



**39th Ordinary Session of the Executive Board of the
World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and
Associations (WFUCA)**

Chalkida, Greece – 9-10 June 2018

REPORT

The 39th ordinary Session of WFUCA Executive Board was hosted by the Club for UNESCO of Piraeus and Islands, in Chalkida, Greece on 9th-10th June 2018.

Executive Board Members Present:

Mr. Dharendra Bhatnagar, President / India
Mr. Du Yue, Secretary-General / China
Mr. Dzmitry Subtselny, Vice-President for Europe and North America region / Belarus
Mr. Enrique Renteria Castro, Vice-President, Latin America and the Caribbean region / Mexico
Mrs. Mané Fall, Treasurer / Senegal
Mr. Farhat Mokhtar, Member for Arab States region / Tunisia
Mr. Ioannis Maronitis, Member for Europe and North America region / Greece
Mr. Luis Otavio Palhari, Member for Latin America and the Caribbean region / Brazil
Mrs. Maria Paola Azzario, Ex-officio Member / Italy
Ms. Yulia Averina, Ex-officio Member / Russian Federation
Mr. Nguyen Xuan Thang, Ex-officio Member / Vietnam

Invited:

Mr. George Christophides, Honorary President of WFUCA / Cyprus
Dr. Daniela Popescu, President, Europe Regional Federation/ Romania
Mr. Everton Hannam, President, Latin America and Caribbean Regional Federation/ Jamaica

Participants of EFUCA:

Ms. Marina Christophides, Secretary General/ Cyprus
Mr. Aleksandar Protic, Vice-President/ France
Ms. Milica Dromnjakovic, Executive Board member/ Serbia
Mr. Eduard Geshev, Executive Board member/ Bulgaria
Ms. Adeline Popescu, Auditor/ Romania
Mr. Ardjouma Sirima, member of Conciliation Commission/ France
Mr. Guy Djoken, member of Conciliation Commission/ United States of America

Observers:

Mr. Miroslav Dromnjakovic, Serbia Federation
Ms. Khokhonova Larisa, Ural-Siberian Federation
Ms. Tatiana Bogina, Ural-Siberian Federation
Ms. Rodica Precupetu, Counsellor at the President Office of EFUCA/ Romania
Ms. Marietta Valova Bantchev, President of UNESCO Community Association
Ms. Mohamud Hasbo, USA

Secretariat:

Mr. Dong Liangeng, Office Secretary

Excused (absent with prior information):

Mrs. Alice Midibahaye Soulama, Vice-President for Africa region / Burkina Faso

Mr. Mustapha Badreddine, Vice-President for Arab States Region / Lebanon

Mr. Yoo Jay-Kun, Vice-President for Asia Pacific region / Republic of Korea

Mr. Elat Sylvere, Member for Africa region / Cameroon

Ms. Sabina Akzharova, Member for Asia Pacific region / Kazakhstan

Mr. Daniel Kurashov, Auditor / Russian Federation

Mr. Luo Jie, Ex-officio Member / China

Mr. Yuji Suzuki, Ex-officio Member / Japan

Mr. Eiji Hattori, Honorary President of WFUCA / Japan

Mr. Tao Xiping, Honorary President of WFUCA / China

Mr. Noboru Noguchi, Adviser of WFUCA / Japan

Mr. Abdulrahman Ahmed Al-Tayyar, President, Arab Regional Federation, Yemen

Mr. Bolat Akchulakov, President, Asia Pacific Regional Federation, Kazakhstan

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Item 01: Opening / Welcome – Speeches

Mr. Ioannis Maragos, member of the executive board of the Evoia Chamber, gave a welcome address to the participants of the WFUCA EXB meeting, recalling the work of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations align with UNESCO's mandate, and expressed the ministry's continuous support to the work of WFUCA.

Mr. Ioannis Maronitis welcomed the guests of WFUCA and EFUCA and thanked everyone for their participation. He highlighted that the year 2018 is very important for the host - the Club for UNESCO of Piraeus and Islands, as it is 20th years anniversary of the establishment of the Club. During these two decades, they have supported the UNESCO Club and NGOs movement in Greece. Since its establishment, the Club for UNESCO of Piraeus and Islands has been active in the section of Culture, Education, Solidarity for people, and the implementation of the goals and objective of UNESCO. He said that despite financial crisis in his country, their club created a modern and effective network of social solidarity in last year, which encouraged and mobilized young people to take part in the campaign against poverty, not only for the basic living but also for the chance of education and establishing the culture of peace through regaining hope and get back to normal life, which is at the heart of UNESCO's mandate. He believed that this EB meeting is a good opportunity to refresh our ideas, discuss new activities and make our movement strong. Mr. Maronitis warmly welcomed all the participants.

Mr. Dhirendra Bhatnagar greeted all members present in the meeting and expressed his gratitude to Mr. Maronitis and the Club for UNESCO of Piraeus and Islands for hosting the meeting. He recalled the mandate of UNESCO Club and NGO movement, recognizing challenges faced by the NGOs and civil society in their daily work. He introduced to the participants that this time meeting would be a combination of WUFCA EXB together with EFUCA EXB, as per the proposal of Mr. Maronitis.

Mr. Dhirendra Bhatnagar and Dr. Daniela Popescu introduced the participants of WFUCA and EFUCA respectively. Mr. Maronitis introduced his colleagues in Greece. Mr. Guy Djoken and Ms. Yulia Averina introduced their accompanying colleagues.

Mr. Dhirendra Bhatnagar read a message from Mr. Nicolas Kassianides (Chief of Staff, Office of the Director-General, UNESCO), in which Mr. Kassianides, on behalf of UNESCO, congratulated the Executive Board meeting held in Chalkida. He emphasized the importance of Clubs and Associations for UNESCO in bringing UNESCO's mandates and ideals to the attention of the people and expressed strong confidence in cooperation with the Clubs and Associations for UNESCO under the guidance and the supervision of National Commissions for UNESCO.

Mrs. Daniela Popescu presented a video message from Mr. Federico Mayor, Former Director-General of UNESCO. In the video message, Mr. Mayor pointed out difficulties the world is facing today and serious challenges for the future generation. He affirmed the role of civil society in the implementation of UNESCO mandate and pointed out that the civil society should play a more significant role in achieving Sustainable Development. He warmly congratulated to UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations for their achievements and emphasized on the function of social media in spreading the UNESCO's concept.

Mr. Guy Djoken translated the message into English and kindly offered translation service for the meeting.

Mr. Dhirendra Bhatnagar said the support from Mr. Mayor is a great encouragement to the work of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations. He said start there are more than 450 NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO. Although UNESCO Clubs and Associations contribution is recognized by UNESCO by mentioning their activities in the General Conference, but we shall discuss further in the meeting the challenges and problems we are facing.

Item 02: Amendments & Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Dhirendra Bhatnagar proceeded with the presentation of agenda of WFUCA EXB meeting and invited comments for amendments. The agenda was adopted without amendments.

Mrs. Daniela Popescu introduced the meeting agenda of EFUCA. The agenda was adopted with no proposals for amendments. It was agreed that WFUCA and EFUCA would take turn to proceed with 2-3 items of its agenda.

Item 03: Adoption of the minutes of the 38th Ordinary Session of the Executive Board held on 13-14/07/2017 in Tokyo, Japan

The minutes were circulated to all EB members in both in English and French, three weeks before the meeting, by the WFUCA Secretariat.

Mr. Noboru Noguchi had sent an email to the secretariat mentioning changes in the Executive Members of NFUAJ. He had written that his name to be replaced by Prof. Yuji Suzuki as Ex-Officio member from Japan.

Mr. George Christophides pointed out where he was quoted on page 5, first paragraph, that "UNESCO spent millions and invested precious time...". He said the same should be corrected to "UNESCO spent half a million of dollars".

Mr. Enrique Renteria Castro proposed changes on what he expressed on the previous EXB meeting and said that he would send the amendments in the minutes to the secretariat after the meeting.

The minutes were adopted with above mentioned amendments.

Item 04: Secretarial Matters: Report of the Secretariat

Mr. Du Yue briefly summarized the WFUCA activities in 2017-2018, including introduction of the **monthly newsletter**. He requested all members of the board to share more news to be included in WFUCA newsletter. Regarding the **Participation Programme**, he introduced the follow-up work of the celebration of the 70th anniversary of WFUCA and the work for the next Participation Programme application. As for the **updates of information** of the members, Mr. Du Yue mentioned that so far only 9 National Federations have provided feedback to the questionnaire sent by WFUCA secretariat. He used this opportunity to remind members to circulate the questionnaire in their respective regions and submission of timely updates and information. Regarding WFUCA **website**, he informed the Executive Board members that the Secretariat of WFUCA has been alerted by UNESCO and its Field Office in San Jose that the following website (<http://unescowfuca.org>) is misusing UNESCO and WFUCA's name and logo in a fraudulent way. The Secretariat has been working with the Legal Affairs Office of UNESCO to stop such mischief. He emphasized that to solve the problem we need to identify potential problems to be tackled. He further informed some key events supported by WFUCA over the year.

Mr. Everton Hannam commended the work carried out by WFUCA secretariat under the leadership of Mr. Du Yue and suggested to increase the presence in the social media, in order to enlarge the influence of WFUCA. He emphasized that we should speak in the same language that is being used by the young generation, to engage more young people in our activities.

Mrs. Maria Paola Azzario expressed concern about the relationship between FICLU and the Italian National Commission. She mentioned that the Italian National Commission asked to eliminate the logo of the WFUCA (the spiral) that was part of the FICLU logo, located after and next to that of the UNESCO temple (in the form of associated logo). This logo was approved by E. Falt, in 2015.

Regarding issues mentioned by Mrs. Maria Paola Azzario, Mr. Du Yue expressed his regrets. He recalled that UNESCO hosted the annual meeting of National Commissions of UNESCO in China two years ago. As host, China suggested to invite all member National Federations of WFUCA as observers so that such issues of coordination between NATCOMs & National Federations could be discussed. In coming days this year, UNESCO is hosting another annual meeting of National Commissions

in Kenya, without invitation addressed to WFUCA. This is the challenge, which we will face in the next few years. He noted that if the two parties establish good working relationship, it is conducive for UNESCO to implement its activities and mandates at National level. On the contrary, if the relationship is damaged, as in most of cases, the National Federations are victims. NATCOMs are the official partners of UNESCO as per its constitution, although National Federations have made great contribution to the UNESCO at the grassroots levels.

To improve the relationship with UNESCO, Mr. Du Yue suggested the following three measures:

1) National Federations need to make plan and strategy to negotiate with the National Commissions, in order to find a way to mitigate the difference between the Natcom and the National Federations. The two institutions have different roles and work in different ways, but both of them work under the umbrella of UNESCO, and in collaboration with UNESCO, to serve the mandate of UNESCO.

2) National Federations should improve ways of communication with the National Commissions. Since National Federations are usually formed by the civil society. Even though they do not receive financial support from the Central Government, they are organizing many activities. However, organizing such activities without consultation with National Commission may be considered as neglecting them. To improve the relationship of two parties, we should go out of our circle, improve our way of communication with the National Commissions.

3) National Federations are encouraged to work together with the National Commissions. While in some countries, National Commission has limited staff and resources, UNESCO need National Federations to strengthen the image of UNESCO. The example of China and some other countries suggest that National Federations should organize events together with National Commissions, even though National Commission does not financially support those activities. We should establish flexible partnership strategy, in order to serve our common objectives, and strengthen our relationship.

Mr. Du Yue appealed to every member to make efforts to improve the relationship with the NATCOMs. He regretted that WFUCA and their members were not allowed to use the term “Centres for UNESCO” in two years. He mentioned that we cannot change the adopted resolution, but what we can do, is to improve the relationship with National Commissions, in a dynamic and objective way. He said that in the last General Conference, China was the only country which spoke against the draft resolution, no other country seconded the objection. The situation we are facing is the reality. UNESCO in its congratulatory message just read out by the President has reiterated that “under the support and supervision of National Commission”. We have to face the problem and solve it. That is why we think this comes as the priority issue

for us. With the recent changes in UNESCO headquarters, it is an opportunity for us to change UNESCO's impression, and be more supportive to us. Only if we solve this problem, WFUCA could continue to work and serve its mandates. He invited everyone to consider a more flexible strategy to work with NATCOMs, and call for the support to the President to make a new statement to UNESCO for more support, and all members to improve the relationships with NATCOM. Even few National Federations have problems with NATCOMs, if the complaints were conveyed to UNESCO; it would damage the image of WFUCA.

The President thanked Mr. Du Yue for sharing his insights and experience. He explained to the members that he discussed these issues several times with the ADG/ERI & External Relation and tried to reassure them that the UNESCO Clubs are in no way confronting NATCOMs, rather they are providing support. This message should be brought to the attention to the EXB of UNESCO.

Ms. Mane Fall fully agreed with the concerns raised by the Secretary-General. She said the resolution adopted by UNESCO General Conference has led to withdrawal of support from the NATCOMs in other African countries, although Senegal had no issues with their National Commission.

Ms. Milica Dromnjakovic raised her concerns that with supervision of the NATCOMs, UNESCO Federations will lose their identity as NGOs.

Ms. Marina Christophides emphasized that it is important that WFUCA maintain the right to speak at UNESCO General Conference.

Mr. Du Yue added that UNESCO Federations are indeed independently working as NGOs. As we bear the name of "UNESCO", Clubs and Associations have natural relationship with NATCOMs. If we want to maintain our relationship with UNESCO, we have to face the challenge on how to cooperate with NATCOMs. We have to reach consciences on this issue.

After the tea break, Mr. Dhirendra Bhatnagar informed that he had three meetings during the last General Conference, with the then ADG/ERI Mr. Eric FALT, regarding the proposed "Framework" for Associations, Centres and Clubs for UNESCO adopted at the 39th Session of the General Conference of UNESCO, Mr. Bhatnagar said that he gave a written request to Mr. FALT for permission to use UNESCO logo for WFUCA and the Regional Federations. He explained to ADG/ERI that in order to expand the UNESCO Club movement in the countries where it does not exist, it is important to have support and cooperation of the NATCOMs. He said the permission to use UNESCO logo to WFUCA and Regional Federations will give them credibility with NATCOMs. Despite the verbal assurance by ADG/ERI, a letter was received from ERI in February 2018 regretting that all NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO are not permitted to use UNESCO logo. Mr. Bhatnagar said that WFUCA is

different from other NGOs that are in official partnership with UNESCO. WFUCA was created with the support and received funds from UNESCO. Our activities are reviewed and discussed at the UNESCO General Conference.

Mr. George Christophides said we should appreciate what China and particularly Mr. Du Yue has been doing to fight for us. Since the former ADG/ERI is no longer in charge of this issue, we should continue our negotiation with ERI to seek special treatment from UNESCO on the basis of what we have been contributing through the UNESCO Club movement.

Several members of EFUCA reported their plan of activities in the next year. The president thanked those good ideas and proposals shared by the member of European Federation. He observed that some National Federations are members of the Regional Federations but not the members of World Federations. He said WFUCA has been asked several times by UNESCO to clarify relationship between WFUCA and Regional Federations. He suggested that there should be a consolidated document with the constitutions of all five Regional Federations in one place.

Item 05: Financial Matters: Report of the Treasurer & approval thereof

Ms. Mane Fall, the Treasurer of WFUCA, briefly presented to the participants the current financial situation of WFUCA. She reminded members to make the due payment for the membership fee. Since next year will be the year of World Congress, if the members who do not make the payment will lose the right to vote.

Mr. Dharendra Bhatnagar explained that the office rent of the secretariat of WFUCA, as well as the subsidy of the staff are covered by the voluntary contribution from China. The secretariat has not spent any amount from the regular budget on this account.

Mr. Everton Hannam requested that the financial report of the secretariat to be circulated in advance, listing the countries which have made the payments and the major expense incurred.

Mr. Dharendra Bhatnagar suggested that the secretariat should prepare a consolidated statement of Income and expenditure since the last world congress and share the same with members. He said that a statement of membership fee due from the members be prepared and members may be reminded to clear their dues.

Mr. Du Yue clarified to the participants that all membership fee paid to the secretariat has been deposited in the bank account and the secretariat has used the amount to cover only the office expenses. Since the receipt from the members are not reliable, it has been long time that we do not have any budget. It is more important to make

effort, concentrate on fund-raising and prepare a proper budget for WFUCA to carry out its programmes. He called for the support of members to prepare a strategy for fund raising and a proper budget. Mr. Du Yue also expressed his concerns regarding the list of countries with outstanding membership fees, as many countries are facing difficult financial situation. He said what is more important to WFUCA now is, solidarity of members. In his personal responsibility, he seeks the support from China every year of to cover the office rent.

Item 06: Regulatory framework regarding Associations, Centres and Clubs for UNESCO adopted at the 39th Session of the General Conference of UNESCO

Mr. Dhirendra Bhatnagar explained the background of the framework, including the discussions at UNESCO's General Conference and legal committee, and its final adoption. He said, in the new framework, the term we are using as UNESCO "Centres" must be converted either to the Category II Centres or change their name as UNESCO "Clubs" or "Associations". We are given two years' time to make the adjustment.

Mr. Du Yue commented that framework adopted by UNESCO has caused huge damage to WFUCA. We cannot change the adopted decision. We should think what shall we do in the next General Conference of UNESCO. We have an opportunity with the new direction of UNESCO. The members should convince its respective National Commissions and delegation about the positive roles that we are playing, so that in the next General Conference we could change the document and mitigate the negative impact of this document. He invited the members to carefully read the document and provide suggestions and feedbacks to the secretariat that how to work with the NATCOM in future. Mr. Du Yue added that in three days from now, UNESCO would hold another National Commission's conference in Kenya. He has requested the Chinese National Commission to speak in this conference on how the National Commissions could support WFUCA.

Mrs. Maria Paola Azzario proposed a meeting to be held between UNESCO and the President & Secretary-General of WFUCA to discuss what are the possibilities to reduce the negative influence of the document. The Secretary-General supported this idea and invited Italy to consider to organize this meeting.

Mrs. Popescu said that as the framework has already been adopted, it is more important to think towards the future course of action.

Mr. Eduard Geshev from Bulgaria, proposed to prepare a document to consolidate the challenges faced by the National Federations and submit to UNESCO.

Mr. Du Yue suggested that to focus to solve the problem in few key countries. If there are some improvements in these countries, the others will follow. We should join efforts to tackle this challenge. He further suggested that we think of joint activities with the National Commissions and UNESCO, so that UNESCO value the contribution of WFUCA and welcome us. WFUCA should create its own flagship programmes and be more productive. Only through our initiatives, we could convince National Commissions and UNESCO to accept us without any reservation.

Ms. Mane Fall also seconded the idea to concentrate on the future course of action.

Ms. Marina Christophides suggested to propose a joint steering committee with UNESCO to discuss any documents that concerns WFUCA, in order to be consulted and let its voice be heard.

Mr. Dhirendra Bhatnagar highlighted that it is important to let the National Commissions know what we are doing, our long history of cooperation with UNESCO. He has been collecting the records in order to consolidate a document to be presented to UNESCO. He appealed once again to all the members to submit some photographs and related information that could be added to the document as a testimony of WFUCA's history and achievements. He said we will submit this document to the new DG and ADG/ERI.

Item 07: Proposals for Amendments to WFUCA Constitution

Regarding amendments to the Constitution of WFUCA, Mr. Dhirendra Bhatnagar said that it has been pointed out several times by ERI Section of UNESCO that WFUCA constitution is too lengthy and complicated. In fact, a meeting of the EB members of WFUCA was convened by UNESCO in its Headquarters in Paris in May 2017 and the then ADG Mr. Eric FALT had desired to simplify WFUCA constitution. He also suggested that WFUCA may take help of the Legal Department of UNESCO in this regard. Mr. Bhatnagar said he himself is of the opinion that WFUCA constitution should be simplified and some clauses need to be amended to remove ambiguities.

Mr. George Chirstophedes pointed out that the amendments adopted by the 9th WFUCA Congress have not been incorporated in the constitution therefore it is not appropriate to discuss further amendments. After some discussions on this issue, it was decided to drop this agenda item.

Item 08: Proposals for future programmes and activities of WFUCA

Regarding the planned activities of WFUCA in 2018-2019, Mr. Du Yue introduced that together with WFUCA's participation, China is ready to support both technically and financially a project on "Youth Camp for ICT and big data for Intangible Cultural Heritage and Culture Diversity". The project plans to invite about 100 youth

representative from at least 50 countries. He invited the members to give suggestions on this event. The rationale was that UNESCO has been facing some criticism from the Member States that it has not efficiently worked to promote the 2005 Convention on Cultural Diversity. Mr. Du Yue said that it is our responsibility to fill in this gap. China would send further information through WFUCA to its members. He invited the members to facilitate the selection of the representatives in respective countries.

Mr. Du Yue said UNESCO is also known as a cultural organization, many countries are very proactive for exchange among different cultures. He mentioned that we should relate to the Creative Cities network and consider planning an activity, such as a “Cultural Expo” among the 90 countries that are members of WFUCA. The “Cultural Expo” could provide a platform for the exchange of cultural creativity and cultural products. He also referred to the China International Import Expo to be hosted in November 2018.

Dr. Daniela Popescu said that Romanian Federation propose to organize a World Forum in 2019 on Education, Innovation and Preservation of Heritage, especially the role of female in this field. She highlighted that it was important to organize some important events before the next UNESCO General Conference in November. Through the close collaboration with NATCOM, WFUCA could convince NATCOM the important roles played by the National Federations, so that we could receive their support for the proposed amendment to the “Framework”.

Mr. Du Yue suggested that every region should have a flagship project in the coming year.

Ms. Mane Fall informed that the 10th Pan African Conference of UNESCO Clubs will take place in next year in Dakar, Senegal, with the theme “Education for a Culture of Peace and Sustainable Development- Role of UNESCO Clubs in the fight against violent extremism”.

Mr. Guy Djoken informed that US Federation would continue its Worldwide Youth Multimedia Competition being organized since 2013. He said it contributes a lot to improve the visibility of UNESCO Club Movement in the World.

Tunisia proposed a project for the Development and Valorization of the World Heritage and Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Medina of Gafsa and its oasis history.

Mr. Dharendra Bhatnagar invited other Federations to submit their proposals to WFUCA Secretariat by email.

In previous EFUCA session, the proposed activities included:

- Two joint activities of WFUCA and EFUCA on the Celebration of 70th anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights and on 2030 Agenda in Italy.

- The 45th anniversary of the Bulgarian UNESCO Clubs.

Two programmes entitled “Friends of the Bulgarian Treasures” and “Heritage and Dialogue” were launched which engage youth for the safeguarding of Tangible and Intangible Heritage in Bulgaria.

Item 10: Proposals for hosting the 10th World Congress of WFUCA in 2019

Item 11: Proposals for next session of the Executive Board of WFUCA

Mr. Dharendra Bhatnagar invited member federations to present their proposals to host the next World Congress and the EXB meeting to WFUCA.

Mr. Everton Hannam from Jamaica and Mr. Enrique Renteria Castro from Mexico both expressed their interest to host the next World Congress in the Latin-American and Caribbean Region. They said that they will consult other National Federations in the Region and submit a collective proposal to WFUCA.

Mr. Du Yue suggested that to strengthen collaboration with UNESCO next WFUCA Congress should be held in Paris, so that the new DG could be invited to participate.

Based on the successful experience of hosting the 39th EXB of WFUCA, Mr. Ioannis Maronitis expressed Greece’s interests to host the next World Congress in 2019,

Dr. Daniela Popescu proposed that the next World Congress to be held after UNESCO’s General Conference in November 2019 Mr. Du Yue seconded this proposal

Mr. Du Yue observed that some of the important and active members are not present in the 39th EXB, such as Japan and Korea, which reflects the challenges we are facing today. He transmitted the message from Mr. Tao Xiping, the Honorary President, that WFUCA should seize the last chance to revamp and give a new life to the organization.

Mr. Dharendra Bhatnagar requested all members to submit their interventions to the Secretariat to be included in the minutes of the meeting. It was agreed that the draft report should be circulated to the participants for their comments and corrections, if any.

At the closing session, Mr. Dharendra Bhatnagar thanked the Greek Federation for organizing the meeting and participation of the National Federations.

Mr. Ioannis Maronitis highlighted that we have four tools in our hands that we should use: Solidarity to support each other, more work on innovation, the society which is our core value and to bring more changes as suggested by Mr. Tao Xiping.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.