MOWCAP Bureau Meeting

05 November 2025 / 08:00-10:00 (Hanoi-Phnom Penh) / 10:00-12:00 (Seoul)
Korean Studies Institute Meeting Room, Andong, Republic of Korea

Attendees

- Dr KIM Kwibae (Chair)
- Dr VU Thi Minh Huong (Vice-Chair), online
- Prof. Dr HAGA Mitsuru (Vice-Chair)
- Mr Imam GUNARTO (Vice-Chair)
- Mr HIRONAKA Jo (*Ex-officio* Member)
- Dr Helen JARVIS (RSC Chair), online
- Ms Linh Anh MOREAU (Secretary-General)
- Mr KANG Bo Seung (Assistant Secretary-General)

Agenda

1. Adoption of Minutes from 23 April 2025 MOWCAP Bureau Meeting
2. Recent MOWCAP Activities
3. MOWCAP Regional Register 2026 Cycle of Nominations:
    a. Results of Submissions
4. Follow-up Actions from last Bureau meeting:
    a. Recruitment of RSC Members: Selection Process
5. Preparation for the 11th MOWCAP General Meeting
6. MOWCAP Communication Platforms

Minutes

The MOWCAP Bureau met to discuss recent activities, the status of the 2026 Regional Register nominations, and preparations for the General Meeting and RSC appointments.

1. Key Decisions & Updates:
    a. The Minutes from the 23 April 2025 meeting were adopted after modifying the dates for the Inter-regional MoW and MOWCAP Bureau/RSC Meetings to 5-6 November 2025.
    b. Onsite Visits by RSC/Bureau: The Bureau agreed to allow RSC and Bureau Members to visit potential nomination collections onsite, provided these visits are duly reported to the Bureau. However, members must not be involved in completing the nomination forms.
    c. Regional Register Improvements: The Bureau adopted the proposal to revise the nomination form template for the next cycle, placing the expert referrals on a final, separate page for easy removal and secured Member State access.

d. RSC Recruitment: MOWCAP RSC Chair Dr Helen Jarvis proposed that RSC Member Ms WANG Hongmin be considered as the next MOWCAP RSC Chair. The Bureau accepted this proposal, with Ms Wang Hongmin's position to take effect following the next MOWCAP General Meeting.
e. MOWCAP Activities:
    i. Macau MoW Knowledge Centre: MOWCAP Chair Dr Kim Kwibae reported on an activity related to the Charitable Hospital Association archives, highlighting its significance in combining traditional Chinese and Western medicine.
    Vice-Chair Mr Imam Gunarto's insightful presentation on engaging with non-governmental actors was acknowledged by the meeting.
    ii. Hoa Luu, Ninh Binh, Vietnam: MOWCAP Secretary-General Ms Linh Anh Moreau, MOWCAP Vice-Chair Dr Vu Thi Minh Huong and MOWCAP RSC Chair Dr Helen Jarvis attended a seminar in Ninh Binh Province, Vietnam, regarding the Inscriptions on Non Nuoc Mountain, which led to the submission of a second nomination from Vietnam.
    iii. International Conferences: MOWCAP Secretary-General Ms Linh Anh Moreau delivered a keynote at the ICDH/SARBICA International Conference in Kuala Lumpur and noted the potential for Asia-Pacific stakeholders to participate in the upcoming ICA Conference 2027 in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia.

2. MOWCAP Regional Register 2026 Cycle of Nominations:
    a. Total Received: 28 nominations
    b. Inadmissible: Four dossiers (due to form standards, or items being undefined/copies)
    c. First-time nominations: Turkmenistan, Rohingya, Timor-Leste and Pakistan.
    d. Joint Nominations: Two received, both led by Indonesia: one with Malaysia and Singapore (Batik Trade Archives), and one with Timor-Leste (turmeric manuscripts/archives).
    Vice-Chair Dr Vu Thi Minh Huong suggested that ANRI-Indonesia lead a joint nomination workshop to share its expertise.
    e. Nominations from Stateless Peoples:
        i. Vice-Chair Prof. Dr Haga Mitsuru shared insightful comments on the definition of the Modern State, which renders the ownership/belonging of documentary heritage created/unrelated to the State as problematic, and therefore making a stateless nomination worth consideration in the MoW programme.
        ii. Vice-Chair Mr Imam Gunarto shared that it is the same case of the Sea Nomads of Southeast Asia, numbering in the 1 million, many of whom are stateless and whose corpus of oral literature are rich sources of ancient knowledge.

3. Follow-up Actions:
    a. RSC Member Recruitment: To formalize future recruitment, it was agreed that a formal email will be sent to the MOWCAP Bureau calling for recommendations and CVs to submit by a deadline.

b. Liaise with the selected host institution on proposed dates for the MOWCAP General Meeting.
c. Review the MOWCAP Regional Guidelines for necessary revisions.
d. Revise the nomination form template to place expert referrals on a final, separate page.