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Approved Minutes

Advisory Committee on Cultural Heritage
Thursday 15 June 2023, 16:30-17:30 CEST

Zoom

Attendees: Ramesh Gaur, Helen Vincent, Cecilia Salvatore, Johanna Lilka, Liisa Savolainen, Russell Lunch, Stacy Allison-Cassin, Huanwen Cheng, Claire McGuire

Apologies: Carlos Alberto Della Paschoa, Ry Moran, Jake Nadal, Dorothea Sommer, Silvia Stasselova, Rashidah Bolhassan

1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda: Chair

The agenda was approved without changes.

2. Approval of April Minutes: Chair

The April minutes were approved without changes.

3. WLIC 2023 Open Session: CCH members

The committee was invited to discuss final coordination for the Open Session to be held at WLIC 2023. IFLA HQ reviewed the programme and speakers who have confirmed. The committee was asked to decide upon a moderator, and Russel Lynch volunteered. This was approved.

4. Update on CCH Projects: CCH members

Committee members working on ongoing projects were asked to provide a status update and raise any questions to the committee for input.

The Chair provided an update on the announcement concerning new inscriptions on the UNESCO Memory of the World International Register. The new call was launched in the beginning of July. The Chair further shared information on his new publications, which include a directory of archives in India and a book on languages in India, which will go to the UNESCO library.

A committee member shared an update on her participation in the Creative Commons Open Culture Roundtable in Lisbon in May 2023. Participants at the event discussed the future of open culture and shared a variety of ideas on defining open culture. This group will continue working together with a virtual session in the near future and in person at the Creative Commons Summit in Mexico in October 2023.

It was noted that the strengthening of Indigenous Matter on this committee is important and should be carried on in the future, as many professionals involved in the IM Section have experience that will be important in these conversations. There is discussion on challenges with the definition of Indigenous languages, for example, and the CCH should include IM Section input in their work.

The Expert Group Against Theft, Tampering, and Trafficking is working with Interpol to improve recording and reporting of stolen items of documentary heritage. There was a recent meeting regarding the Interpol database, and EGATTT raised points regarding the challenges faced by libraires are archives. These institutions cannot take reference photos of every item, and so they stressed the need to be able to report stolen items using reference photos of similar items. It will be difficult for Interpol to compromise on this.

There is discussion on creating a brochure or leaflet that Interpol could disseminate to law enforcement around the world, which should be completed in 2023. The partnership with ICA on EGATTT is noted to be working very well and the committee asked how this could be linked with UNESCO.

IFLA noted the work of the 1970 Convention, and proposed that outputs are brought to their attention, which IFLA HQ can help with.

5. Handover to incoming committees

The committee was asked to review the draft framework of a handover document for the incoming CCH and relevant cultural heritage Professional Units. Input was requested on the layout of report and subject matter.

The committee asked if they will meet jointly with incoming members. IFLA HQ noted that the final 2021-2023 CCH meeting, held at WLIC 2023, can include incoming members as observers, and that they should be encouraged to attend. They can attend either in person or virtually, but in person is encouraged.

The Chair proposed that the incoming committee members, as well as incoming ex officio members from the professional units, are invited to the final CCH meeting. This was agreed.

IFLA HQ was requested to include a status update on the IFLA Register for Documentary Heritage at Risk on the handover document. IFLA HQ was also invited to include an action point on encouraging communication between the CCH and the Regional Council.

IFLA HQ will make these changes, and circulate the draft to the committee on Basecamp and by email so they are add information directly.

It was noted that this is helpful information for the incoming Chairs of Professional Unit Standing Committees. However, it could be improved by including more information on how the relationship between the CCH and Professional Units is set up, and how collaboration can go both ways to encourage open communication.

Further, it was noted that the document could include more information on the function of the CCH, the roles of the committee, the roles of ex officio members, and how decisions are made, how to make a proxy vote, and how to bring business to the table.

IFLA HQ was asked to encourage that the Secretary General joins the CCH in a meeting in the new term. Further, IFLA HQ was encouraged to continue assigning a Policy Officer to assist in coordination of this committee.

6. AOB & Close

The Preservation and Conservation and National Libraries Sections noted their upcoming joint Satellite Meeting on emergency preparedness and disaster response.

Further, the Indigenous Matters Section and RBSC Section noted their joint Satellite Meeting. Both are examples of good collaboration between Sections participating on this committee.

Members were thanked and the meeting was ended.