

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:

- 2016 Write 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.
- 2017 WG Committee Meeting in Spain**
- In 2017 we will begin preparations for hosting an international IAU sponsored WG meeting in 2018 (see below). We will decide on a location and time for the meeting so a funding application can be submitted to the IAU by the deadline in early 2017.
 - We will organize a WG committee meeting during the ISAAC/SEAC/INSAP meeting in Santiago de Compostela, Spain in September 2017. During this meeting, we will finalize plans for the international WG meeting in 2018.
- 2018 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.
- 2019 Populate UNESCO Portal with case studies and Social Media Campaign**
- 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.

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