

From the Chair

The MOWCAP Bureau met in Bagan, Myanmar at the end of May. Our hosts from the Ministry of Culture were exemplary in the way they supported us throughout the meeting and provided us with information on the important documentary heritage that the Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library cares for in Bagan.

I also wish to extend a warm welcome to Misako Ito who has joined the UNESCO Bangkok office as the Advisor, Information and Communication. I and the other Bureau members had the pleasure of meeting Misako in Bagan and appreciate being able to draw on her in-depth knowledge of the Information and Communications sector within UNESCO.

MOWCAP Chair Mr. Li Minghua

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Nominations for Inscription

Closing Date: 31 October 2015

Nominations for inscription to the Asia Pacific MOW Register close on 31 October 2015.

Information on how to submit a nomination is available on the MOWCAP website at

<http://www.unesco.mowcap.org/nominations.htm>

Decisions on inscription will be made at the next MOWCAP general meeting which will be held in May or June 2016.

Workshop Sponsored by State Archives of China

In March, thirty one participants from China, Myanmar, the DPR of Korea, Indonesia, Mongolia, the Solomon Islands and Viet Nam took part in a four day workshop in Suzhou, China. The purpose was to give participants expert help in preparing nominations for inscription to the MOWCAP register.



Margaret Inifiri (Solomon Islands), Ros Russell (expert), Imam Gunarto (Indonesia)

MOWCAP Bureau Meeting held in Myanmar



MOWCAP Bureau and hosts with chair Mr Li Minghua

At the end of May the MOWCAP Bureau met in Bagan, Myanmar where they were very warmly received by their hosts from the Myanmar Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library (Ministry of Culture).

An important discussion was held on the draft UNESCO '**Recommendation Concerning the Preservation of, and Access to Documentary Heritage, in the Digital Era**'. In summary MOWCAP recommends that the title is changed to exclude the words 'in the Digital Era', that a paragraph on the retention of analogue originals is reinstated, that the tone of the Recommendation be stronger and that the definition of documentary heritage is appropriate and should be retained. The draft Recommendation is available [here](#). Please email mowcapinfo@gmail.com if you would like a copy of the MOWCAP comments.

First Workshop in Singapore

The first MOW workshop in Singapore was held on 21 April and hosted by the National Archives of Singapore. The workshop was led by Ms Joie Springer (Member of the IAC Register Subcommittee) and Dr Ray Edmondson (MOWCAP Special Advisor) and attended by over 30 representatives of Singapore institutions. Executive Director of the Asian Film Archive, Karen Chan, also presented a case study on Singapore's first inscription on the Asia Pacific Register - the Cathay-Keris Studio film collection (added in 2014).



Panel discussion at workshop

Fiji Shows Value of Memory of the World

In November 2014 celebrations were held in Levuka town to commemorate the 150th year since the arrival of Pacific Island labourers to Fiji. The National Archives of Fiji were at the commemoration to make descendants of the labourers aware that archival records were available about their ancestors.

The descendants were proud to learn that these records have been officially acknowledged by UNESCO with their inscription to the regional MOWCAP register in May 2014.



Senior archivist, Timoci Balenaivalu

Australia has 50 inscriptions on National Register

Congratulations to Australia who reached this milestone in March 2015 when 3 new certificates of inscription were presented by Professor Marie Bashir, former Governor of New South Wales. The Australian Committee has published a 184-page book to celebrate the 50 inscriptions.



Professor Marie Bashir is second from left

New MOWCAP Website Coming Soon

A new MOWCAP website has been developed and over the last few months we have been busy transferring content and adding new content. The new website has a more modern look, is easier to maintain and easier to navigate. We will let you know when it is launched.

May 2015 Bureau Minutes

The minutes from the Bureau meeting held in Myanmar at the end of May will be published on the MOWCAP website when they are available.

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