

From the Chair

Welcome to the first 2011 issue of the MOWCAP newsletters, which arrive in your in-box at approximately quarterly intervals to exchange news with the “Memory of the World” community across the Asia Pacific region.

Your contribution to the newsletter is welcome. Please do send your news to the MOWCAP Secretary General for inclusion in the next or any future newsletters.

Ray Edmondson, MOWCAP Chair

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MOW Register Subcommittee meeting takes place in Paris to assess nominations

The IAC Register Subcommittee met in Paris from 17 to 19 November to make its preliminary assessment on a record number of 84 nominations to the International MOW Register. The Paris Secretariat is in the process of notifying all nominators of the preliminary assessments made by the RSC.

The Fourth International Conference of the UNESCO Memory of the World Programme will be held from 18 to 21 May 2011 in Poland

All members of the MOW community are welcome to join the 4th International MOW Conference taking place in Poland in 2011. The conference will discuss in detail the status and further development of the MOW Programme, as well as reflect on the contemporary issues that the Programme must address in the fields of preservation, promotion and accessibility. Further details on the conference, including specific themes and workshops will be made available in the near future.

MOW National Committees are invited to submit annual reports of their activities

National MOW committees should begin preparing their annual reports – which are to be submitted to their own UNESCO national commissions, to MOWCAP and to Paris. To ensure a full complement of annual reports, the MOWCAP Vice Chairs will soon be contacting each committee to invite their annual report. Templates will also be provided to help each committee to set out their report. The reports should be received by the end of February 2011 in advance of the MOWCAP Bureau meeting in March.

Recent and forthcoming MOW workshops and seminars in the region

INDONESIA: The Korean National Commission is planning a MOW workshop in Indonesia in March 2011. The workshop will focus on practical development of nominations to a MOW register and participants will be invited from countries, which do not yet have an inscription on any MOW register. More information will follow.

HONG KONG: MOWCAP Bureau members Mr Ray Edmondson and Dr Rujaya Abhakorn were invited to Hong Kong in November to participate in a seminar titled “From Memory, Archives to Heritage: the UNESCO Memory of the World Programme”. The seminar was organized by the Archives Action Group, which is seeking to establish an archives law in Hong Kong. MOW colleagues, Dr Luciana Duranti (Canada) and Dr

Lothar Jordan (Germany) also participated. MACAU: The Macau Documentation and Information Society hosted a one day conference titled “World Documentary Heritage and the Memory Program” in Macau on 26 November. The conference attracted participants from across China and South East Asia and presenters included representatives from MOW – Mr Ray Edmondson, Dr Rujaya Abhakorn, Dr Luciana Duranti and Dr Lothar Jordan.