

ICTM-ANZ Regional Committee



Newsletter 1/2016

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1. Executive Committee Membership Transitions

As a recent email from the new chair noted, new appointments to the positions of chair and secretary were made at the 2015 Business Meeting of the ANZ Regional Committee (held during the recent IASPM-ANZ conference in Canberra). Catherine Grant (incoming Chair based at Griffith University, Brisbane), and Jared Mackley-Crump (incoming Secretary based at AUT in Auckland), will be joined by three new representatives of our regional 'sister' organisations: Narelle McCoy (IASPM-ANZ), Brigitta Scarfe (MSA), and a representative from NZMS yet to be nominated.

We thank outgoing Chair Henry Johnson, Secretary Julie Rickwood, and the other outgoing members of the Executive for their significant contribution to the ICTM-ANZ Regional Committee.

2. Message of welcome to new members

Some recent membership changes have taken place not only to the executive, but also to the Regional Committee itself. The Executive extends a warm welcome to new members.

It was suggested at the recent Business Meeting to refer again in member correspondence to the purpose and objectives of the RC, both for the benefit of new members, and as a basis for stimulating discussion among members about the function and direction of the committee (see further below). To this end, here are the aims of the ICTM-ANZ RC:

1. Promote research facilitation within, between and across regional programs in ethnomusicology.
2. Promote research for/by Indigenous scholars.
3. Provide a forum for postgraduate networking and presentation of research findings.
4. Advocate for ethnomusicologists and the people that they collaborate with.
5. Provide a framework for producing focus-group work, advisory papers, etc.
6. Provide a contact point for international scholars interested in conducting ethnomusicological research in Australasia.
7. Work closely with conference organizers to maintain a visible presence at major regional and international conferences.
8. Work closely with societies, funding bodies, etc, to gain wider access to the sharing of scholarly research and research resources.

3. 2015 Business Meeting Minutes: 6 December, ANU, Canberra

The draft minutes from the recent Business Meeting are distributed to members along with this newsletter.

As is detailed in the minutes, following some correspondence to the ICTM-ANZ RC, a discussion took place at the Business Meeting around the RC's future direction. The general consensus among those present supported the continuation of the RC. However, given the absence of many members at the meeting, it was recommended that those not present also be given the opportunity to contribute to the discussion. If you would like to add your thoughts, please email them to the secretary (jmackley@aut.ac.nz). Any key points

arising will be issued with the next newsletter, for further discussion. The Executive have noted the recommendation of those present at the Business Meeting to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the RC in relation to ICTM (and its Study Groups), and will action this over in coming months.

4. Sharing news of RC activities

The Executive would like to encourage and remind members to keep us informed about their activities, whether about research, publications, conferences, performances, or anything else that might be of interest to other members. The committee can only be as vibrant as its members, so we would like to reinforce that engagement is always more than welcomed. We would like to share your successes and activities both with other members via this newsletter, and with ICTM via its regular Bulletin.

In order to meet the deadline for the April ICTM Bulletin, please send through any current or recent news to the secretary (jmackley@aut.ac.nz) by **Tuesday 1 March**.

5. Gauging interest in an ICTM-ANZ RC Facebook Group

To facilitate and reinvigorate communication among RC members, and between RC members and Executive, we wish to gauge interest in the possibility of a dedicated ICTM-ANZ RC Facebook group, where members could share news, post items of interest, stimulate discussion, etc.

If this platform were adopted, it would not supersede current forms of RC communication; official messages and newsletters would still be issued via the mailing list. We appreciate that not all members are, or wish to be, members (or regular users) of Facebook. In the case of sufficient activity on Facebook, the Secretary could collate a brief monthly round-up of news and activity, and distribute via the regular mailing list.

We have set up a 30-second, two-question yes/no survey to gauge members' feelings on these matters. We would really appreciate if you could click on the following link and take a minute to let us know: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RD59R3T>. The poll will close on 1 March, and we will communicate the results to you.

6. ANZ Joint Position on ICH Convention

As per the draft minutes of the Business Meeting, we wish to invite reactions to Australia and New Zealand failing to ratify UNESCO's *Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage* (2003). For reference, the Convention is at <http://www.unesco.org/culture/ich/en/convention>, and the list of States Parties is also available through this site (go to 'Governance' – 'States Parties').

If you have reactions or suggestions on this issue, particularly with regard to whether ICTM-ANZ RC may develop a joint position statement and/or play an advocacy role toward ratification, please email the Secretary (jmackley@aut.ac.nz).

7. 2016 ANZ association conferences

At this stage we have information for the 2016 IASPM-ANZ and MSA conferences. The details and links to calls for papers are listed below.

2016 IASPM-ANZ Conference: Isolated Musics, Connected Musics
7-9 December 2016, CQUniversity Mackay
<http://www.iaspmanz16.com/call-for-papers/>

2016 MSA National Conference: "Shifts and Turns: Moving Music, Musicians and Ideas"
30 Nov - 3 Dec 2016, Elder Conservatorium of Music, University of Adelaide
http://www.msa.org.au/Main.asp?_=2016%20Adelaide&FormID=184