

IAU Working Group Annual Report:

Inter-Commission C1-C4 WG on Intangible Astronomical Heritage

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The goal of the IAU C1-C4 WG on Intangible Astronomical Heritage is to provide an avenue for safeguarding astronomically related Intangible Cultural Heritage through UNESCO. To accomplish this, the working group proposed the following goals/action items over the next four years:

2018 Publish a collaborative journal paper on Intangible Astronomical Heritage.

- This paper will discuss the criteria for Intangible Astronomical Heritage (IAH), the requirements and process for submitting heritage applications, how to protect IAH, provide a few case studies, and discuss actions and plans for the future.

2018 WG discussion at the 2018 IAU sponsored meeting

- This discussion will focus on implementing the key issues laid out in the journal paper, including a number of case studies.

2019 Populate UNESCO Portal with case studies and Social Media Campaign

- We we will populate the UNESCO web portal with case studies and develop a way for related stakeholders to upload their own content for inclusion.
- We will engage in a social media campaign to get our results and ideas out to the public. We will then explore the possibility of a documentary to be filmed on the subject.

2020 Host an international IAU sponsored meeting & publish an edited volume.

- This meeting will focus on implementing the key issues laid out in the journal paper, including a number of case studies. We will seek status as a funded IAU Symposium, with an emphasis on input from Indigenous researchers and stakeholders.
- We will publish an edited volume similar to the one on "tangible heritage" published in 2010 (IAU symposium through Cambridge University Press). It will include in-depth case studies from a wide range of geographic and subject areas with strong representation from Indigenous researchers and communities.