

Summary Report

9th MOWCAP

General Meeting

The 9th MOWCAP General Meeting was held in Andong, Republic of Korea, on 24-26 November 2022, with the support of the Korean Studies Institute and the City of Andong.

This was the first MOWCAP General Meeting since 2018. While the MOWCAP General Meeting usually occurs every two years, the 9th General Meeting was delayed due to COVID-19. Considering that the pandemic was still affecting the implementation of activities globally, the attendance was encouraging, with 9 MOWCAP Bureau and Register Sub-committees members, 29 representatives representing 20 Member States, three UNESCO representatives, 30 in-person observers, 10 online observers, most of whom participated in-person, totalling 78 participants in the meeting.



9th MOWCAP Meeting participants at the Dosan Confucian Academy on 24 November 2022.

International Symposium and MOWCAP Secretariat Inauguration

On 22 November 2022, the 9th MOWCAP General Meeting started with an International Symposium on the Memory of the World Programme featuring three keynote speakers from national, regional and international Memory of the World programmes, and with the inauguration of the MOWCAP Secretariat Office, henceforth hosted by the Korean Studies Institute following its transfer from the Asia Culture Center.

Formalities and MOWCAP Reports

On the following day, MOWCAP Chair Mr Kwibae Kim opened the 9th MOWCAP General Meeting and chaired the first session during which Secretary-General Linh Anh Moreau shared the business arrangements, the meeting agenda and the minutes of the last General Meeting, all of which were adopted by the meeting's participants with no objections. This was followed by reports from MOWCAP on their activities, finances, communications and working documents, including regional guidelines and statutes.

During this session, MOWCAP acknowledged the support of the Asia Culture Center, the former host of MOWCAP Secretariat and provider of the successful ACC-MOWCAP Small Grants programme (2018-2021), the contribution of Andrew Henderson who had recently stepped down as MOWCAP Secretary-General, with Ms Linh Anh Moreau as Acting Secretary-General, the contribution of the late Dr M.R. Rujaya Abhakorn for his work as MOWCAP's Goodwill Ambassador and the volunteering efforts of Ms Nicola Coulsen in managing MOWCAP's Facebook page.

Ms Dianne Macaskill, MOWCAP Vice-Chair and Dr Helen Jarvis, RSC Chair, presented the revisions made to MOWCAP documents, such as the Regional Guidelines and Statutes, and collected feedback on these and the Nomination Form.

UNESCO and Country Reports

During this session chaired by Prof. Dr Mitsuru Haga, UNESCO Bangkok, represented by Mr Jo Hironaka, recently appointed as the Regional Advisor for Communication and Information and Chief of Unit at UNESCO Bangkok, reported on its regional activities, while UNESCO Headquarters Chief of

Documentary Heritage, Mr Fackson Banda, shared recent and upcoming actions taken at the international level.

There were 20 country reports submitted and presented at the 9th MOWCAP General Meeting during the session chaired by Dr Vu Thi Minh Huong. While there were 19 country reports initially submitted, a last minute submission from Kazakhstan was accepted, raising the number to 20. Dr Vu Thi Minh Huong then shared a comprehensive summary with remarks on the achievements of the region as a whole.

MOWCAP Regional Register Session

During this session, chaired by Ms Dianne Macaskill, thirteen nominators presented their nominations from Bangladesh (1), China (2), Indonesia (3), Iran (1), Republic of Korea (3), Singapore (1) and Vietnam (2).

The Register Sub-Committee (RSC), represented by Dr Helen Jarvis, then shared their report, including welcoming a new member to the RSC, Mr Opeta Olefaio from Fiji, and their recommendations, which recommended nine nominations for inscriptions and four for deferral, with comments on how to improve an eventual re-submission.

The vote resulted in nine new inscriptions to the MOWCAP Regional Register:

SUCCESSFUL INSCRIPTIONS TO MOWCAP REGIONAL REGISTER 2022	
N.	Collection / Item Title
1	<u>Historical Asian Children’s Collection</u> (Singapore)
2	<u>Naebang-gasa: Song of the Inner Chambers</u> (Republic of Korea)
3	<u>The Archive of the Taeon Oil Spill Experience: The Narrative of the Incident and Recovery</u> (Republic of Korea)
4	<u>Samguk yusa: Memorabilia of the Three Kingdoms</u> (Republic of Korea)
5	<u>Sino-Nom Documents in Truong Luu Village, Ha Tinh Province (1689-1943)</u> (Viet Nam)
6	<u>Ma Nhai (Inscriptions) on the Marble Mountains, Da Nang City</u> (Viet Nam)
7	<u>Suharso Rehabilitation Center Archives, Surakarta-Indonesia (1950-1980)</u> (Indonesia)
8	<u>Shui Character Documents of Guizhou Province, China</u> (China PR)
9	<u>Archives of the Initial Dasheng Spinning Factory (1896-1907)</u> (China PR)

Site Visits

Site visits during the 9th MOWCAP General Meeting included:

- Visit to the Korean Studies Institute, where items on Memory of the World registers are stored, preserved and studied and where the new MOWCAP Secretariat Office was inaugurated
- Dosan Confucian Academy, a UNESCO World Heritage site where Confucian practitioners still come to study Confucian philosophy.
- Hahoe Folk Village, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where the Hahoe masked dance, newly inscribed to the Intangible Cultural Heritage List, was performed.