



**38th Ordinary Session
of the Executive Board
of the
World Federation of UNESCO Clubs,
Centres and Associations (WFUCA)**

Tokyo, Japan - 13th & 14th July 2017

REPORT

The 38th ordinary Session of WFUCA Executive Board was hosted by the National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan (NFUAJ), in Tokyo, Japan on 13th-14th July 2017 in the framework of the celebration of 70th anniversary of the Birth of UNESCO Club Movement which was held in Sendai International Center on 15 July 2017.

Executive Board Members Present:

Mr. Dharendra Bhatnagar, President / India
Mr.s. Alice Combarly Soulama, Vice-President for Africa region / Burkina Faso
Mr. Yoo Jay-Kun, Vice-President for Asia Pacific region / Korea
Mr. Mustapha Badreddine, Vice-President for Arab States Region / Lebanon
Mr. Dzmitry Subtselny, Vice-President for Europe and North America region / Belarus
Mr. Luis Otavio Palhari, Member for Latin America and the Caribbean region / Brazil
Mr. Ioannis Maronitis, Member for Europe and North America region / Greece
Mr. Elat Sylvere, Member for Africa region / Cameroon
Mr.s. Mané Fall, Treasurer / Senegal
Ms. Yulia Averina, Ex-officio Member (Ural-Siberian Federation)
Mr.s. Maria Paola Azzario, Ex-officio Member (Italian Federation)
Mr. Noboru Noguchi, Ex-officio Member (Japanese Federation)
Mr. Nguyen Xuan Thang, Ex officio Member (Vietnamese Federation)
Mr. Tao Xiping, Honorary President / China
Mr. George Christophides, Honorary President / Cyprus
Mr. Eiji Hattori, Honorary President / Japan

Invited:

Mr.s Daniela Popescu, President, Europe Regional Federation, Romania
Mr. Abdulrahman Ahmed Al-Tayyar, President, Arab Regional Federation, Yemen
Mr. Bolat Akchulakov, President, Asia Pacific Regional Federation, Kazakhstan
Mr. Enrique Renteria Castro, Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean region/Mexico

Mr. Serkan Ayazbayev, Vice-President of National Federation of Kazakhstan UNESCO Clubs & Associations

Mr. Vitali Nikanovich, Vice-President of Belarus Association of UNESCO Clubs & Associations

Ms. Lee Sunjoo, Secretary-General, Korean National Federation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations

Mr. Nguyen Viet Anh, Member of Vietnam UNESCO Associations executive board

Ms. Song Lijun, President of Beijing Municipality UNESCO Association

Representatives of the host organization (NFUAJ)

Mr. Yuji Suzuki, Director-General

Ms Chiharu Kawakami, Secretary-General

Mr. Hirotaka Sekiguchi, Acting Director – International Cooperation Division

Mr. Tomoya Kamoshida, Chief – International Cooperation Division

Ms Mizuho Agatsuma

Ms Michiko Kikuchi

Observers:

Mr. Diego Enrique Renteria Martinez, translator

Mr. Giovanni Chiesa, Italian Federation of UNESCO Clubs

Secretariat:

Ms. Catherine Thiounn, Office Secretary

Excused (absent with prior information):

Mr. Du Yue, Secretary-General / China

Ms. Sabina Akzharova (ex Chukayeva), Member for Asia Pacific region / Kazakhstan

Mr. Farhat Mokhtar, Member for Arab States region / Tunisia

Mr. Daniel Kurashov, Auditor / Federation of Russia

Mr. Everton Hannam, President, Latin America and Caribbean Regional Federation, Jamaica

Absent:

Mr. Jesus NietoCampos, Vice-President for Latin America and the Caribbean region / Mexico

-AGENDA-

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- Review and streamlining policy on Membership Fee and arrears
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

The 38th ordinary Session of WFUCA Executive Board was organized by the National Federation of UNESCO Associations in Japan, in the framework of the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Birth of UNESCO Club Movement which will be held in Sendai International Center on 15 July 2017.

The session of WFUCA Executive Board meeting started in the afternoon of 13th July 2017. Mr. Noburu Noguchi welcomed the guests on behalf of NFUAJ and thanked everyone for their participation. He stated that this meeting is very significant as it is being organized on the special occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the birth of UNESCO Club Movement. He mentioned that the Director-General of UNESCO was invited for the 70th Anniversary celebrations but because of her pre-fixed engagements she couldn't come, however she will send a representative to Sendai. Mr. Noguchi said that there are serious concerns about the rising incidents of violence and terrorism, basic rules of international cooperation and human rights. UNESCO mission is more important than ever and we should follow UNESCO ideals.

He informed the members about the recent election of executive members of NFUAJ. Mr. Yoji Ohashi has been elected as new President of NFUAJ. Mr. Masatake Matsuda, former President has been elected as Honorary President. Mr. Yuji Suzuki has been elected as Director-General, replacing Mr. Noguchi. Mr. Noguchi has been elected as Vice-President.

Mr. Dhirendra Bhatnagar welcomed all members present in the meeting and expressed gratitude to the National Federation of UNESCO Association in Japan (NFUAJ) for hosting the meeting. He said that there are 3 big events during these coming days, WFUCA Executive Board meeting, an open Forum and the 73rd National Convention of NFUAJ to mark the 70th Anniversary of UNESCO Club Movement to be organized in Sendai, the birth

place of first UNESCO Association. He reminded that during last session of the WFUCA EB in Shanghai, at the request of members, Mr. Noguchi agreed to look for the possibilities to organize these meetings to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the movement in Japan. Finally, he succeeded to convince his colleagues therefore we are very much grateful to Mr. Noguchi for using his influence within organization to host these meetings here in Tokyo and Sendai. Because of the organizational limitations a limited number of people were invited. Besides the Executive Board Members, only the Presidents of the regional federations have been invited. He said that in Japan there are about 800 active UNESCO Associations, which is a matter of pride not only for Japan but for our movement as well. He thanked again Mr. Noguchi and his colleagues to make these events happen. Mr. Bhatnagar said he is much delighted to see his old friend and colleague Mr. Yuji Suzuki who is a stalwart of the UNESCO Club Movement and headed WFUCA as its President from 1994-1999. Before taking up the agenda, he invited Mr. Suzuki to address the participants.

Mr. Suzuki welcomed all members on behalf of the new President of NFUAJ. He informed that unfortunately the new President couldn't be present at this meeting but will be very happy to meet all the members in Sendai. He introduced himself as the new chair of the Board of NFUAJ. He said that during the past 25 years there were tremendous changes. The nineties were the end of cold war. UNESCO ideals and programmes have remained relevant during the turbulent periods. He remembered his past association with WFUCA. He wished to be excused as he had to leave for Sendai for organization of events, as more than 1000 persons were expected to participate. Mr. Bhatnagar thanked Mr. Suzuki and wished that with his new mandate as Director General, not only NFUAJ will be further strengthened but he will give impetus to the UNESCO Club movement in the world.

Continuing his welcome address Mr. Bhatnagar said that 2 Extra Ordinary Sessions of the Executive Board were held in the past 2 years, one in Bucharest (Romania) in October 2015 and another in Shanghai (China) in June 2016. Besides this an Ad Hoc Consultation Meeting of the WFUCA's Executive Board Members was convened by the ERI Division of UNESCO in Paris on 29 and 30 May 2017. He said because of the short notice, all members of the Executive Board could not attend the meeting in Paris. This will be discussed later when the item regarding this topic will be taken up, he said.

Regarding invitation for the present Executive Board meeting and 70th Anniversary celebration in Sendai he informed that despite best efforts Mr. Jesus Nieto Campos, Vice President for Latin America and Caribbean region could not be contacted. In fact there has been no contact with Mr. Campos for the past two years; nobody seems to know about him. Upon receiving a request from Dr. Enrique Renteria Castro of Mexico he permitted him to attend this meeting in place of Mr. Campos. Mr. Mokhtar Farhat, Member for Arab States and Ms. Sabina Akzharova (ex Chukayeva), Member for Asia Pacific Region could not come because of some personal reasons. Ms. Sabina that Mr. Serkan Ayazbayev, Vice President of

the Kazakhstan National Federation of UNESCO clubs and Associations may be permitted to represent her. All these members had informed the WFUCA Secretariat accordingly in advance. He further informed that it has been unofficially learned that Mr. Everton Hanam is no more the President of Latin America and Caribbean Region Federation; however there is no written confirmation in this regard. Mr. Al-Tayyar, President of the Arab Regional Federation did not get authorization from his country to attend the meeting. Mr. Daniel Kurashov, Auditor has also not been able to attend. Mr. Du Yue, Secretary General could not attend the meeting due to some personal engagements. Members noted the reasons for the absence of the some of the Executive Board members and invitees.

Before taking up the agenda items, Mr. Bhatnagar invited all present members to introduce themselves. After introduction by the members, Mr. Noboru Noguchi requested again for the floor as he had some urgent and important matter related to WFUCA and UNESCO Club Movement to present before the members.

Mr. Noguchi circulated a copy of document prepared by Mr. Eric Falt, UNESCO ADG/ERI, namely "Regulatory Cooperation Framework regarding Associations and Clubs for UNESCO". This document he said was received by him through a friend. He informed the members that this document will be included in the forthcoming General Conference of UNESCO. He said that this document, in his opinion is detrimental and very damaging to our movement and he asked for immediate action by the Executive Board on this document. He then read out content of the document to the members. Mr. Noguchi wanted this document to form part of the agenda for discussion in the present meeting.

Mr. Bhatnagar thanked Mr. Noguchi for sharing the paper. He said this is something of serious concern to all of us but this cannot be discussed and reacted upon unless we officially get copy of this document. He said this item cannot be discussed as an item of agenda.

After the opening and welcome speeches, Mr. Bhatnagar took up the agenda items.

Item No.02 Amendments & adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without any addition, however item 9, namely "UNESCO's draft text of "Cooperation Framework regarding UNESCO Clubs" was dropped

Item No.03 Adoption of the minutes of the last Extra Ordinary Session of the Executive Board held on 13 June 2016 in Shanghai, China.

The minutes were sent to all EXB members in advance, they were adopted without changes.

Before going ahead, Mr. Bhatnagar drew the attention on Item 08, "Proposals for amendments of WFUCA Constitution" he suggested, if the members agree, this item being

more important and may involve lengthy discussions, be taken up first. This idea was approved.

Item No.08 Proposals for amendments of WFUCA Constitution (Annex 2 & 3)

Mr. Bhatnagar apologized for the delay in sending the revised text of the proposed amendments in WFUCA constitution to the members. He gave some background about the proposed amendments. He said, WFUCA was advised a number of times by the ERI Department to revise the text of its constitution, as in their opinion it is lengthy and ambiguous. Since the 8th WFUCA Congress held in Hanoi in 2011 which was attended by Mr. Genc Seiti and the 9th Congress held in Beijing in 2015 in which Ms. Sabina Colombo of ERI Department was present, they felt that some clauses of WFUCA Constitution are overlapping and vague. It was again in the Extra Ordinary Executive Board Meeting in Shanghai in June 2016 in which Mr. Eric Falt made a special appearance, pointed out about the urgent need to revise the WFUCA Constitution. In the meeting convened by ERI Department on 28 and 29 May 2017, this matter was discussed again. Mr. Eric Falt, ADG said that WFUCA Constitution should not be more than 4 pages; it should be made crisp and short. He suggested that a revised draft of WFUCA Constitution should be prepared in 3 week's times, before the meeting of the NATcoms to be held towards the end of June 2017, otherwise ERI may reconsider about the continuation of official relationship with WFUCA. A committee comprising of 3 members Mr. Noboru Noguchi, Mr. Du Yue and himself was setup to look into this matter and prepare a revised text of WFUCA Constitution to be approved by the Executive Board before presenting it to the next congress of WFUCA.

He informed the members that Mr. Eric Falt pointed out that the term "Centres" being used by WFUCA Members is causing confusion in the minds people and some NATcoms as they give an impression of category 2 Centres of UNESCO. Similarly he said that the "Regional Federations" are not necessary as they are not governed by WFUCA Constitution or under direct control of UNESCO.

It was under these circumstances, the present revised text of WFUCA Constitution has been prepared.

After Mr. Bhatnagar's explanation about the proposed amendments, Mr. Noguhi commented that we are voluntary organizations and we are independent of UNESCO. We should have the freedom to have our own constitution. Mr. Eiji Hattori agreed with Mr. Noguchi. He gave history of the Regional Federations and emphasized on the remarkable contributions by them to advance the UNESCO Club Movement not only in their own regions but also in creation of WFUCA.

Mr. Bhatnagar said that we should find solutions and not to be in confrontation with UNESCO. He requested Mr. Hattori to write down his suggestions.

Mr. George Christophides said that following all those explanations, it seems that there are 3 items to be discussed separately

1. Personal issues related with some colleagues.
2. Independent role of WFUCA Vis-a-Vis UNESCO
3. And the practices to deal with WFUCA Constitution

He reminded the members about the turbulent times WFUCA faced from 2003-2007. During that period UNESCO had stopped relationship with WFUCA. He informed all members that he himself along with Mr. Hattori, in consultation with UNESCO staff, prepared the present constitution of WFUCA. UNESCO spent millions and invested precious time to prepare the present text of WFUCA Constitution and now the same text is being questioned by the Department of ERI.

Mr. Bhatnagar acknowledged with respect what Mr. Christophides said, he added that the present focus of discussions here should be about the amendments of the constitution and what Mr. Christophides said is the history.

Mr. Nguyen Xuan Thang said that he feels very sorry about all these problems happening during the 70th anniversary celebration of the movement & in support of UNESCO ideals. He underlined that "I don't think that it is the stand of UNESCO because we understand what UNESCO is. UNESCO is the symbol of democracy. We doubt that it is UNESCO's line. He said that ERI should give us reasons that why they don't want Regional Federations.

Regarding the statement of Mr. Bhatnagar that Mr. Falt raised questions about the involvement of some UNESCO Clubs and Association in the works which are not directly related to UNESCO, Mr. Ioannis Maronitis said that he never received any communication from his National Commission about the work he is doing for displaced families of refugees in his country. He said he has directly replied to the ERI Department about his works.

Mr. Mustpha Badreddien of Lebanon said we are not weak, we should be stronger. He said we are using our own resources to do service to the society. He said UNESCO should support WFUCA rather than making it weak.

Mr. Bolat said that before taking up any activity we have to see the target of that activity. Major point is to deliver UNESCO's vision. UNESCO Headquarters has the right to check the consistency of our work but they cannot write our constitution. We are working with them but we are independent.

Mr. Tao Xiping of China said that at the time of 70th anniversary of our movement we are facing some problems. I have 3 suggestions: first is about the amendment to our constitution, since our organization has a process how to do the amendments so we can't do it in one night and should follow our procedures to amend it. Second, 70 years of UNESCO Club Movement was not set up by UNESCO Headquarters but by people so they have no right to amend our constitution. Thirdly, the Regional Federations have been working very well in the past years, we can't cease the Regional Federations, rather strengthen them. He suggested that all National Federations should have good contact with their National Commissions. Japan did that and in China we also have contact with National Commissions, through them we can approach the UNESCO Headquarters. So, I would like to say that on one hand we stick to our ideas, goals and constitution and on the other hand we have good relations with UNESCO and should continue the same.

Mr. Elat Sylvere of Cameroon said that this topic is taking too much of time for discussions. He said that we understand, since 2015 we are having some problems about our constitution. We should spend more time on discussions on amendments. He said that the points raised by ERI are quiet clear and understandable. We must revise our constitution before the next congress.

Ms. Mane Fall of Senegal said that the problems posed by the President are real and exists. We must find the solutions. It is no point to have confrontation with UNESCO. If UNESCO wants to impose its vision, we must yield. We must fight for our financial autonomy before UNESCO.

Mrs. Alice Combarry Soulama of Burkina Faso said that we are civil society and we should have the right to have our own text. The Natcom may supervise us but cannot be policing us. They are our partners and must help us. If UNESCO has found some weakness in us, we should try to improve and revise our strategy. We should have our own constitution without any influence from UNESCO. It is a pity that we are celebrating our 70 anniversary and such things are being discussed, questioning our integrity. Let us work together and strengthen the movement.

Mr. Noguchi informed that the hall must be vacated therefore the meeting was adjourned till the next day. It was decided to resume the meeting at 09:30am next day.

14th July 2017

At the beginning of the meeting Mr. Noboru Noguchi said that he has an important announcement. He informed the members that he has received the letter officially through Ms. Emiko in the Department of ERI. He said since the document has come officially, now we can have discussions and action on the subject matter. Mr. Bhatnagar requested that a copy of the document should be made available to all members. Realizing the importance and

urgency of the matter Mr. Bhatnagar said that this item to be discussed on priority. He said that those who did not get a chance to speak yesterday may have to floor first.

Mr. George Christophedes said that before having discussions on the matter he would want to know two questions, 1. The letter is dated 12th July 2017 and why it has been received only today, i.e. on 14th July 2017 2. Is there any person within us who is in contact with Mr. Falt regarding the letter? Mr. Bhatnagar said we don't need to dig into the matter that who is in contact with Mr. Falt and why it has come to us only today rather we should focus on the matter. Mr. Christophedes said that this letter is addressed to Mr. Noboru Noguchi so he should reply the letter.

Mr. Noguchi informed that he contacted Ms. Emiko in ERI but not Mr. Falt. He further informed that that Kazakhstan Federation has already prepared a draft in reply to the said letter and one draft has been prepared by the WFUCA Secretariat.

The President thanked both Mr. George Christophedes and Mr. Noguchi about the question and the reply. He invited intervention from the members who did not get a chance to speak before on this matter.

Ms. Daniela Popescu of Romania pointed out that there is some difference in the text of the letter which was received unofficially and later when it is officially received. She drew attention of the members on the conditions on the use of UNESCO Logo and gave her opinion about the amendment of WFUCA Constitution.

Mrs. Maria Paola Azzario of Italy said that the points raised by Mr. Eric Falt regarding "Centres" cannot be accepted. She said they will send representation/suggestions to the Government of Italy in this regard. She said that the letter sent by Mr. Falt shall be discussed by Italian Federation with its members.

Representative of Brazil said that he understands that UNESCO Club Movement is so important but there is no National Federation of UNESCO Clubs in Brazil. He said it is important to involve people in support of the 2030 agenda. He further informed that he created four new UNESCO Clubs but have no approval of the National Federations as it does not exist. He said that he will write to the Director General and believes that WFUCA is a great movement in support of UNESCO.

Dr. Enrique Renteria of Mexico said that the UNESCO Clubs are active in Mexico and they follow the working procedure. He said they are getting full support from WFUCA and he believes in democracy, justice and good will. Regarding the case of one lady for the misuse of UNESCO's name and logo, he said that he would not let it harm the whole movement, on his return he will take immediate steps to check the activities of Ms. Turner and would not allow it to damage the club movement in Mexico and Latin America. He requested Mr. Bhatnagar

to stop, one Mr. Pradeep Khaple of Nepal who is sending letters to the press in Mexico in support of Ms. Turner, misrepresenting himself as WFUCA representative.

Since there were no more interventions by the members, president decided to close the discussion on the matter.

Coming next to the Reply to the letter by Mr. Eric Falt, Mr. Bhatnagar gave the floor again to Mr. Noguchi.

Mr. Noguchi informed the members that there is a draft prepared by WFUCA Secretariat and another one is a statement prepared by Kazakhstan. We can discuss both and prepare a suitable reply. Both papers were read for the members to give their opinion. There were several opinions by the members. Representatives of Lebanon, Kazakhstan, Cameroon and Burkina Faso presented different reasoning to support their points. Mr. Noguchi, Mr. George Christophedes and Mr. Eiji Hattori also presented their views on the draft reply to the letter by Mr. Eric Falt.

After carefully examining all the viewpoints put forward by the learned members, President Mr. Bhatnagar said that we do not have time for lengthy discussions as lot of time has been consumed on this matter and there are still several items on agenda to be discussed. He is of the opinion that letter should be addressed to the Director General and it has to be brief, requesting that the document prepared by the ERI Department should not to be included for discussion in the forthcoming General Conference as it will adversely affect UNESCO Club Movement. Members agreed to his opinion and a suitable draft was prepared and signed by WFUCA President.

Item no.4 was regarding Secretarial matters, report of the Secretariat: As the time was short, Ms. Catherine Thiounn presented the brief report about the work of the secretariat. She said, she will forward the report in writing to all members along with the minutes of the Executive Board report. She informed the members about the difficulties in maintaining WFUCA website. She further informed that somebody in Mexico has prepared a dubious website of WFUCA and giving false information, which is a serious matter.

Mr. Thang of Vietnam offered to maintain the WFUCA website and bear the necessary expenses in this regard. He wanted an agreement to be signed by WFUCA President in this regard. Regarding unauthorized website members suggested taking legal action against the illegal operator.

Next item was about the financial matter: The treasurer, Ms. Mane Fall of Senegal presented the financial report of WFUCA. She said that WFUCA has two accounts, one in Euro and the other one in Dollars. WFUCA also has two sources of income, is the contribution from

members and the other one is about extra budgetary funds. She informed the members that the Secretary General, Mr. Du Yue was able to generate a contribution 100 thousand dollars through his contacts in China. A part of the funds was spent on the travelling of some of the Executive Board members to attend a conference in China. Since WFUCA has to pay rent to maintain the office in Miollis, part of the extra budgetary funds has been spent to pay the rent. There was also small expenditure on office stationary etc.

She further said that we have to find ways and means to raise the funds for WFUCA. She said WFUCA was established in 1981. It is now 36 years old organization but have meager funds. She gave an example of Lion Club, were each and every members contributes. She urged the Regional Federations to come forward to generate funds for WFUCA. Ms. Fall said that there are about 700 clubs in Cameroon with approximately 40000 members, if each club contributes 1 or 2 dollars for WFUCA, we can get lot of money. She also suggested forming a committee for fund raising.

The next Item was consideration of applications for WFUCA membership by Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Oman and Tajikistan. The President informed the members that National Federations of UNESCO Clubs and Associations have been formed in Kenya, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan and their applications have been supported by their respective National Commissions. For Oman, there was a request from the National Commission to make Cultural Club of Oman as the Corresponding Member till a National Federation of UNESCO Clubs is formed in Oman. The members approved with cheers the membership of these countries. Mr. Bhatnagar said as per the constitution of WFUCA, the formal approval of the membership will be given by the World Congress. He requested the secretariat to inform the new members accordingly.

The Honorary President, Mr. Hattori, said that the supporting documents about the membership should be made available to all Executive Board members by the secretariat. Mr. Bhatnagar assured that the same will be done in due course.

Item no. 8 was the proposals for amendments for WFUCA Constitution Mr. Bhatnagar said that this item will require careful examination of each and every proposed amendments followed by discussions which may take lot of time, as there was limited time left, Mr. Bhatnagar requested all the members to please go through the proposed amendments and send their comments by email to the secretariat. All members agreed his suggestion.

Item no. 9 was deleted from the agenda.

Item no. 10 was report on activities of Regional Federations. Taking the floor: Mrs. Daniela Popescu, President of European Federation informed that in the next year in June 2018 they will celebrate the 10th International Youth and Museum Conference. Mrs. Maria Paola

Azzario of Italy said they have a special Training programme for Culture and Heritage. She will inform European Federation about one such specific programme.

Mr. Mustapha Badreddine said that the President of Arab Regional Federation is not present in the meeting therefore he will speak on behalf of Arab Regional Federation. He said that Lebanon is working with the Municipality on Protecting UNESCO Heritage Sites. He said that they are working in cooperation with the National Commission in this regard. He said that he is happy that Oman has become the member of WFUCA together with them they will host some meetings to revamp the Arab Regional Federation.

Mr. Bolat Akchulakov, President of the Asia Pacific Regional Federation said after consultation with the AFUCA Secretariat and members, he will draw up the calendar of activities for the coming year. Mr. Thang of Vietnam said that they will host a meeting of AFUCA in the 2nd week of November 2017 on Responsibility of tourism towards environment and cultural protection.

Dr. Enrique Renteria said that for the time being Regional Federation of Latin America and Caribbean Region is not active, he will contact the members to make it active and develop some programmes.

Mrs. Alice Combarry Soulama, President of African Federation said that they have organized several activities, because of the shortage of time it may not be possible for her to present the report in detail.

Since the time was running out Mr. Bhatnagar asked the members if they have any proposal for the future programmes and activities of WFUCA, 10th WFUCA Congress and the next session of WFUCA Executive Board, they can send their proposals to WFUCA Secretariat.

Before ending the meeting Mr. Bhatnagar invited members if they have any matter for discussion under "Miscellaneous Items". Since there was no suggestion from the members, Mr. Bhatnagar said he has some points. He mentioned that now Mr. Noguchi is no more the Director General of NFUAJ so he may not represent as the Ex-officio member on behalf of Japan. Recalling the invaluable contributions made by Mr. Noguchi to WFUCA and to the UNESCO Movement as such, he said Mr. Noguchi's involvement with WFUCA is very important as he has vast experience. He suggested Mr. Noguchi may be given the position of an Advisor to WFUCA. His suggestion was approved by all members with loud applause. Mr. Noguchi expressed his thanks for giving him a new position in WFUCA. He assured his support and services to strengthen WFUCA.

Mr. Bhatnagar further informed the members that since last 2 years there is no news from Mr. Neito Campos of Mexico, the elected Vice President for Latin America and Caribbean

Region. He informed the members that there are still 2 years left for the next congress. As per the provisions in the constitution, an official of WFUCA who has remained absent for a long duration without any information, such person may be replaced by a decision of the Executive Board. He suggested the name of Dr. Enrique, who represent the same National Federation of Mexico and served as WFUCA Vice President earlier. He asked the members if Dr. Enrique Renteria could replace Mr. Campos as the Vice President for the Latin America and the Caribbean region. His suggestion was accepted and approved by the members.

Mr. Bhatnagar further informed that the auditor Mr. Daniel Kurashov has also not attended any meeting since Romania in October 2015. Mr. Daniel Kurashov does not represent any National Federation and he is not a member of Ural-Siberian Federation of UNESCO club. He wondered that how he has been made an Auditor of WFUCA. He asked for the opinion of the members in this regard. It was decided to postpone this matter for some time.

As there were no other items for discussion, the meeting ended with thanks to the chair.