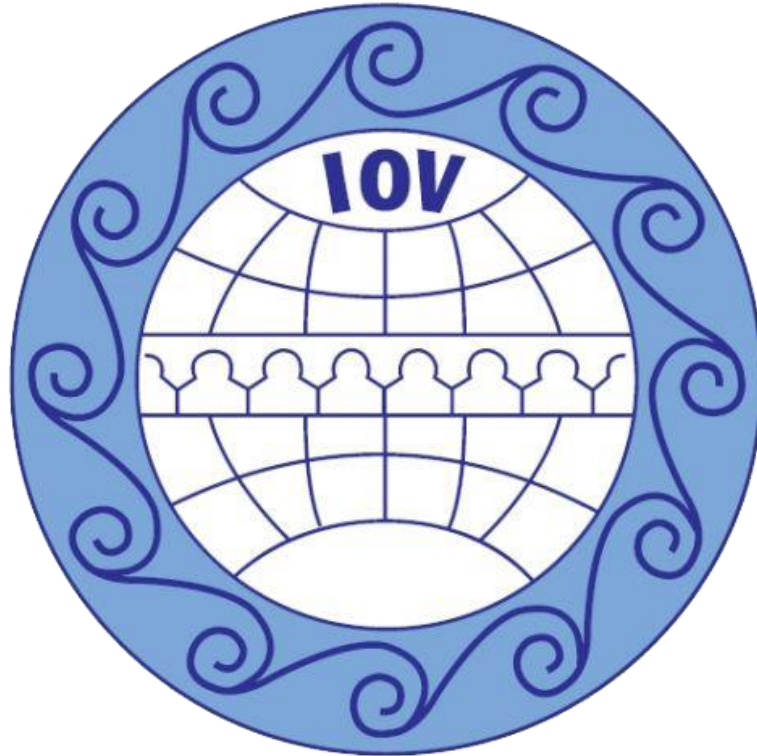


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2016 WORLD GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

MEETING HELD FROM 10TH – 13TH NOVEMBER 2016 AT AIRPORT HOTEL, BERGAMO,
ITALY

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Attendance list (ANNEX 1)

AGENDA

1. Reports
2. Interventions, revision of bylaws and planning.
3. Elections

The meeting started at 8:55AM with welcoming remarks from IOV president Carmen D. PADILLA. She requested assembly members to stand and observe a minute of silence in honor of Professor Mieczyslaw Marczuk who passed away in September. The professor was the principal founder of the Polish Section of IOV and its Chair for 22 years.

The president introduced the officials on the panel and invited the host Mr. Fabrizio CATTANEO – acting IOV secretary general to introduce himself and welcome IOV assembly members.

Mr. Fabrizio first, asked if there was any member whom would volunteer to take minutes and being no response he proposed Peter Nzuki MUMBUA. He was seconded by Carmen who briefly introduced Peter to the members. The secretary general welcomed all the members and thanked them for the efforts they have made in pursuing IOV mission. It's through those efforts that have kept IOV alive and energetic despite the challenges. He said that humility and modesty should be the basic principle for IOV members in effort to promote ethnic integration, keep up the energy and commitment to achieve the great mission. He emphasized that elections should be taken serious and tasks respected during implementation.

REPORTS

- President's report Carmen D. PADILLA

As a tribute to the founders, The president started by inviting Mr. Valko LYUBENOU(From Bulgaria) to show a short IOV documentary reflecting various meetings and events that promote and preserve folk art and culture. She later thanked him for his consistent, active participation in the events and efforts made to produce the documentary despite his health. Since her election in 2003 as IOV President, She has always recognized that the Organization is upheld by the people in different regions and thus she has worked helping to decentralize the system to regional heads. She also emphasized that regional meetings would encourage active participation and representation and a good example was the first Europe region meeting held in Bergamo in 2015. She congratulated members whom have dedicated their efforts in the regions towards this.

She also acknowledged the appointment of Mr. Henk HUIJSER as the treasurer, Mila SANTOVA for publication, Mr. Ali KHALIFA for publishing IOV materials and Emma Chen HOEFLER for promoting IOV. Lastly, She commended, participated and supported IOV members activities held different regions/countries such as China, Ecuador, Turkey, Indonesia, France, Costa Rica, Poland, Sweden just to mention a few.

- Acting Secretary general's report – Mr. Fabrizio CATTANEO

Having been nominated in September 2015 as the acting secretary general. He experienced challenges especially progressing with the programs developed by his predecessor(Mr. George Frandsen) due to lack of clear and formal handing over.

He started by requesting and collecting all relevant documents needed for his office, of which was made possible by some members whom he's grateful for their support.

Together with the president Mrs. Padilla and other IOV officials, they have managed to put some systems in place such as a clear members register and opened a IOV bank account in Europe -Italy.

He called upon members whom will be elected in the positions to be committed and work together in their duties towards one vision. IOV vision.

When he was requested to organize and host a general meeting, he was a bit skeptical although he had learnt a lot from the previous meeting in Prague and European regional meeting held in 2015 Bergamo became practical.

He concluded by thanking the board for all the support and encouragement.

- Vice president's report Mrs. Emma Chen Hoefler

Over the years, she has worked encouraging youngsters to respect and understand their Folk Art. Despite lack of funding, she organized in 2008 an expert committee meeting of Intangible cultural heritage that led to induction of IOV in China(Of which was not known before).

She has worked in establishing co-operation and promoting projects that are intended to expose and integrate different groups thus a strong network partners such as Media, Government ministries, CIOFF, UNESCO. This has enabled IOV china to attain positive reviews and has over 100,000 followers.

She has also attended and participated in various workshops, conferences locally and internationally to promote co-operation.

She concluded with encouraging members to work with Tolerance, respect, friendship and co-operation and promote more activities.

- IOV publication report by Mila SANTOVA

Mrs. Santova stated that Art forum is formulated as a sustainable development and in the process Non governmental organizations(NGO) play central role.

The editorial board has had some difficulties thus She has worked with some individuals to continue the IOV publication.

All the materials in the publications are from authors whom are working in Intangible cultural heritage.

The publication is supported by Bulgarian publication and by Mr. Ali Khalifa in printing and distributing.

She requested the board to decide on the continuation of the publication and the roles of the editorial committee.

- Report by Mr. Ali Khalifa

Mr Khalifa started by thanking the president Mrs. Padilla and the board. He stated that since his appointment in 2007, he has established middle East and North Africa regional office in Bahrain. He commended the publication editorial team and said that all the publications are through tangible hard work and that is evidenced by:

- ✓ Since 2007 there are 16 issues published, 10,000 copies printed in English, Arabic and French and were distributed in 163 countries.
- ✓ 12,000 IOV journal of Intangible cultural heritage printed and distributed all over the world.
- ✓ Website developed with 6 languages.

He said that there have been two approaches achieved in publication, that is Festivals and Scientific.

On the scientific approach there has been collaboration with members of academics in Middle east and North Africa who worked on methodology of study of Folk culture.

He encouraged and invited IOV members to send articles for the scientific publication thats done annually.

Mr. Ali concluded by thanking the Government of Bahrain for support in publication.

- Report from the treasurer Mr. Henk Huijser

The treasurer Mr. Henk, presented the 2014 and 2015 financial report.

He stated that the report was compiled from information received from previous treasurer, bank and paypal records.

The only source of income presented was from IOV membership fee and there were concerns when members don't pay for membership fee.

He requested the board to develop financial policies to govern the office.

(Financial report 2014 and 2015: Attached, Annex 2 &3)

REGIONAL SECRETARIES

1. ASIA by Moon Hyung SUK

The region has 17 countries and the most active were China and Malasia among others. They have encouraged autonomous in each country and collaborate with each other. Over the years through promotions they have managed to be recognized, supported by the government authorities and other partners. They have organized and participated in events such as Exhibitions, folk art festivals, exchange programs and many more that promote intangible cultural heritage.

2. WESTERN EUROPE – Marcel OELBRANDT

Despite lack of handing over of vital information such as contacts and reports from the predecessor, he learnt a lot from meeting held in Prague 2012. Currently the region has over 200 members and support from Henk and Fabrizio has helped to stabilize the regional group. Also through various communications channels they have managed to plan on policies and members roles. There has been difficulties with working with national sections but he's grateful for all the support.

He worked with 16 people from 11 different countries across the regions and they came up with a 2020 plan that he will present later.

3. CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE – Wieslaw KRAJKA

The region has organized and participated in various activities such as; Crafts exhibition, folkloric festivals, conference participation, co operating with other institutions, initiating dance group for children, publications by various IOV members in poetry, monographs, books. Developing a web page and updating their members list.

They are planning to host 14th European conference on folk culture and IOV youths congress.

There were concerns that they had not been requested to present their scientific articles for publication thus not active on the issue.

4. MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA – Dr. Nour El Houda Badis

Mrs. El Houda started by congratulating the President and the secretary general for the efforts they've made in the organization. She expressed challenges in the Middle east and north Africa caused by war that some contacts have been lost and postponement of events such as festivals and conferences due to insecurity and/or economic difficulties. However, there has been continuation of developing and printing of public folk magazine for more than 9 years.

5. IOV Youths report – Minara Guliyeva, Vice chair – IOV youth

This section of IOV was created 2007 from the youth mandate policy by UNESCO.

So far, there has been various activities implemented such as 4 youth world congresses and creating a partnership with various institutions. These activities have been guided by the following theme; ***Role of youths in safe integral cultural heritage.***

The office plans to Create a IOV youths website and IOV youths magazine publications these are the identified means to reach many youths and create more awareness.

6. IOV Magazine report by Oyuna Baldakova - Editor

She reported that there are a lot of IOV activities that take place and they are not posted and this limits the number of audience reached. An effective use of the social media would open up IOV to a large audience that may increase membership and sponsorship.

She presented a template that is still on developing stage with the contents edited by a team of 3 and 15 contributors and invited members to give their feedback in developing it further.

COMMISSIONS REPORT

A. Traditional cuisine by Mr. Takhir AMARISLANOV

The commission has participated in various international activities in over 30 regions that promote traditional cuisine and costumes. The popularity of some of these cuisines have been held in over 70 nations by non professional house wives. It has overseen the printing of national cuisine books with recipes collected from Armenian refugees. Also collaborated with The government of India to broadcast news on national cuisine and publish Indian recipe.

B. Festivals

Fabrizio CATTANEO – First of all he started by recognizing Mr. Sergio PIEMONTE the founder of IOV Italy and Italian federation. The federation has over 400 registered groups and networks with other institutions and organizations. He also said that IOV online festival calendar doesn't work and there is very little information posted online. He requested members holding festivals in their countries to relay information to be posted i.e. logo, dates, addresses and festival characteristics. There has been improvement in 2015-2016 posting from 6 to 66 festivals.

He highlighted the existence of charging festivals that changes the initial way and encourages organizing and conducting festivals on voluntary basis by not charging or dealing with tourism agencies.

He called for continuation of hardcopy festivals printouts due to public demand.

Piotr SCEZWYK – Malopolska festival.

For the last 4 years the festival has grown and captures wide audience of different ages. They work in promoting folk art to the whole world through workshops, food presentation, festivals, commercial concerts and exchange program. They are planning to host IOV youth congress in 2017 (Through permission from IOV) in collaboration with other institutions.

Kaloyan NIKOLOV – EAFF

European Association of Folk Festivals is a network established in 2007 by 16 nations, the network works with 6,000 groups that dedicate over 7,000 hours. They have 3 types of festivals; Low budget, High budget and folklore championship. They have established a good rapport with media channels, magazines and they have 3 web channels to promote their activities. Over 200 groups have participated in the championship that is attended by an audience of over 15,000.

Bylaw revision, Planning and interventions session

➤ The assembly members started with approving the financial report 2014, 2015 presented by the treasurer.

➤ IOV youths – There following were questions raised by the youths

What is the age limit for youths in IOV 24 or 35?

Could they get the list and contacts of youths from the main membership register?

What limits are in place should the youths fundraise for their activities?

Responses: Concerning age limit the youths were requested to decide and it will be approved by the board.

About the list and the contacts from the main register, the secretary general will work on it and present.

It was clearly stated that IOV does not fundraise but the responsibility was left for the board to decide.

Proposals to the board concerning fundraising were welcomed

➤ IOV commissions- As IOV was set up guided by UNESCO convention and its evaluated after every 4 years for accreditation by UNESCO there were proposals to set up the following commissions that promote Intangible cultural heritage: Medicine, Festivals, Science, Myths and legends, Traditional music.

The board will meet to develop the commissioners roles and appoint registered members as their heads.

- There were invitations for the next general assembly to be held in Sharjah or Morocco. The executive will deliberate further on the issue.

- Time to change proposal – presented by Mr. Marcel

Mr. Marcel started by presenting the proposal that was developed by 16 member committee representing 11 countries. The committee came together through various channels of communications in different occasions from 2013. The purpose of the meetings were to review the existing IOV bylaws and develop a IOV strategic plan. The challenges were that the existing bylaws were hindering growth and over years IOV has been working without any strategic plan. Furthermore, there has been several partners whom have been ready to network with IOV and have been asking for the plan.

Assembly members were presented with printed copies of bylaws reviewed and a booklet *'Time to change 2020'* Plan printed in 8 different languages.

They were welcomed to see it as a suggestion and feel free to air their proposals in amending and developing it further. The most contents from the original bylaw were the same, table of content changed and the main areas reviewed were: - Mission, vision, strategic goals, internal rules, voting, membership fees, regional representation and financial structures. Mr. Marcel further distributed to members summary of the amended parts that are inline with 'Time to change plan'

After heated debates, reading and referring on some articles on original bylaws with the proposed a mendments, the assembly members were requested to take time read and make their decision as they have the mandate to pass or change a bylaw in consultation with the legal committee.

The main concerns were:

- Use of words and terminology that are legally acceptable and recognized by UNESCO such as Intangible cultural heritage.
- Setting of membership fees and countries that its not possible by law send money such as North Africa.
- Members vote in accordance to registration in their countries of origin.
- Financial plan development.

Resolutions

- ✓ After approval by the assembly members the new bylaws will be submitted to the lawyers in the legal committee for wording and terminology review and the final will be sent to the members.
- ✓ Membership fee will be set in accordance with the national GDP of the representative. the board members will work out the amount also for youths and honorary members. The executive will decide on the way forward for countries that are not possible to legally send their membership fee.
- ✓ Members from countries without local group registration systems will be given 5 more votes provided that they have many strong IOV activities and that they inform the secretary general 5 days before general meeting. The rest should provide their registration certificates.
- ✓ The financial plan will be worked on by the board and incorporated in the strategic plan.

Majority assembly members voted to have one representative per continent to the board.

The assembly members unanimously approved the new bylaw and accepted Time to change 2020 plan.

ELECTIONS

The following steps were followed in conducting elections

- i. Choosing of election committee
- ii. Election rules
- iii. Nominations and voting

The assembly chose 5 members as a committee to conduct elections. Namely; Iyad HAFEZ(UAE), Aija JANSONE(LATVIA), Mily Iriarte AHON(USA), Lihan ZHANG(CHINA) and Abdulah Saleh Al RAISI(QATAR). Among them they chose Mr. Abdulah as the chair person.

Mr. Abdulah announced the 5 positions in reference from the membership register announced the number of votes per country (**Attached ANNEX 4**). He then invited assembly members to nominate their candidates for the positions.

Nominations and voting

President

- 1) Mr. Ali KHALIFA – Unopposed
- 2) Mrs. Carmen PADILLA(withdrew)
- 3) Mrs. Emma Chen HOEFLER(withdrew)

Vice president

- 1) Mr. Hanz HOLF – 51 votes
- 2) Mrs. Emma Chen HOEFLER – 33 Votes
- 3) Mrs. Mila SANTOVA – 7 votes

Secretary

- 1) Mr. Fabrizio CATTANEO – Unopposed

Treasurer

- 1) Mr. Henk HUIJSER - Unopposed

Secretary general

- 1) Mr. Marcel OELBRANDT – Unopposed

The election committee chair person invited all the elected officials in the panel and requested The president Mr. Ali KHALIFA to give a speech.

Mr. Ali stated that he was grateful for the integrity shown by the assembly members, welcomed the elected officials and requested each one of them to work hand in hand collaborating with each other under the spirit of Alexander VEIGL. He said, he is ready to work and fully promote the two approaches of IOV – that is Scientific research and Festivals. He appointed Mrs. Carmen PADILLA to be honorary member of the board and admitted that with her diligence and hard work IOV needed her support.

Mrs. Carmen congratulated Ali for his dedication and competence in regional representation and his office as IOV president.

Finally, the IOV president thanked Mr. Fabrizio CATTANEO for the preparation and hosting of the general assembly.

The meeting ended at 20:00 on Saturday 12th November 2016. The next meeting's date and venue will be communicated by the executive.

CHECKED AND CONFIRMED BY:

Mr. Fabrizio CATTANEO
IOV SECRETARY

IOV 2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ATTENDANCE LIST(ANNEX 1)

No.	NAMES			COUNTRY	CITY
	First names	Middle names	Last names		
1	Kazouz		MOHAMMED	Algeria	Sidi Bel Abbès
2	Herta		HOFER	Austria	Reichenau
3	Rudolf		HOFER	Austria	Reichenau
4	Erwin		EDER	Austria	Strabwalchen
5	Hans	Joachim	HOLZ Prof. Mag.	Austria	Andorf
6	Minara		GULIYEVA	Azerbaijan	İzmir
7	Tahir		AMIRASLANOV	Azerbaijan	Baku
8	Mohamed	Abdallah	NOUIRI	Bahrain	Manama
9	Hanadi	Isa	ALJAWDER	Bahrain	Galali
10	Ali	Abdulla	KHALIFA	Bahrain	MANAMA
11	Marcel	Jozef	OELBRANDT	Belgium	Lokeren
12	Stanislas		DEGBO	Benin	Cotonou
13	Mila	Hristova	SANTOVA	Bulgaria	Sofia
14	Kaloyan	Iliyanov	NIKOLOV	Bulgaria	Veliko Tarnovo
15	Valko	Lyubenov	ATANASOV	Bulgaria	Nessebar
16	Emil	Vassilev	DIMITROV	Bulgaria	Sofia
17	Alex		BISAGANYA	Burundi	Bujumbura
18	Aubin		BISAGANYA	Burundi	Bujumbura
19	Thibaut		BISAGANYA	Burundi	Bujumbura
20	Ketina	Kelly	INANGORORE	Burundi	Bujumbura
21	Dong		ZHANG	China	Beijing
22	Lin		CHEN	China	Beijing
23	Guang		YANG	China	Beijing
24	Shaoping		HE	China	Beijing
25	Lihan		ZHANG	China	Beijing
26	CONSTANTINOS		PHOTIOU	Cyprus	AGLANJIA
27	NEOPHYTOS	I.	ROUSSOS	Cyprus	LEFKOSIA
28	Jarmila		MRNUSTIKOVA	Czech Republic	Jablunka
29	Zdenek		PSENICA	Czech Republic	Milovice
30	Ahmed	Aly	MORSI	Egypt	Giza
31	Gisele		SCHMITT	France	Haguenau
32	Norbert		SCHMITT	France	Haguenau
33	Jocelyne		FRITZ	France	Haguenau
34	Karine		SCHALLER	France	Haguenau
35	Maud		SANCHEZ-BRISCHOUX	France	Haguenau
36	Pierre		RAMBAUD	France	Sainte Reine
37	Veronique		ELOUARD	France	Sainte Reine
38	Bernard		CAPET	France	ETAPLES-SUR -MER
39	CHOUCHA	HOUARI	HOUARI	France	Nice
40	Oyuna		BALDAKOVA	Germany	Berlin
41	Emma	Chen	HOEFLER	Germany	Ladenburg
42	Miklòs		TESZÁRY	Hungary	Godollo
43	Fabrizio		NICOLA	Italy	Cunardo

44	Hayngyoon		RYU	Japan	Osaka
45	Jae	Jung	RYU	Japan	Osaka
	First Name	Second name	Last name	Country	City
46	Saleh	Hamdan	AL HARBI	kuwait	sabah alsalim
47	Aija		JANSONE	Latvia	Riga
48	Zenonas		RIPONSKIS	Lituania	Siauliai
49	Petre	Simeon	TOPLIKLIEV	Macedonia	Stip
50	Stojko	Bozin	MITKOVSKI	Macedonia	Istibanja
51	Lucia		OLEINIC	Moldova	Chisinau
52	Mohamed		JOUDAT DR	Morocco	Casablanca
53	Rajan		RAI	Nepal	Bhadrapur
54	Siddartha		RAI	Nepal	Tarkeshwor-Kathmandu
55	Ramchandra		KOIRALA	Nepal	Kathmandu
56	Sita Seetal		ACHARYA	Nepal	Kathmandu
57	Geert		NIJHOF	Netherlands	Emmen
58	Henk		HUIJSER	Netherlands	Schagen
59	Milly	America	AHON OLGUIN	Perù	Miraflores, Lima
60	CARMEN		PADILLA	Philippines	
61	Anna	Irena	BRZOWSKA-KRAJKA	Poland	Lublin
62	Wieslaw	Jan	KRAJKA	Poland	Lublin
63	Danuta		MORAWSKA	Poland	CZĘSTOCHOWA
64	Piotr	Paweł	SZEWCZYK	Poland	Kraków
65	Kinga	Maria	CZERWINSKA	Poland	Skoczpw
66	Joaquim	Fernando Sousa	MONTEIRO	Portugal	Cinfães
67	Leandra Leonor	Teixeira	PEREIRINHA	Portugal	Cinfães
68	Abdulla	Saleh	AL - RAISI	Qatar	
69	POKORNA		LEONA	REPUBLIC CZECH	Nadod
70	Laila	Saleh	ALBASSAM	Saudi Arabia	Riyadh
71	Reem	Ibrahim	ALODAN	Saudi Arabia	Riyadh
72	Hyung	Suk	MOON	South Korea	Seoul
73	Nour El Houda	Salem	BADIS	Tunisia	Ariana
74	Zghonda	Mohamed Sadok	FETHI	Tunisia	Tunis
75	MURAT		ERDEM	Turkey	Ankara
76	Salih		ONSOY	Turkey	Ankara
77	Enver		KESKIN	Turkiye	Instanbul
78	Abdulaziz	Abdulrahman	AL KHAALDI	United Arab Emirates	Sharjah
79	Iveta	Petkova	TODOROVA-PIRGOVA	USA	Mantua
80	Luba	Petrova	PIRGOVA-MORGA	USA	Mantua
81	Mily	Zaida	IRIARTE-AHON	USA	Midvale
82	rimantes		ASTROUKAS	Lituania	
83	JURATE		BALTRAMEJURNAITE	Lituania	
84	IYAD		HAFEZ	United Arab Emirates	Sharjah