

From the Chair

There has been a lot of activity in the Memory of the World community in the last 6 months and interest and participation in the Programme continues to grow. We were very pleased to launch our new website. Take a look at www.mowcap.org as it is a good way to keep up with MOWCAP activities.

A MOWCAP centre to support our work is to be set up in Gwangju, Republic of Korea. This is very good news for the ongoing sustainability and growth of MOWCAP. We are also very pleased that in October the UNESCO secretary-general announced 11 new inscriptions to the international register from the Asia and the Pacific region. Congratulations to all the countries with new international inscriptions.

MOWCAP Chair Mr. Li Minghua

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Next MOWCAP General Meeting 17 – 21 May

The next General Meeting of MOWCAP will be held in Hue, Vietnam, from 17-21 May 2016. Invitations to the meeting will be sent shortly. We will provide more information on the MOWCAP website as it becomes available.

Successful inscriptions to the MOWCAP register will be decided at this meeting.

Unanimous Support for MOW

In November the UNESCO General Conference examined the Recommendation Concerning the Preservation of, and Access to, Documentary Heritage including in Digital Form. It was unanimously supported and approved by member countries, without any amendments.

There is already activity in the Asia and the Pacific region to consider how to best implement the Recommendation in our region. The implementation of the Recommendation will also be considered at the MOWCAP general meeting.

Macau Exhibition and Forum

An Exhibition and Forum of the Memory of World Programme was held in December in the Macao Science Centre. Congratulations to the organisers on a successful event to raise public awareness on the importance of documentary heritage.

.Establishment of MOWCAP Centre

Mr. Li Minghua, Chairman of MOWCAP, and Mr. Bang Sun-gyu, President of the Asia Culture Center, signed the Memorandum of Understanding to establish a MOWCAP Centre in Gwangju, Republic of Korea. The centre will serve as the secretariat of MOWCAP and is expected to open in the first half of 2016.



Mr Bang Sun-gyu (left) and Mr Li Minghua (right)

Eleven New International Inscriptions from MOWCAP region

There are 11 new inscriptions on the international register from countries in the Asia and the Pacific region. Congratulations China, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Korea, Myanmar and New Zealand.

Timor-Leste workshop



Timor-Leste workshop attendees

UNESCO, MOWCAP, and the State Secretariat of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Timor-Leste, collaborated to hold a training workshop on Memory of the World in July.

A booklet called 'Memory of the World: Asia Pacific Program' was launched. The booklet, written in Tetum, Portuguese, and English highlights the rich documentary heritage of the Asia and the Pacific region.

Indonesia Workshop

A workshop was held in Indonesia in November on the 'Nomination of the Archives of the Borobudur Temple World Heritage site as Memory of the World'. The workshop was a continuation of the general training conducted with the support of UNESCO in September 2015.

An Active Year in Uzbekistan

During 2015 the Uzbekistan MOW National Committee co-organized three capacity building national seminars. One hundred participants benefited from the training courses which focused on open solutions and supporting the digital preservation of documentary heritage.



Participants at the MOW Training Seminar

UNESCO Connects People to their Heritage

Archivists from across the Pacific came together through a consultation that was organised by the UNESCO Office for the Pacific States through its Communications and Information programmes. The Consultation was also in response to the Pacific Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives (PARBICA) strategy to strengthen working relations with UNESCO on the Memory of the World Programme.



Amela Silipa, National Archivist for Samoa gives a presentation

New MOWCAP Website Launched

The new MOWCAP website has been launched and is now being updated on a regular basis. Many of the items in this newsletter are covered in more detail on the website www.mowcap.org.

May 2015 Bureau Minutes

The minutes from the Bureau meeting held in Myanmar at the end of May are now available on the MOWCAP website.

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