

News

IUAES Inter Congress 2016

World Anthropologies and Privatization of Knowledge: Engaging Anthropology and Public **May 4–9, Dubrovnik, Croatia**

Institute for Anthropological Research and KULA, Slovenian Ethnological and Anthropological Association, Ljubljana, SLOVENIA with cooperation of Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana and Croatian Anthropological Society had the honor to organize IUAES Inter congress (International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences) in Hotel Palace Dubrovnik, May 4th to 9th 2016 under the name *World Anthropologies and Privatization of Knowledge: Engaging Anthropology and Public*.

As the ethnological and anthropological sciences encompass an abundance of different research fields and perspectives, particularly as they develop in diverse parts of the world, the main topics of the Inter-Congress were: *World anthropologies: peripheries strike back; Privatization of knowledge, technologies, and nature; Engagement and practice: publicizing and using anthropology/Bringing anthropology to the people: how can science contribute to everyday lives; Varieties reconsidered: biocultural challenges for anthropology; Anthropological responsibilities; Managing cultural and linguistic diversity and social inequality; Human genetics – costs and benefits; Human evolution: past, present and future; Anthropological knowledge and environmental challenges and Improving health, well-being and quality of life.*

The scientific committee accepted 172 diverse and interesting panels. The congress was attended by 708 registered participants, and 635 of them presented their papers, posters and films. There were 11 ethnographic films, 39 poster presentations and 585 oral presentations.

The Congress hosted several esteemed and internationally recognized scientists as keynote speakers, such as Prof. Noël Cameron from Centre for Global Health and Human Development, School of Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences, Loughborough University, UK who held a very interesting lecture on de-privatisation of knowledge and using “big data” to understand global variation. An inspiring lecture on the future of personalized medicine was given by prof. Dragan Primorac (Eberly College of Science, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, USA, The Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, University of New Haven, West Haven, CT, USA, St. Catherine Hospital, Zagreb, Croatia, University of Split, Medical School, Split, Croatia, University of Osijek, Medi-

cal School, Osijek, Croatia, University of Rijeka, School of Medicine, Rijeka, Croatia). Prof. Rosana Pinheiro-Machado from Oxford Department of International Development, University of Oxford, UK presented her views and ideas on rethinking informal markets in the global south.

There were also two guest lectures held by Yohanan Friedmann from the Institute of Asian and African Studies, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, entitled *Tolerance and coercion in the Islamic tradition*; and Frank Rühli from Institute of Evolutionary Medicine, Medical Faculty, University of Zürich, Switzerland entitled *Paleoradiology and evolutionary medicine: Learning from the past for the present and the future*.

A historical joint IUAES and WCAA Committee meeting was held on possible merging process between the two organizations.

On the last day of the meeting, a round table entitled *IUAES Futures of Anthropology: Critical Challenges, Opportunities* was held. It was chaired by Noel B. Salazar (University of Leuven) and Heather O’Leary (McMaster University), with Dimitris Dalakoglou (VU University Amsterdam) and Meta Gorup (Centre for Higher Education Governance Ghent). European Research Council held a very interesting and useful session on funding opportunities for scientists and project consortiums.

After the IUAES World Congress organized in 1988 in Zagreb by Academician Pavao Rudan, this was the second



Fig. 1. Akademik Pavao Rudan.

such world meeting in Croatia, and Academician Rudan was its honorary president.

The Congress raised media and public attention, and was organized by:

Congress President prof. Saša Missoni, PhD., head of the Slovenian team prof. Rajko Muršič, Secretary General Miran Čoklo, MD, PhD.

Advisory Committee: Faye Harrison, Junji Koizumi, Rajko Muršič, Gustavo Lins Ribeiro, Noel B. Salazar and Andrew 'Mugsy' Spiegel.

Scientific Committee: James Ahern, Linda A. Bennett, Noel Cameron, Ranjan Dekka, Elena Godina, Florin



Fig. 4. Željko Raguž, Vice-mayor of Dubrovnik; prof. Gordana Rusak, President of the Committee for education, science and culture in Parliament of Republic of Croatia; Academician Pavao Rudan; Saša Missoni, Director of Institute for Anthropological Research in Zagreb; Yohanan Friedmann, Institute of Asian and African Studies, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem.



Fig. 2. Faye Harrison, President of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES).



Fig. 3. Junji Koizumi, Secretary-General, the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES).

Grigorescu, Ivor Janković, Božidar Jezernik, Li Jin, Junji Koizumi, Rajko Muršič, Noel B. Salazar, Horst Seidler, Anita Sujoldžić, Svante Paabo, Dragan Primorac, Jaka Repič, Gustavo Lins Ribeiro, Pavao Rudan, Richard Willems and Akira Yasokuchi.

Honorary Committee: Yohanan Friedmann, Zvonko Kusić and Pavao Rudan.

International Academic Committee: Susan Anton, David Barbieri, Ellen W. Demerath, Gernot Desoye, Struan Grant, Michael Hermanussen, Monica Heller, David A. Himmelgreen, Slawomir Koziel, Corinne Lautier, Leslie S. Lieberman, Lawrence M. Schell, Janina Tutkuvienė Linda M. Whiteford and Harald Wilfing.

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Members of the organizing committee: from the Institute for Anthropological research Ana-Mary Bauer Čuk, Barbara Cvitkušić, Lucija Dodigović, Anja Iveković-Martinis, Josip Lah, Mario Novak, Natalija Novokmet, Olga Orlić, Ana Perinić Lewis, Zrinka Premužić, Vanda Pribačić Ambrožić, Petra Rajić Šikanjić, Joško Sindik, Jelena Šarac, Tena Šarić; from the Slovenian Association KULA Mirna Buić, Andrej Gregorač, Meta Kordiš, Rajko Muršič, Miha Poredoš, Natalija Šepul, Andreja Špitalar, Maja Veselič; from the city of Dubrovnik Ana Hilje and from Krapina Neanderthal Museum Vlasta Krklec, Director of the museum.

Congress president
Saša Missoni, PhD.