

# **2018 7<sup>th</sup> ICCN General Assembly Sept. 5 – 9, 2018 Algemesi, Spain**

## **Resolutions**

(19:00 September 7, 2018 / Algemesi Municipal Theatre)



**Inter-city Intangible Cultural Cooperation Network**

<b>RESOLUTION 7.GA 2</b>
Adoption of the agenda of the General Assembly meeting 2018

The General Assembly,

1. Adopts the agenda of its seventh meeting (Algemesi, Spain, 7 September 2018) as follows:

**Agenda**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda of the General Assembly meeting 2018
3. Report on the activities of the ICCN members (2017-2018)
4. Report on the activities of the Secretariat activities (2017-2018)
5. Sustainable development plan (2019-2022)
6. Revision of the Statute
7. Election of the Secretariat(2019-2022)
8. Election of the Executive Board members (2019-2020)
9. Candidates for the next conferences
10. Election of the Chair/Vice chairperson of the General Assembly(2019-2020)
11. Action plan (2019-2020)
12. The admission and withdrwal of the Membership
13. Adoption of the List of Decisions
14. Closure of the meeting

**RESOLUTION 7.GA 3****Report on the activities of the ICCN members (2017-2018)**

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined the [informative document of the agenda 3](#),
2. Approves the activities of the ICCN members (2017-2018),
3. Decides to further discuss and decide on the issue related to the 2017 Almond Blossom Festival in 2019 Thematic Workshop.

**RESOLUTION 7.GA 4****Report on the activities of the Secretariat activities (2017-2018)**

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined the [informative document of the agenda 4](#),
2. Approves the activities of the Secretariat,
3. Decides that associate members should pay their annual membership fee charged at the lowest rate and members who have not paid their annual fees for two consecutive years hereafter shall be withdrawn from the membership;

**< Membership fee standard >**

Membership	Population	Membership fee(per year)	Note
Full member	0 ~ 20,000	USD 100	
	20,000 ~ 30,000	USD 200	
	30,000 ~ 40,000	USD 300	
	40,000 ~ 50,000	USD 500	
	Above 50,000	USD 1,000	
<b>Associate member</b>		<b>USD 100</b>	

4. Allows members who suffer difficulty in paying for their annual fees in USD to pay for their annual fees in currencies other than USD.

**RESOLUTION 7.GA 5****Sustainable development plan (2019-2022)**

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [informative document of the agenda 5](#),

2. Approves the ICCN common projects as follows,
  - Summer School proposed by COPPEM to implement in Sicily
  - Permanent Museum proposed by COPPEM to implement in Sicily,
3. Recognizes the need to alleviate the financial burden of the conference host city(General Assembly, Thematic Workshop) and the Secretariat for ICCN to be more sustainable;
4. Decides that A portion of annual fee can be distributed to the conference host city(within 20%), the Secretariat(within 20%), and other programs(within 20%), and the percentage shall be based on one fiscal year's annual fee budget, and the amount and items to be distributed from the annual fee fund shall be considered and decided at the Executive Board meeting;
5. Recognizes the need to have Regional Offices officially recognized in the framework of ICCN Statute to be potential beneficiaries of public funds in the national level;
6. Decides that Regional Offices shall be included in the ICCN Statute in 2018 General Assembly, and new Regional Offices shall be approved in 2020 General Assembly;
7. Recognizes that Gangneung City has served as the Secretariat for almost 9 years since 2009 and other full members have the capacity to take the role of the Secretariat;
8. Decides that the Secretariat(representative of the ICCN) role shall be taken by the full members at the rotational manner, and the Secretariat shall be elected in the General Assembly. The Secretariat's term shall be 4 years and it can be re-elected. The first election (term : 2019-2022) shall be carried out in 2018 General Assembly in Algemesi, and the second election (term : 2023-2026) shall be held in 2020 General Assembly, two years earlier than the beginning of the next term .

## RESOLUTION 7.GA 6

### Revision of the Statute

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [informative document of the agenda 6](#),
2. Decides to revise the Statute as follows,

Present	After revision
<b>Article 4. Organs</b> The organs of the ICCN are: General Assembly, Executive Board, International Advisory Committee, and Secretariat	<b>Article 4. Organs</b> The organs of the ICCN are: General Assembly, Executive Board, International Advisory Committee, <a href="#">Secretariat and Regional Office</a>

Present	After revision
<p><b>Article 4. Organs</b>  <b>4. Secretariat</b>  i. The Gangneung City Government will serve as the Secretariat and principal coordinator of the Network, and finance its own operations in such capacity with partial support from the membership fee;</p>	<p><b>Article 4. Organs</b>  <b>4. Secretariat</b>  <u>The role of the Secretariat may be assumed among Full Members on a rotational basis with a majority consensus agreement by a quorum of the Full Members, on the condition that the Secretariat finance its own operations in such capacity with partial support from the membership fee;</u></p>
<p>ii. The mayor of the city of the Secretariat represents the Secretariat and the Network and appoints the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General may attend all ICCN meetings and shall carry out the decisions of the General Assembly and the Executive Board, and shall manage the Secretariat.</p>	<p>ii. The Secretariat shall be elected at the General Assembly. Its term is four years and it can be re-elected. The election shall be held two years earlier than the beginning of the next term.</p>
<p>iii. The role of the Secretariat may be assumed by other Full Members with a majority consensus agreement by a quorum of the Full Members, on the condition that the hosting Member must finance its own operations in such capacity;</p>	<p>iii. The mayor of the city of the Secretariat represents the Secretariat and the Network and appoints the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General may attend all ICCN meetings and shall carry out the decisions of the General Assembly and the Executive Board, and shall manage the Secretariat.</p>
	<p><b>4-1. Regional office</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Members of specific regions can apply for the approval of the establishment of ICCN Regional office</li> <li>ii. ICCN Secretariat shall consider the necessity, number of members, capacity to operate the Regional office at the application of members in the specific regions.</li> <li>iii. General Assembly shall approve the establishment of the Regional office</li> <li>iv. Regional office shall be operated and financed by the specific region's members</li> </ul>
<p><b>Article 3. Membership</b>  <b>2. Associate member</b>  Associate Members are accredited NGOs, organizations of custodians, performers and other actors of intangible cultural heritage, specialized individuals and organizations for safeguarding of the cultural heritage.  Associate Members may participate without voting rights in the deliberations of the General Assembly, may participate in the ICCN meetings and events,</p>	<p><b>Article 3. Membership</b>  <b>2. Associate member</b>  Associate Members are accredited NGOs, organizations of custodians, performers and other actors of intangible cultural heritage, specialized individuals and organizations for safeguarding of the cultural heritage.  <u>Associate Members should pay annual membership fee at the lowest rate.</u>  Associate Members may participate without voting rights</p>

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and if associate members pay the membership fee, they can exercise rights in the following situations.	in the deliberations of the General Assembly, may participate in the ICCN meetings and events, and if associate members pay the membership fee, they can exercise rights in the following situations.
<b>4. Finance:</b> Members in the Network will pay their annual membership fee and self-finance activities associated with and/or arising from their membership as well as providing moral and technical support to ICCN;	<b>4. Finance:</b> Members in the Network will pay their annual membership fee and self-finance activities associated with and/or arising from their membership as well as providing moral and technical support to ICCN;  <a href="#">Members who do not pay their annual fees for two consecutive years shall be withdrawn from the membership.</a>

#### RESOLUTION 7.GA 7

##### Election of the Secretariat(2019-2022)

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [informative document of the agenda 7](#),
2. Elects Algemesi(Spain) as the Secretariat and Mayor of Algemesi as the representative of the ICCN during 2019 ~ 2022 term.

#### RESOLUTION 7.GA 8

##### Election of the Executive Board members (2019-2020)

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [informative document of the agenda 8](#),
2. Elects Executive Board Members(2019~2020) as follows,

Country	Member name	Membership
IRAN	Isfahan	Full member
KOREA	Gangneung	Full member
SPAIN	Algemesi	Full member
CZECH REPUBLIC	Vlcnov	Full member
IRAN	Shiraz	Full member
ITALY	COPPEM	Associate member

PALESTINE	Beit Sahour	Full member
SLOVAKIA	Cachtice-Kopanice (Vadovce)	Full member
INDIA	Folkland	Associate member
ITALY	NED	Associate member

### **RESOLUTION 7.GA 9**

#### Candidates for the next conferences

The General Assembly,

3. Having examined document [informative document of the agenda 9](#),
4. Decides the host of the next conferences as follows,
  - 2019 Thematic Workshop : Beit Sahour(Palestine) with the cooperation of Jordan
  - 2020 General Assembly : Gangneung(Republic of Korea)
  - 2021 Thematic Workshop : COPPEM(Italy)

### **RESOLUTION 7.GA 10**

#### Election of the Chair/Vice chairperson of the General Assembly(2019-2020)

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [informative document of the agenda 10](#),
2. Elects the Chair/Vice chairperson of the General Assembly(2019~2020) as follows,
  - Chairperson : Gangneung(Republic of Korea)
  - Vice chairperson : Beit Sahour(Palestine)

### **RESOLUTION 7.GA 11**

#### Action plan (2019-2020)

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [informative document of the agenda 11](#),
2. Approves 9<sup>th</sup> Thematic Workshop[2019], 8<sup>th</sup> General Assembly(2020), and common projects(Summer School, Permanent Museum) as action plan(2019~2020);

3. Requests the Secretariat to prepare more detailed plan(2019~2020) and report it in the 2019 Thematic Workshop.

<b>RESOLUTION 7.GA 12</b>
The admission and withdrawal of the Membership

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document [informative document of the agenda 12](#),
2. Approves the admission and withdrawal of the membership as follow,
  - A. Newly admitted members
    - Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments(LALRG) : full member
    - Isfahan / Momenzadeh Folklore Art Group : associate member
    - Isfahan Intangible Heritage Foundation : associate member
    - Pusol Museum(Spain) : associate member
  - B. Withdrawal from the membership
    - Rotorua(New Zealand)
    - Generalitat Valencia(Spain)

Enclosed

1. ICCN Statute
2. ICCN Members

< Enclosed 1 >

# **Statute of ICCN**

## **(Inter-City Intangible Cultural Cooperation Network)**

**Revised on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**  
**(7<sup>th</sup> ICCN General Assembly in Algemeis, Spain)**

### **Preamble**

The participants of the *International Workshop of Local Government Administrators on ‘Sustainable Development, Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage and Promoting Inter-City Network* held in Gangneung, Republic of Korea, from the 8th to the 11th of June 2005;

- Recognising the crucial role of the intangible cultural heritage in sustainable development;
- Noting that the intangible cultural heritage is under threat from globalisation and unsustainable developmental policies;
- Considering the challenges facing local governments in safeguarding the intangible cultural heritage and the need to take appropriate measures to develop strategies and policies in this area;
- Endorsing the initiative of the Gangneung City Government and the Korean National Commission for UNESCO to create an *Inter-City Intangible Cultural Cooperation Network* (hereafter referred to as “ICCN”);

**Establish** ICCN as a platform for the world-wide collaboration of mayors and local government units for safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage, as envisioned in the Gangneung Declaration of 2004;

### **Article 1. Name and Legal Status**

The name of the Network is *Inter-City Intangible Cultural Cooperation Network (ICCN)*. *The Network is a non-governmental organization, open to any local government willing to share the ideas and vision of ICCN*

### **Article 2. Objectives**

The ICCN is committed to action-oriented policies concerning the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage, and agrees to:

1. Use the ICCN in formulating and implementing informed and balanced

developmental and cultural strategies and policies in which sustainable development and the safeguarding of intangible heritage rank as priorities among local governments;

2. Incorporate and implement the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (particularly the definitions therein and articles 14, 15 and 18 ); as attached in Annex I;

3. Promote the relationship between local communities and local governments in regards to the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage, and to improve awareness as to why such relationships are fundamentally necessary;

4. Utilize the ICCN as a means to meet the challenges of globalisation as they affect cultural diversity, and to preserve the cultural diversity of communities consisting of unique and invaluable local traditional cultures.

### **Article 3. Membership**

The membership of ICCN is structured in the following categories: Full Members and Associate Members.

1. **Full Members:** Full Members are accredited local authorities and regional, national institutions (as the ministry level) represented by their leaders. A Full Member has the right to exercise one vote at the General Assembly, propose items for inclusion in the provisional agenda of the General Assembly, be represented at the ICCN meetings and events, initiate and promote the cooperative projects within ICCN, and can be elected as a member of the Executive Board.

To be a full member, a candidate should

λ Pay annual membership fee

λ Make an official agreement at the level of city or organization

λ Meet recommendation of GA

The evaluation on membership status will be made at GA. Therefore, full members should pay its annual membership fee and report its activities, according to the recommendation of GA, latest by a month before GA. When members fail to meet its requirements as the full members, their rights as full

members will be suspended

**2. Associate Members:** Associate Members are accredited NGOs, organizations of custodians, performers and other actors of intangible cultural heritage, specialized individuals and organizations for safeguarding of the cultural heritage.

**Associate Members should pay annual membership fee at the lowest rate.**

Associate Members may participate without voting rights in the deliberations of the General Assembly, may participate in the ICCN meetings and events, and if associate members pay the membership fee, they can exercise rights in the following situations.

Maximum of three seats on the Board will be represented by associate members. In case of more than 3 associate members who have rights in action, the representatives of associate members will be elected.

λ Voting right at the GA will be given to representatives of associate members.

λ However, the numbers of representatives cannot exceed maximum 30% of full members.

λ For NGOs and Individuals, it will be charged the lowest fee.

**3. Admission:** Membership of the ICCN shall be proposed by the Executive Board to the General Assembly. The proposal of the Board shall be subject to approval by the General Assembly:

① Qualifying members may express their wish to join ICCN by notifying the ICCN

Secretariat; the Secretariat shall report this to the Executive Board for their consideration).

② The temporary membership will be given by the Board and announced at the GA/Workshop.

③ If the candidates meet conditions of (1) making the membership fee payment and (2) submitting the report on the annual progress until the next Board meeting, the membership will be examined and announced as full members.

④ The official membership certificate as ICCN Members will be given when the application is approved of its membership fully.

**4. Finance:** Members in the Network will pay their annual membership fee and self-finance activities associated with and/or arising from their membership

as well as providing moral and technical support to ICCN;

[Members who do not pay their annual fees for two consecutive years shall be withdrawn from the membership.](#)

5. **Cooperation with UNESCO National Commission:** Each Member will seek the advisory services of its UNESCO National Commission to ensure its actions at the local level are in conformity with UNESCO's global objectives for the safeguarding of the intangible cultural heritage.

6. **Observers:** A non-member city, which is participating in the ICCN Conference and wishes to join the network, may send a representative to the meeting as an observer.

#### **Article 4. Organs**

The organs of the ICCN are: General Assembly, Executive Board, International Advisory Committee, [Secretariat and Regional Office](#)

##### **1. General Assembly (Round Table of Mayors)**

i. General Assembly shall consist of the mayors or representatives of the member cities. It will serve as the highest decision-making body of the ICCN. The General Assembly shall meet every two years.

ii. There will be one (1) Chairperson and one (1) Vice-Chairperson. The mayor of host city shall assume the Chairperson's position and will hold office until the next meeting of the General Assembly. The Vice Chairperson shall be elected by a majority of the ICCN Members present and voting at the General Assembly and will hold office until the next meeting of the General Assembly. The Chairperson shall preside over the General Assembly and the meetings of the Executive Board during his/her tenure. The Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson in the case where unavoidable circumstances prevent the Chairperson from performing his/her duties.

iii. The General Assembly shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Determine the general policies and principle functions of ICCN.
- (b) Approve annual action programmes proposed by the Executive Board.
- (c) Elect the members of the Executive Board.
- (d) Decide a venue for the next meetings.
- (e) Amend the Statute of ICCN when necessary.

##### **2. Executive Board**

- i. The Executive Board is made up maximum ten(10) board members, including three(3) representatives from associate members and consists of one (1) Chairperson, one (1) Vice-Chairperson. The Chairperson of the executive board is elected by board members and serves two years. His/Her performance will be evaluated at General Assembly. Vice-Chairperson of the Executive Board is elected by the board member.
- ii. Board members shall be elected by a majority of the ICCN members present and voting at the General Assembly and shall hold office for two years for three consecutive terms.
- iii. The mayor of the city of the Secretariat shall automatically be a member of the board.
- iv. The Executive Board shall meet annually, and it shall perform the following functions:
  - (a) Prepare the agenda and annual action programme for the approval of the General Assembly.
  - (b) Approve the admission of new members to ICCN.
  - (c) Implement other activities necessary to administer ICCN.
  - (d) Function as regional liaison office
  - (e) Expand membership through its own networks
  - (f) Fundraising for development of ICCN (Additional financial contribution by the Board members)
  - (g) Cooperate to secure the hosts for ICCN meetings

### 3. International Advisory Committee

- i. An International Advisory Committee for ICCN, made up of 5-10 international experts, is to be decided by the Executive Board in consultation with ICCN Members.
- ii. The role of this International Advisory Committee is to provide expert advice to assist ICCN in achieving its objectives, as pool of experts.
- iii. The committee shall hold a regular meeting during the bi-annual meeting of the General Assembly, or at other times to be determined by its members, and shall suggest consented agenda to the General Assembly and the Executive Board in consultation with the Secretariat.

### 4. Secretariat

- i. The role of the Secretariat may be assumed among Full Members on a rotational basis with a majority consensus agreement by a quorum of the Full Members, on the condition that the Secretariat finance its own operations in such capacity with partial

support from the membership fee;

ii. The Secretariat shall be elected at the General Assembly. Its term is four years and it can be re-elected.

The election shall be held two years earlier than the beginning of the next term.

iii. The mayor of the city of the Secretariat represents the Secretariat and the Network and appoints the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General may attend all ICCN meetings and shall carry out the decisions of the General Assembly and the Executive Board, and shall manage the Secretariat.

#### **Article 4-1. Regional office**

i. Members of specific regions can apply for the approval of the establishment of ICCN Regional office

ii. ICCN Secretariat shall consider the necessity, number of members, capacity to operate the Regional office at the application of members in the specific regions.

iii. General Assembly shall approve the establishment of the Regional office

iv. Regional office shall be operated and financed by the specific region's members

#### **Article 5. Activities**

The Inter-City Intangible Cultural Cooperation Network will undertake the following activities:

##### ***Meetings of members***

1. the organisation of the bi-annual General Assembly, the annual meeting of the Executive Board and the bi-annual workshop of the local government administrators to encourage and facilitate practical discussion on ways to improve the work carried out in the member localities to safeguard local expressions and practices of intangible cultural heritage ;

##### ***Information gathering and sharing***

2. the promotion of cultural mapping as an essential tool in identifying the intangible cultural heritage and in creating inventories and databases of this heritage and in prioritising the required actions and policies to safeguard this heritage;

3. the exploration of possibilities for developing and expanding ICCN such as

the establishment of a “centre for safeguarding the intangible heritage” and the exchange of digitized information systems for documenting the intangible cultural heritage ;

### *Training*

4. the organisation of regular and results-oriented training workshops for local government administrators, cultural heritage professionals and custodians/practitioners to build safeguarding capacity in areas identified to be of importance ;

### *Exchanges*

5. the promotion of personal exchanges for hands-on learning and sharing experiences relating to cultural policies for development and safeguarding the intangible heritage ;

6. the exchange of folklore festivals and other cultural events among Members, in which both performers of traditional culture and local government policy makers will participate, in collaboration with specialized NGOs.

# ICCN Members

□ **Total 64 members**(Full 28, Associate 36)

Full members	
Country	Local authority
18	20
Croatia	Dubrovnik
Croatia	Lepoglava
Czech Republic	Vlcov
Fiji	Levuka
France	Gannat
Hungary	Mohács
Iran	Esfahan
	Kashan
	Neyshabur
	Shiraz
	Zanjan
Israel	Ramat Hasharon
	Rosh Ha'Ayin
Italy	Catania
	Noto
	Palermo
Latvia	LALRG(Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments)
Mexico	Xochimilco
Palestine	Beit Sahour
	Bethlehem
Philippines	Ifugao
Republic of Korea	Gangneung
	Jeongseon
Russian Federation	Irkutsk
Slovakia	Cachtice-Kopanice
Spain	Algemesi
Sri Lanka	Galle
Uzbekistan	Samarkand

Associate members	
Country	Organization / Institute
20	36
Algeria	FACM
Brazil	ARTESOL
Bulgaria	Expert Council on Intangible Cultural Heritage - Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Museum
Cambodia	Khemr Arts
China	CHSPA
	YISWIND
Croatia	ENSEMBLE LINDJO
	LACE MAKING ASSOCIATION
Czech Republic	Czech Ethnological Society
France	ANCT
Ghana	IMCL
India	Folkland
	Indigenous Cultural Society
Iran	Companion of Aria
	IIHSF
	<a href="#">Isfahan Intangible Heritage Foundation</a>
	<a href="#">Isfahan Momenzadeh Folklore Art Group</a>
Israel	Samte Ganjineye Ghoghnoos
	EHEVI
	Israeli Organization of Local Authorities Culture Managers
	Rimon School of Music and Contemporary Jazz
Italy	COPPEM
	NED
	UNESCO Sicily
Kuwait	Committee of Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage
Macedonia	Macedonian Research Society
Mauritania	DACC
Palestine	CCHP
Republic of Korea	Gangneung Cultural Center
	Gangneung Danoje Festival Committee
	Jeongseon Arirang Foundation
	Safeguarding Society for Gangneung Danoje Festival
Romania	National Museum of the Romanian Peasant
Spain	Algemesi Musium
	<a href="#">Pusol Museum</a>
Viet Nam	Vietnamese Women's Museum

