

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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