

lectures and informal conversations, and concluded that it is a beautiful language. Beside interesting questions following the lecture, I also received informal comments during dinner. Some of them were: "Well, we now know everything about you", or "we should all start our paper presentation by talking about how we grew up". In addition, the strange beauty of Vila Real and the immediate surroundings of our hotel, positioned above the ravine, from which you could hear the sounds of the river deep below, made the whole experience esthetically overwhelming. For all this, I am grateful to my hosts and all the conference participants.

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The 17th World Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES). August 5-10, 2013, University of Manchester, UK.

Since its founding in 1934, the world congresses of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) have been organized every five years, preferably in different world regions (see the IUAES website www.iuaes.org). The venue of the 17th World Congress was proposed and accepted by the IUAES General Assembly during the 16th World Congress of IUAES, which took place in Kunming, China in August 2009.

The 2013 World Congress of the IUAES, entitled "Evolving Humanity, Emerging Worlds", was hosted by the

University of Manchester, with the principal organizers being Prof. John Gledhill and NomadIT team. The Congress lasted from August 5th to 10th, and was attended by 1260 anthropologists from 65 countries. During the conference 1283 papers were presented in 211 parallel panels. (The permanent link to the program book is: www.nomadit.co.uk/iuaes/iuaes2013/IUAES2013_programme.pdf).

The Manchester IUAES 2013 Congress was a rich and multi-layered event, both in terms of intellectual content and organizational features. It started with the inaugural lecture given by Prof. Leslie Aiello, the president of the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, entitled: "The Wenner-Gren Foundation and the Past, Present and Future of Anthropology". The conference featured six other academic plenary sessions. Two were devoted to honorary lectures, namely: The Firth Lecture given by Lourdes Arizpe (U. of Mexico) on "Arbitrating Collective Dreams: Anthropology and the New Worlding", and The Huxley Lecture delivered by Prof. Howard Morphy (Australian National University) entitled "Extended Lives in Global Spaces: The Anthropology of Yolngu Pre-burial Ceremonies".

Another three sessions in the main auditorium were devoted to the plenary debates, which featured the traditional form of debating at The University of Manchester Department of Social Anthropology. For each debate, the organizer invited six renowned international scholars to take one of the opposing stands and support them in a 10 minute presentation. Thus, two teams with three participants in each debated against each other. The themes chosen for debates were: "Humans have no nature, what they have is history", "Justice for people must come before justice for the envi-

ronment", and "The free movement of people around the world would be utopian". After their presentations, the audience made comments and asked questions, and in the end voted for one or the other teams, according to the strength of their argumentation. The Congress closed with a plenary session entitled "World Anthropologies Today: Experiences and Prospects", which was organized by Prof. Gustavo Lins Ribeiro (U. of Brasilia) and Prof. Susana Narotzky (U. of Barcelona), and was sponsored by the World Council of Anthropological Associations (WCAA).

The parallel panels, within which most of the papers were presented, followed a certain number of predetermined thematic tracks, namely: Being Human, Life and Death, Producing the Earth, Survival and Extinction, The World of the Mind and the Mind of the World, Movement, Mobility and Migration, Museum Anthropology, and Visual Anthropology.

Besides the sessions with intellectual content, the Congress comprised numerous meetings. Firstly, there were business meetings of the IUAES bodies, such as the joint meeting of IUAES and WCAA Executives, the Presentation of bids for the next world congress and inter-congresses, Open commissions meeting, Council of Commissions, IUAES General Assembly, and meetings of a number of IUAES commissions. Secondly, international organizations, such as International Council for Science (ICSU), European Research Council Executive Agency (ERCEA), and Wennner-Gren Foundation had presentations of their own activities. Thirdly, meetings of other associations, such as WCAA (World Council of Anthropological Associations), ASA (Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth), EASA (European

Association of Social Anthropologists), and others were held as well.

In summary, it may be said that the 17th World Congress of the IUAES was an extremely well organized event. Besides hosting intellectually high quality sessions, it reflected the organizational reforms that were instituted in-between the two world congresses. First of all, the results of hard work of the IUAES Executive Committee in the previous four years are highly visible. The revised IUAES Statutes that were created and accepted via electronic voting in December 2012 are already being implemented. The most important changes were visible in the fact that the previously existing Permanent Council (problematic due to the nontransparent and non-standardized procedure in the election of representatives of national anthropologies/ethnologies worldwide as members of the Council) has ceased to exist. Instead, the General Assembly, comprising all the individual IUAES members, has been empowered to make all the major decisions. At the same time, the Council of Commissions has been created as a body consisting of chairs and deputy-chairs of all the IUAES commissions. Further, two elected representatives of the Council of Commissions have been elected, and represent the commissions on the IUAES Executive Committee. Secondly, the up-to-date work of the commissions has been evaluated by the IUAES Secretary General and the Executive Committee, so that the three inactive ones were closed down, three others will be restructured, and new ones have been nominated and subsequently submitted to the secretary-general (application forms are on the IUAES website) for vetting and approval by electronic voting of the IUAES members.

Equally important were the elections for the new IUAES Executive Commit-

tee according to the new Statutes. The General Assembly thus elected the new IUAES Executive Committee members for the next five-year term (i.e. secretary general, senior vice-president, treasurer, and two vice presidents). The positions for which there were two or more candidates (president, and vice-presidents) were decided by electronic voting in November 2013. At the time of this report, IUAES has a fully established Executive Committee, which comprises: Faye Harrison (president), Junji Koizumi (secretary general), Andrew Mugsy Spiegel (treasurer), Thomas Reuter (senior vice-president), Subhadra Chana (vice-president), Gustavo Lins Ribeiro (vice-president), Rajko Mursic (vice-president), Noel Salazar (vice-president), Miriam Pillar Grossi (vice-president ex-officio), Giuliana Prato (Council of Commissions head), Zhang Zhijiao (Council of Commissions deputy head), and Peter Nas (past-president, advisory).

Other decisions of the General Assembly (held on August 9th) are that the next World Congress of the IUAES will be held in Brasil, and organized by the Federal University of Santa Catarina. A major IUAES Inter-Congress will be held in Chiba City, Japan, in May 2014, organized jointly with the 50th Anniversary meeting of The Japanese Society of Cultural Anthropology (JASCA). The Inter-Congress is entitled "The Future With/Of Anthropologies".

The World Council of Anthropological Associations (WCAA) took part in the Congress in two major ways, namely by sponsoring three panels, and by holding a number of meetings. In relation to the first, WCAA sponsored an invited panel entitled "Displacement and Immobility: International Perspectives on Global Capitalism". The panel was organized by Prof. Bela Feldman-Bianco

(University of Campinas, Brasil), and had nine participants, all of which were renowned scholars and WCAA delegates (present or past presidents of anthropological associations). They were: Prof. Rosita Henry (James Cook U., Australia), Prof. Junji Koizumi (Osaka U., Japan), Prof. Ellen Judd (U. of Manitoba, Canada), Prof. Vesna Vucinic Neskovic (U. of Belgrade, Serbia), Prof. Setha Low (CUNY, USA), Prof. Ida Susser (CUNY, USA), Prof. Bela Feldman-Bianco (U. of Campinas, Brasil), Prof. Michal Buchowski (U. of Poznan, Poland), and Prof. Carmen Rial (Federal University of Santa Catarina), Brasil.

The second panel, co-sponsored with IUAES and organized by Prof. Thomas Reuter (U. of Melbourne, Australia), dealt with the theme "Averting a Global Environmental Collapse: The Role of Anthropology and Local Knowledge". This was an open panel in which thirteen participants, including WCAA delegates and IUAES members, were involved. They came from Australia, Brazil, Poland, USA, Indonesia, India, United Kingdom, Cameroon, and Austria. The third panel sponsored by WCAA was a plenary round table organized by Prof. Gustavo Lins Ribeiro and Prof. Susana Narotzky, entitled "World Anthropologies Today: Experiences and Prospects". There were six speakers in this panel, who were former or present chairs or delegates in the WCAA, and are still active in the World Anthropologies movement today.

Within the second domain of its activity at the IUAES Manchester Congress, WCAA held a number of meetings. On August 4th, preceding the opening of the Congress, the WCAA Organizing Committee held its preparatory meeting. A joint meeting of IUAES and WCAA Executives at which the relations

of the two organizations were discussed followed on August 5th. Meetings of two WCAA task forces were held as well. The WCAA Ethics Task Force meeting, chaired by Dr Raminder Kaur (Sussex U.) was held on August 7th. The following day, there was a meeting of the WCAA Advocacy and Outreach Task Force, where the legal setting of the Antropólogos sem Fronteiras (ASF) was finalized. The meeting was organized by Prof. Virginia Dominguez (U. of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign, USA) and Prof. Carlos Caroso (Federal University of Bahia, Brasil). The WCAA International Delegates Meeting was held on August 7th, where current issues were discussed and tentative plans for the 2014 meetings in Japan and Taiwan were presented.

The WCAA International Delegates Meeting was attended by thirty-four representatives of member associations. Prof. Michal Buchowski, the WCAA chair, opened the meeting by announcing that the new constitution is now in force since thirty associations (out of forty-six) have voted for it. It is now in line with the new mission statement text agreed at the 2012 Delhi Bi-Annual Meeting. Prof. SETHA LOW, the WCAA deputy-chair, then suggested that given the frequent turnover of WCAA delegates, a training workshop should be held at every bi-annual meeting with the aim of introducing the structure and current activities of the WCAA to the new delegates.

Relationship with IUAES was the next discussion point, introduced by Prof. SETHA LOW. She explained that the WCAA Organizing Committee had just met with the IUAES Executive Committee during the Manchester Congress. A working group had been constituted, to be led by Prof. Vesna Vucinic and Prof. Mugsy Spiegel, to come up with proposals about how the WCAA and the

IUAES can work together. Some of the ideas include co-sponsorship of events, IUAES Inter-Congress and WCAA bi-annual meeting to be held together in 2016, and a liaison person between the two organizations. The discussion that followed considered various options for collaboration, from keeping apart, to creating a common umbrella for the two organizations, to a full merger. The working group will explore the relative benefits of these options.

The next topic referred to the major 2014 WCAA meetings, focusing on the IUAES Inter-Congress with JASCA in Chiba City, Japan (May 2014) and the WCAA bi-annual meeting during the Taiwan Society for Anthropology and Ethnology (TSAE) annual conference (October 2014). Prof. SETHA LOW announced the plan to sponsor at least two WCAA panels in Japan. One would be the panel on "Urban Futures" (to be organized by Vesna Vucinic and SETHA LOW), and the other the panel on "Statelessness" (to be organized by Greg Acciaioli as a continuation of the theme of im/mobility).

Prof. SHU-MIN HUANG, the international delegate of the Taiwan Society for Anthropology and Ethnology and the principal host of the 2014 WCAA bi-annual meeting in Taipei, said that TSAE will have its annual meeting in October 2013, where the new executive committee will be elected and the dates for the 2014 conference determined. Due to financial concerns related to funding the attendance of the WCAA delegates to the bi-annual meeting, Prof. HUANG reinsured that the accommodation will be provided by Academia Sinica in Taipei, while the WCAA treasurer Prof. Greg Acciaioli said that the funding scheme for travel costs will have to be worked out (according to individual needs) from the WCAA

resources, provided largely by the Wenner-Grenn Foundation.

Updates were provided on the publications activities, Advocacy and Outreach Task Force and Ethics Task Force. Prof. Gordon Mathews spoke about the journal *Déja Lu* and the WCAA blog. *Déja Lu* brings together each WCAA association journal editor's pick of the best article published by them in the previous year. Articles in languages other than English have an English-language abstract, but appear in *Déja Lu* in their original language. On the other hand, the WCAA blog has still remained underused.

Prof. Virginia Dominguez, the chair of the Advocacy and Outreach Task Force, gave a short introduction to the ASF initiative, while Prof. Caroso explained that the organization has been established as an international NGO in Brasil with six members, and that there was to be a fuller discussion of the categories of membership at the Task Force meeting the following day. ASF will match up groups of people facing economic, legal, political and even survival challenges with anthropologists who can assist by serving as critical readers of reports and other key documents. The first task before this WCAA pilot project is to compile a database of volunteers.

Then, Dr Raminder Kaur, the chair of the Ethics Task Force, reported on compilation of member associations' ethics guidelines, and that the task force does not wish to promote universal guidelines, but they would like to propose some principles. The task force is interested in organizing panels at upcoming JASCA and ASA conferences.

The meeting ended with a few announcements. The first one was on the implementation of the Experimental Virtual Seminar on Language and the

Production of Anthropological Knowledge, sponsored jointly by the AAA, EASA, ABA and CASCA. The second announcement was that the AAA Council for World Anthropologies (CWA) has managed to secure a 'World Anthropologies' section in the *American Anthropologist* twice a year, with space for three to four essays in each issue. Lastly, Prof. Leslie Aiello announced that the Wenner-Gren Foundation was working with the AAA CWA towards a portal for open access anthropological material worldwide.

It may be concluded that the 17th World Congress of the IUAES in Manchester was a very well organized and pleasant event. The innovative and well-rounded program, the proximity of conference, accommodation and other common spaces, as well as the positive academic atmosphere, and many opportunities for socializing around the common meals at lunch and at coffee breaks, all made this conference a memorable experience.

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Socijalizam na klupi: kulturološke i povijesne interpretacije jugoslavenškoga i postjugoslavenških društava – međunarodni znanstveni skup na Sveučilištu Jurja Dobrile u Puli, 5-7. 12. 2013.

U Puli (Hrvatska) je od 5. do 7. decembra 2013. godine održana naučna konferencija "Socijalizam na klupi: kul-