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To All Members of WFUCA

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Sir/Madam,

Allow us extend to you once again our warmest regards and best wishes for a successful and prosperous New Year 2019!

With your continuous support and active contribution, WFUCA Secretariat's newsletter has been issued for a year. The Secretariat would like to express our sincere appreciation and take this opportunity to encourage more active support and contribution from you in the coming year.

Please find below some upcoming key events that you may be interested to participate and introduction of the flagship publications launched recently for your ease of reference.

The 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages (IYIL2019)

To promote and protect indigenous languages and improve the lives of those who speak them, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming 2019 as the International Year of Indigenous Languages (IYIL). The IYIL2019 will contribute to achieving the objectives set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.

IYIL2019 will promote indigenous languages in these five key areas.

1. Increasing understanding, reconciliation and international cooperation.
2. Creation of favorable conditions for knowledge-sharing and dissemination of good practices with regards to indigenous languages.
3. Integration of indigenous languages into standard setting.

4. Empowerment through capacity building.

5. Growth and development through elaboration of new knowledge.

For more information about the 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages please visit [this link](#).

International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements 2019 (IYPT2019)

On 20 December 2017, the United Nations General Assembly during its 74th Plenary Meeting proclaimed 2019 as the International Year of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements (IYPT 2019).

The IYPT2019 aims to recognize the importance of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements as one of the most important and influential achievements in modern science reflecting the essence not only of chemistry, but also of physics, biology and other basic sciences disciplines. It also commemorates the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Periodic Table of Chemical Elements by the Russian scientist, Dmitri Mendeleev.

The official launch was held on 29 January 2019 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. It provided an exciting opportunity to reflect upon many aspects of the periodic table, including its history, the role of women in research, global trends and perspectives on science for sustainable development, and the social and economic impacts of this field.

We encourage you to join the celebration and find out more information about the International Year via [this link](#).

13 February 2019 - World Radio Day 2019

The 8th edition of World Radio Day will take place on 13 February 2019 under the theme of "Dialogue, Tolerance and Peace".

This day marks a time where people around the world celebrate radio and how it shapes our lives. Radio informs, transforms and unites us. It brings together people and communities from all backgrounds to foster positive dialogue for change. More specifically, radio is the perfect medium to counter the appeals for violence and the spread of conflict, especially in regions potentially more exposed to such realities.

World Radio Day 2019 will focus on the following sub-themes:

1. Promoting Dialogue and Participation
2. Uniting under common concerns

We would like to invite you to organize your event for the World Radio Day 2019 to celebrate the impact of radio in pursuing of a more peaceful and tolerant world.

Those interested could register for the World Radio Day through this [webpage](#).

31 March - 6 April 2019 – International Youth Forum on Creativity and Heritage along the Silk Roads, Changsha and Nanjing, China

Following the successful holding of previous two sessions of the Forum, UNESCO and the Chinese National Commission for UNESCO, in collaboration with the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA) and the Municipality of Changsha, will co-organize the Third International Youth Forum on Creativity and Heritage along the Silk Roads (IYF3), which will take place in Changsha and Nanjing, 31 March to 6 April 2019.

The IYF3 will focus on the theme “Youth Creativity and Innovation in the Age of Media Arts” with objectives to:


- Provide young people an opportunity to voice their interests and concerns on advancing creativity through the promotion of tangible and intangible cultural heritage towards a sustainable future, utilizing the Media Arts as tools and vectors for this purpose.
- Seek to mobilize youth inclusion in the cultural and creative industries that promote our common heritage through the vast array of Media Arts.


Interested applicants for the IYF3, who are between the ages of 18 to 30 and coming from a country along the terrestrial and maritime Silk Roads in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe and North America, the Arab States, and the Asia and Pacific region, are strongly encouraged to submit applications as requested.

We would like to invite you to widely distribute the call for application through your network and invite the interested youth to apply. Please be informed that applicants should be completed and returned to apyd@unesco.org by midnight Beijing time (GMT +8) of **15 February 2019**.

For more information about the IYF3, please visit [this link](#).

UNESCO Publications

 The January-March of *UNESCO Courier* with the topic “indigenous languages and knowledge” was just issued. The traditional knowledge of indigenous people, which contains essential information on the subsistence, health and sustainable use of natural resources, is conveyed and transmitted by only one means – language. This is why the safeguarding of indigenous languages – a growing number of which are now threatened – is crucial not only for the maintenance of linguistic diversity, but also for the world's cultural and biological diversity. The Wide Angle section in this issue of the *Courier* is dedicated to these indigenous peoples. It takes its title from the Chinese proverb: “When you drink water, think of the source”, to remind us that indigenous knowledge, the source of all knowledge, deserve a prominent place in modernity. This publication is available in nine languages under [this link](#).

 “*Behind the numbers: Ending school violence and bullying*” was published. School-related violence in all its forms is an infringement of children’s and

adolescents' rights to education and to health and well-being. No country can achieve inclusive and equitable quality education for all if learners experience violence and bullying in school. This new UNESCO publication provides an up-to-date and comprehensive overview of global and regional prevalence and trends related to school-related violence and examines the nature and impact of school violence and bullying. It reviews national responses, focusing on countries that have seen positive trends in prevalence and identifies factors that have contributed to an effective response to school violence and bullying. This publication is available in nine languages under [this link](#).

- ✚ The “*Knowing our lands and resources: indigenous and local knowledge and practices related to biodiversity and ecosystem services in Asia*” was issued. The present document is a contribution towards the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) regional assessment for Asia and the Pacific. The publication is available under [this link](#).

News of Clubs, Centres and Associations for UNESCO

20-22 December 2018 - Training Seminar on “Human Rights at 70”, Noida, India

The Confederation of UNESCO Clubs and Associations of India (CUCAI), in collaboration with Peoples UNESCO Club of Noida, Uttar Pradesh, successfully organized a Training Seminar on the theme “Human Rights at 70”, from 20 to 22 December 2018, at Panchsheel Balak Inter College (Uttar Pradesh). About 100 UNESCO Club Leaders from 18 States in India and students attended the programme.

During the three days programme, ten lectures/presentations on topics related to Human Rights, UNESCO and UN Programmes were delivered by the Guest Speakers. Students of Panchsheel Balak Inter College presented various cultural performances. Visits to Akshardham and Iskon Temples were also organized.



Yours sincerely,
WFUCA Secretariat