

WorldCP : UPDATE 5

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Welcome to the 5th edition of the WorldCP update. From this edition, we are planning to send quarterly updates to members of the [International Working Group \(IWG\)](#), regional and international organisations, as well as authors, regional editors and other interested colleagues. We welcome any news or information on WorldCP developments that you would like to see included in the next update (December 2012), on the WorldCP website, or in ACORNS. Please email: worldcp@ifacca.org.

Sarah Gardner, IFACCA

International

- Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the most recent meeting of the WorldCP IWG, held in Helsinki, Finland on 28 June 2012. It was a very productive meeting, and representatives from almost every region were able to attend, either in person or by Skype. Thank you also for your comments and feedback on the minutes of the meeting, which were sent to all participants in early August.
- We are currently in the process of updating the WorldCP brochure (first published in October 2011, at the time of the launch of the website www.worldcp.org). Soft copies of the revised brochure are available from the website in English, Spanish and French, and we encourage you to distribute these to anyone in your country/region who is interested in the project, and would like more information. The brochures detail the development process for country profiles, the role of authors, national government agencies, regional networks and international partners, as well as the benefits of WorldCP and the structure and content of the profiles.

WorldCP-Asia

- An MoU between the Asia-Europe Foundation and IFACCA has now been finalised. It outlines the key goals and responsibilities for the development of WorldCP-Asia during the year.
- Anmol Vellani, WorldCP regional editor for Asia, is currently reviewing draft profiles for Singapore, South Korea and Vietnam. Once the final content is agreed, these profiles will be available from the WorldCP website. We thank the authors, June Gwee, Kiwon Hong, and Bui Hoai Son, respectively, for researching and writing the profiles, and we look forward to working with them in coming years as the profiles are reviewed and developed.
- An MoU between the Asia-Europe Foundation and the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture in Mongolia is currently being finalised. This will confirm the development of a WorldCP profile for Mongolia by the end of the year, to be written by a team of authors, including a representative of the Ministry, and a representative of civil society.
- Last month we farewelled Katelijn Verstraete, who leaves her position as Deputy Director, Cultural Exchange at the Asia-Europe Foundation, to take up a new role as Regional Director East Asia for Arts and Cultural Industries at the British Council (Singapore). Katelijn has played a vital role in the development of WorldCP-Asia over the last two years, and we thank her for the time and energy that she has given to the project. Anupama Sekhar continues to

be a part of the IWG, in her position as Acting Deputy Director, Cultural Exchange at ASEF, and Sabina Santarossa, Director, Cultural Exchange, will continue to oversee the development of WorldCP-Asia during this transition period. We wish Katelijin all the best in her new position!

WorldCP-Americas

- The Consejo Nacional de la Cultura y las Artes (National Council for Culture and the Arts) of Chile is currently considering the choice of author for a WorldCP profile for Chile. This will be among the first profiles from Latin America and the Caribbean, and a valuable introduction to the country's cultural policies, for anyone interested in attending the 6th World Summit on Arts and Culture, which will be held in Santiago de Chile from 13 – 16 January 2014.
- IFACCA, in cooperation with the Organización de Estados Iberoamericanos para la Educación, la Ciencia y la Cultura (Organisation of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture) has recently invited CONACULTA - Consejo Nacional para la Cultura y las Artes, Mexico to take part in WorldCP and, in coming weeks will also invite other national governments in the region. The letters of invitation are to be co-signed by IFACCA's Executive Director, Sarah Gardner, and Álvaro Marchesi, Secretary General of the OEI. We look forward to the future development of profiles from this region.
- The Canada Council for the Arts is assisting IFACCA in the process of appointing a new author to update the Canadian profile. The Canadian profile, previously written by John Foote, has been part of the Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe for some years.
- IFACCA is currently in discussions with various individuals and organisations interested in the development of a profile for the USA.

WorldCP-Pacific

- The WorldCP profile for Australia was officially launched at the 5th World Summit in Melbourne in October 2011, but had been completed earlier in the year. While we aim to have all profiles updated annually, the author, Professor Margaret Seares, is awaiting the release of a proposed National Cultural Policy later this year, before finalising the update.

WorldCP-Africa

- Florence Mukanga, author of the Zimbabwe profile which was first published in October 2011, has updated the profile. She is working with the Zimbabwean government and civil society organisations to gather information and statistics.
 - Sarah Gardner, Executive Director, IFACCA, made a presentation about WorldCP at the 3rd Pan-African Cultural Congress, hosted by the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, at the end of August. The presentation on WorldCP outlined the potential benefits to countries in Africa and was part of a longer paper entitled [Cultural Policies in Africa: local action informed by global perspectives](#). Florence Mukanga also presented a case study on the Zimbabwe profile.
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Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe

- All news on Compendium profiles and research can be found at the website www.culturalpolicies.net, in particular the Report on the 11th Assembly of Compendium Experts, held in Helsinki in June 2012 <http://www.culturalpolicies.net/web/index.php>

WorldCP in the news

- The UK Cultural Contact Point included information on WorldCP in their July 2012 newsletter.
- ERICarts and the Council of Europe published news on the meeting of the WorldCP IWG on the Compendium website in July <http://www.culturalpolicies.net/web/index.php>
- The potential of WorldCP in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of cultural policies was mentioned in the *Framework for Action of the 3rd Pan-African Cultural Congress*.

We thank you for your continued support of WorldCP! If you have any questions or would like any further information, please email worldcp@ifacca.org