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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, Medic-
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 Paleo-radiology and evolutionary medicine: Learning from the past for the present and the future.

A historical joint IUAES and WCAA Comitee 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...
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 Muršić, Secretary General Miran Čoklo, MD, PhD.

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

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

Congress president
Saša Missoni, PhD.