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内容概要

The International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) was established on August 23 , 1948 , when it merged , in fact , with the International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (ICAES) , which was founded in 1934. The latter was the product of various Congresses of Anthropological Sciences , starting in 1865.

The IUAES is one of the member organizations of the International Social Science Council (ISSC) and also of the International Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies (ICPHS) . The IUAES is also a member of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) . Its aim is to enhance exchange and communication among scholars of all regions of the world , in a collective effort to expand human knowledge. In this way , it hopes to contribute to a better understanding of human society , and to a sustainable future based on harmony between nature and culture. The IUAES once noted a draft statement on the future of world anthropology in “ Current Anthropology ” (1979) : “ The scope of anthropology in terms of areas of human interest includes such critical issues of the contemporary world as problems of environmental management , pressure for the progressive reduction of disparities and the restructuring of the world order , the future of the nation-state , ethnic pluralism and the future of national society , and the harmonization of the roles and functions of institutions with the basic and derived biological and psychic drives of man. ” The IUAES itself consists of national and institutional organizations in more than 50 countries in all parts of the world , and also includes some hundreds of individual members. The research effort and involvement of the IUAES is principally arranged by its scientific commissions , of which , currently , there are twenty-seven , and each of which concentrates on some areas of anthropological interest. They included ethnic relations , aging and the aged , women , children , youth , migration , epidemiology and Aids , tourism , primatology , linguistics , and so on.

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The contributions to this volume are the outcome of the July-2009 World Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) in Kunming. The book contains several of the keynote speeches and distinguished lectures held during the congress and covers both physical and social anthropology. The organizers of the 16th Congress have accomplished a World Congress of high professional and academic standard with about 170 panels and sessions and more than 4 000 scholars and students from about 100 countries and regions. Due to their great effort and dedication in organizing this Congress on “ Humanity , development and cultural diversity ” , many thanks go to the Organizing Committee , the China Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (CUAES) , as well as the Chinese anthropological and ethnological academic community. Since 1865 anthropologists have organized various congresses on Anthropological Sciences. In 1934 this was institutionalized in the ICAES (International Congress of Ethnological and Anthropological Sciences) . The IUAES took over this task in 1948. So , the year 2009 marked an important anniversary in the history of the IUAES. In 2009 the ICAES , as an institution predating IUAES , existed for 75 years , and considering the incorporation of the congress into the IUAES , the focus also lied on July 2008 , which marked the Union's 60th years of existence. In Kunming during the grant opening ceremony of the exhibition on the history of the IUAES , this 60th anniversary was celebrated. It presented a clear message on the role of the IUAES as the main fully worldwide international anthropological organization in the world covering four sciences (social/cultural anthropology , physical anthropology , linguistic anthropology and archaeology) and demonstrated the warm bond between the IUAES and the CUAES , the Chinese national anthropological union.

The IUAES has organized a world congress every five years and expanded with the introduction of inter-congresses as well as an increasing number of specialized scientific commissions. The themes of the congresses range over five main topics , namely the public and communication , development and anthropological insights , cultural diversity , physical diversity and the environment. Although the IUAES is most renowned for its congresses and most used by its members for networking as well as cooperation for the realization of scientific publications , particularly through the various Scientific Commissions , it is also representative on the global front by the drafting of a number of statements , enacting as an ethical code. These include statements on technology (1980) , development and population displacement (1983) , environmental issues with particular reference to enforced migration (1988) , the biological aspects of race (1995) and a position statement of the IUAES on the ethics of spying (2004) concerning the participation of anthropologist in light of the Iraq war. In Kunming the IUAES adopted a statement on human rights. All these statements ensure a moral basis on which the IUAES can act upon.

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