

## From the Chair

The 6 months since the announcement of the 16 new inscriptions to the MOWCAP register has seen a lot of Memory of the World activity in our region, including a number of workshops and seminars. We have also been working on a new MOWCAP website which we hope to launch in the first half of 2015. The new website will have a more modern look than the current website and make it easier for you to find the MOWCAP information you need.

Congratulations to Rosa Maria Gonzalez on her appointment to the Secretariat of the International Programme for the Development of Communication at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. Rosa has been a very energetic Advisor, Information and Communication in the Bangkok office. In this role she has provided support and advice to MOWCAP. I wish her all the best in her new role and know that she will be missed by all her MOWCAP colleagues.

MOWCAP Chair Mr. Li Minghua

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## Two Important MOW Events in Vietnam

The first event was a ceremony held in Hanoi by the State Records and Archives Department of Vietnam where the certificate of inscription for “The Collection of Imperial Records of Nguyen Dynasty (1802 - 1945) was presented.” A photo of the [Presentation of the Certificate](#) is on the MOWCAP Facebook page.

The second was a well attended “International Seminar on Strengthening National Identities through UNESCO Inscribed Documentary Heritage”. The international speakers were Mr Kwibae Kim (Korea) and Dianne Macaskill (New Zealand), shown with fellow MOWCAP Bureau member Vu Thi Minh Huong, the organiser of the seminar. The seminar had wide media coverage.



Organising staff from the State Records and Archives Department of Vietnam with international speakers

## Samoa Celebrates



Event on Safeguarding Samoa's Shared Heritage

A special event on Safeguarding Samoa’s Shared Heritage” was held in Apia to celebrate the inscription of the “Archives of the German-Samoa Administration 1900-1914” to the MOWCAP register. Many important guests attended the event and included His Highness Tuiatua Tupua Tamasese Efi the Head of State of Samoa. (Source: UNESCO website)

## First Taiwan Memory of the World Seminar

A Memory of the World seminar was held in Taipei, Taiwan on 6-7 October 2014. There were local and international panelists. The international Memory of the World experts who spoke included Dr Roslyn Russell (Australia), Dato' Habibah Zon Yahaya (Malaysia), Dr Helen Ieong (Macau,SAR) and Mr Aso Tatsuo (Japan).

## **MOW Recommendation Progresses**

The proposed Recommendation on safeguarding the Memory of the World – a form of UNESCO legislation – is working its way through the UNESCO system. A draft has been circulated to UNESCO National Commissions. In its final form, the Recommendation will be presented for adoption to the UNESCO General Conference in late 2015. If adopted, it will strongly underpin the work of MOW and achieve a long standing MOWCAP objective. National MOW Committees can comment on the draft through their National Commissions and are urged to do so before the deadline of 5 Jan 2015.

## **Training Workshop in Biskek, Kyrgyzstan**



**Trainers and Participants at the Biskek Workshop**

A Memory of the World workshop was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, from 17 to 20 September. The workshop was organised by the Korean National Commission for UNESCO and co-hosted by the UNESCO National Commission of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Cultural Heritage Administration of Korea. Participants worked on nominations for inscription to the MOWCAP register.

## **Australian MOW Planning Day**

Members of the UNESCO Australian Memory of the World Committee held a planning day on 4 July. The morning session was devoted to familiarising members with Memory of the World's operations, and the afternoon was spent in planning two major initiatives for this year - a redesign of the Australian Memory of the World website; and a book on the inscriptions on the Australian Memory of the World Register, to be published in early 2015. A photo of the planners can be seen on the MOWCAP [Facebook page](#)

## **New Inscriptions for New Zealand Register**



**Sir Tipene O'Regan speaking about the importance of documentary heritage**

Three new inscriptions were added to the New Zealand Memory of the World register at a function held in Christchurch on 1 Dec. Inscribed documentary heritage included some of the oldest documents on European settlement as well as oral histories recorded by Radio New Zealand from 1946 – 1948. See the [press release](#) for more information

## **6<sup>th</sup> General MOWCAP Meeting**

The [minutes](#) of the meeting are available on the MOWCAP website.

## **Bureau Meeting, May 2015**

The MOWCAP Bureau will meet in Bagan, Myanmar in May 2015.

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