. Other projects are the Dictionary of Medieval Latin, Corpus of Coptic manuscripts, Encyclopedia Iranica, Encyclopedia of Indian Poetics, the Corpus of pre-Columbian American Antiquities, China and the Mediterranean World.

Since its foundation, the UAI has initiated or supported approximately over 80 scholarly projects. Over a century, more than 3000 books have been published under its patronage.

UISPP / International Union of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences

Year of Foundation: 1931

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH: 1955

President: Prof. Janusz Kozłowski

UISPP integrates all sciences related to prehistoric and protohistoric development: archaeology, anthropology, palaeontology, geology, zoology, botany, environment, physics, chemistry, geography, history, numismatics, epigraphy, mathematics and other.

Research on adaptation mechanisms and human societies' behaviour dynamics are at the centre of the scientific interest of UISPP. For this aim, UISPP periodically organises a world congress of prehistoric and protohistoric sciences, on which occasion the progress of knowledge is presented and common research goals are set. For these, UISPP creates scientific commissions devoted to specialised research themes.

The increasing specialisation of disciplines, of organisations and of scientific events requires a particular effort for their integration and communication, UISPP taking such responsibility. It secures the promotion of pluri-disciplinary and inter-institutional collaborations through the regional and thematic scientific commissions and affiliated organisations, sharing similar objectives, as well as with other scientific institutions.

Its aim is the collaboration of scholars from all countries through initiatives that may contribute for the advancement of prehistoric and protohistoric sciences, based on full academic freedom and refusing any sort of discrimination. It also rejects any attempts of fictional rewriting of the past or of negationism, and it doesn't exclude any bona fide scholar from its scientific activities.

WAU / World Anthropological Union

Year of Foundation: 1948 as IUAES

Year of Affiliation to CIPSH: 1949 as IUAES

President: Prof. Chandana Mathur as Chair of WCAA

WAU is a newly formed organisation that consists of two chambers: IUAES (International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences) and WCAA (World Council of Anthropological Associations). WAU was created in September 2016, when the members of both IUAES and WCAA voted overwhelmingly in favour of formalised collaboration between their two organisations, and opted to form a new bicameral organisation with IUAES and WCAA chambers. Currently governed by an interim Steering Committee, WAU will formally begin to function in September 2017 when its Constitution and Operating Guidelines and Rules are finalised and go into effect.

The two chambers of WAU:

IUAES is a world organisation primarily of individual scholars working in the fields of anthropology and ethnology, but it is also of interest to archaeologists, linguists, biological and medical anthropologists, among others. Its aim is to enhance exchange and communication among scholars across world regions, in a collective effort to expand human knowledge, advance our understanding of human societies, and contribute to a sustainable future based on harmony between nature and culture. IUAES was established in 1948 (although the first IUAES World Congress took place earlier, in 1934 in London), and has long been a member of CIPSH.

IUAES provides a world forum for the discussion and dissemination of research through its periodic World Congresses, as well as the relatively more frequent Inter-Congresses, symposia and seminars. Through its Scientific Commissions, IUAES stimulates the convergence of research interests among

anthropologists, and the dissemination of research findings through publications.

WCAA is a network of anthropological associations that likewise aims to promote worldwide communication and cooperation in anthropology. It grew out of the “world anthropologies” movement, an intellectual challenge to the longstanding dominance of Anglo-American anthropology and the marginalisation of anthropological traditions from elsewhere. Founded in 2004, WCAA now consists of more than fifty national, regional and international anthropological associations of all sizes from all continents. WCAA’s network of networks complements the mainly individual membership of IUAES, and coming together of the two organisations as WAU will help amplify the many voices of anthropology.

Anthropology and the humanities:

Writing in 1964, the noted anthropologist Eric Wolf observed, 'Anthropology is both the most scientific of the humanities and the most humanistic of the sciences.' More than anything else, it is the distinctive disciplinary practice of ethnography that rightfully brings sociocultural anthropology into the humanities. Ethnography is not merely methodology for anthropologists – it is an encompassing mode of thought, observation, writing and argumentation. Thus, in its core disciplinary practices, in its baseline concerns regarding human diversity and cultural differences, and in its overall sensibility, anthropology remains closely allied to the humanities. The disciplines of the humanities, in their turn, have become increasingly interested in the modes and priorities of anthropological knowledge production. WAU’s continued involvement with CIPSH is an effective way of continuing this exchange at a global level.