

**ICTM Study Group on Indigenous Music and Dance Welcome Meeting**  
**47th ICTM World Conference**  
Legon, Ghana

Date: Saturday 15 July 2023

Local time: 13:00 (UTC+0)

Location: Hybrid Meeting (CC1 and Virtual)

Chair: Yuh-Fen Tseng (Zoom)

Vice-Chair: Mark van Tongeren (Zoom & interim-Chair for the meeting)

Head Secretariat: Shuo Yang (Zoom)

Secretariat: Xinjie Chen (Zoom)

Secretariat and on-site technical assistance: Meri Haami

Attendees: Anna Hoefngels Canna, Myfay Tuprin, Georgia Curran, Isaac O. Ibude, Marie Agatha Ozah, Brian Diettrich, Felicia Ezeugwu, Ator Paul Ntoh, Rita Adaobi Sunday, Joaquin Borges A. Goute, Ifeanyi O. Okafor, Patricia Opondo (Zoom)

Apologies: None.

Start: 1pm

**Welcome and Apologies**

- Introductions from the group executive
- Introductions from the attendees

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Yang, Shuo presented the previous minutes.

**Business Arising from previous meeting:**

1. Chair's Report: Tseng, Yuh-Fen presented the Chair's Report.

- The 1st official symposium of the study group has been held on 30 November to 3 December 2022, hosted by the Indigenous Knowledge Institute at the University of Melbourne.
- Announcing the collaboration with ICTM StG on Music and Minorities: *12<sup>th</sup> Symposium of the ICTM Study Group on Music and Minorities with a joint day with the ICTM StG on Indigenous Music and Dance* (Muriel has stepped down from the vice-chair, the new vice-chair Mark van Tongeren will be the study group lead for Sri Lanka Symposium).
- Announcing the *2nd Symposium of ICTM Study Group on Indigenous Music and Dance*: hosted by ICTM Taiwan Regional Committee, Nanhua University, and National Chiayi University; place: Chiayi, Taiwan; time: 15 November ~ 7 November, 2024; LAC: Ma, Ming-Hui (Chair), Lee, Ya-Chen Tseng, Yuh-Fen Tseng
- Discussed bilingual nature of the study group as well as the new executive that are all affiliated to Asian or Chinese culture.
- Welcomes more membership and participation and looks forward to more collaboration projects.

2. Announcement for Election Result: Tseng, Yuh-Fen presented the following the election results.

- Yuh-Fen Tseng (Chair)
- Mark van Tongeren (Vice-Chair)
- Secretariat (3 vacancies, 3 nominations): Shuo Niki Yang; Xin-jie Chen; Meri Haami

The Chair also reiterated that the election results are available through the newly designed website for the Indigenous Music and Dance Study Group:

- <https://ictmindsg.openmuseum.tw/about>

The Vice-Chair asked if there were any discussion points from the on-site attendees. The following was discussed:

- Brian Diettrich discussed the term ‘business meeting,’ which had been previously used during past World Conferences and that due to the previous 46<sup>th</sup> ICTM World Conference that the board broadened the way study groups would have a presence at the world conferences. Brian went on to discuss the transference of the term into ‘Study Group Welcome Meeting’ with an introductory focus to the study groups. Brian also discussed the diverse demographic of attendees in person and stated that the Indigenous Music and Dance Study Group and urged those in person and on Zoom to think expansively about the focus of the meeting. The Vice-Chair responded and thanked Brian for keeping the discussion towards an introductory focus.
- Marie Agatha Ozah discussed the potential issues around multiple languages within the group and how far can this go when the study group continues to expand. This is something that needs to be discussed in regards to the future of the study group. The Vice-Chair responded and proposed that perhaps that this is a pandoras box and was a response to the first symposium for the Study Group beginning in Taiwan, which was predominantly Chinese (Mandarin) speaking but with also many diverse Indigenous languages. This has become a value of the group since its inception. Isaac Ibude also echoed Marie’s discussion points and introduced themselves as a new member of the group and ICTM.

### **General business:**

1. Sri Lanka Symposium Update: Mark van Tongeren (newly elected Study Group Vice-Chair) presented the report and the following details.

- The 12<sup>th</sup> Symposium of the ICTM Study Group on Music and Minorities with a joint day with the ICTM Study Group on Indigenous Music and Dance
- Host: University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka
- Time: December 5-8, 2023.
- Programming: Currently, in the process of finalizing the preliminary program.
- New lead of Indigenous StG: Mark van Tongeren (Vice-Chair)

The Vice Chair stated that there are no new updates and to postpone this agenda point.

2. Plans for Next Symposium (2024): Ma, Ming-Hui, LAC Chair presented this report and decided to disseminate the video of the symposium via the email list.

- The video introducing the next symposium played for the meeting attendee via Zoom, entitled ‘The 2nd ICTM Symposium on Indigenous Music and Dance.’

The following details were disseminated:

- Host: ICTM Taiwan Regional Committee; Nanhua University; and National Chiayi University
- Place: Chiayi, Taiwan

- Time: 2024. Nov. 15-17 November, 2024
- LAC: Ma, Ming-Hui (Chair); Lee, Ya-Chen; Tseng, Yuh-Fen
- Program Committee: Tseng, Yuh-Fen; Aaron Corm; Anthea Skinner; Mark van Tongeren; Victoria Levine; Yang, Shuo; Chen, Xin-Jie; Meri Haami

The Chair addressed previous discussions surrounding translations, the bilingual nature of the study group through first symposium, which was based in Taiwan. The Chair went on to discuss how this was also hosted in Melbourne and that in the future there is a possibility of having a future symposium in Aotearoa, New Zealand with having te reo Māori as translations. The Chair stated that the formation of this group had been hard but that there should be on-going discussions about definitions surrounding the term, 'Indigenous'. The Chair also discussed the inaugural meeting, which looked at Indigenous in the post-colonial context. The Vice-Chair also discussed that one of the motivations surrounding the use of the Chinese language around the first symposia was due to where it was based. The Head Secretary also discussed that there was an accessibility element during the beginning stages and invited others to provide translations in support of this.

Patricia Opondo also discussed understanding the rationale for using Chinese since the first one was in Taiwan but also discussed that having language translators on site would be sufficient since those presenting will know English. Patricia also stated that they would also like to hear more about the themes of the upcoming symposium in Taiwan.

The Chair played a video advertising the Symposium to be held in November 2024. The Chair also discussed the different 16 Indigenous groups of Taiwan. Georgia Curran asked about inclusivity and how will people stay informed about the Symposium. The Secretary on-site stated that they will be updating the email list for upcoming events.

The Vice-Chair closed the meeting.  
Closing: 2.05pm