

World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC)

Research and Publications Working Party Report

Meeting 2-4 December, 2008
Melbourne

Attendance:

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Background:

The committee did not appear to meet in the previous year although Rachel advised she attended last meeting and this led to the Journal being published. The Working Group discussed generally issues within research concluding “Research is important but a fear of research continues has had negative connotations”. Moreover, it was noted that in Australia there are a number of Journals targeted by Indigenous researchers including the Journal of Indigenous Education, Journal of Indigenous Issues, Australian Aboriginal Studies and Indigenous Peoples’ Journal of Law, Culture and Resistance. It was also noted that a number of important conferences are held annually including the Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (AIATSIS), Indigenous Studies and Indigenous Knowledge conferences and the Indigenous Researchers Forum. Indigenous Australian students within the working group noted the importance of Australian representatives disseminating such information locally possibly through the National Indigenous Higher Education Network (NIHEN) and the Indigenous Higher Education Council (IHEAC).

Business:

In the morning talking circle delegates envisaged practical issues such as a theme for the WINHEC journal, nominating an editor and editorial board with wider representation of contributors. The launching of books, book reviews in journals, research notes, and sponsorship for such a journal were key points raised. A call for the development of a three year research plan as well as to publish a WINHEC journal annually both digitally/online/website and also in book form at a cost of \$1500 NZD for 300 copies were raised. The prices would vary from Country to Country. WINHEC New Zealand, a charitable trust was a bench mark that other Nations may wish to follow.

The working group outlined a Research and Publication Plan for the next three years –2009 to 2011. This plan identifies two goals:

1. Growing Indigenous Research
 - Dissemination
 - Promulgation
 - Protection
2. Promoting Indigenous Research
 - Methodologies
 - Identifying and Celebrating Indigenous Leaders in Indigenous Research Practice
 - Creating Opportunities – Launch of Publications

The above goals are to be met by –

- Annual Publication of WINHEC Journal and Special Editions
- Promotion of New Work by Indigenous Researchers
- Database of Indigenous Leaders in Indigenous Research
- WINHEC Position on Intellectual and Knowledge Protection

The Plan to achieve the above is as follows:

Strategy	Action Required	Responsible	Date
Annual Publication of the WINHEC Journal	<i>Appointment of Editor</i> Seek Expressions of Interest Appointment of the Editor	WINHEC Executive through Website WINHEC Executive	February February
Promotion of new work by Indigenous Researchers	Call for notices of new work by Indigenous Researchers Upload Information to WINHEC Website Negotiate WINHEC Annual Meeting Agenda item	Coordinator R & P Coordinator, WINHEC Secretariat Head Office Executive Co-Chair, Representatives of hosting Institution or Group	Feb – Jun 2009 Feb – Jun 2009 Jul 2009
Develop a Searchable Database of Leaders in Indigenous Research – Topics & Methodologies	Develop Expressions of Interest Form Develop Database Online form through WINHEC Website Call for Expressions of Interest	WG R & P WG R & P Coord R & P, WINHEC Executive, WINHEC Secretariat Executive Chair and Chair of R & J	May 2009 May 2009 June 2009 Aug 2009
Publish a Special Edition of the WINHEC Journal in 2010	Develop Nation reports to publishable standard for 2009 Meeting Collation of Nation Reports and Edit of Special Edition Dissemination of Special Edition through WINHEC Website	Member Nations Editor and Editorial Board Editor, WINHEC Executive, WINHEC Secretariat	Member Nations Editor and Editorial Board Editor, WINHEC Executive, WINHEC Secretariat
Develop a WINHEC Position on Intellectual and	Call for Papers outlining position of member nations	Executive Chair, Coordinator R & P	Apr 2009 Jul 2009

Knowledge Rights based upon the experience and approaches taken by members	Collation of Papers Agenda for Working Group at Annual Meeting 2009 Draft Position Paper for WINHEC General Meeting	WINHEC Secretariat Coord R & P Working Group Coord R & P Working Group	Jul 2009 Aug 2009
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There are challenges and opportunities in relation to the publication of the Journal as follows:

Challenge – Cost of Printing the Journal

Current Cost - \$AUD 1000 – 300 copies, 60 pages

Opportunity – Each Edition Sponsored by a different WINHEC institution, nation or group.

Recognition through acknowledgement and inclusion of logos.

First option to hosting institution, nation, group.

2009 Publication

Indigenous Voices – Indigenous Symbols

2010 Publications

Special Edition – Annual Nation Reports to WINHEC

WINHEC Journal - Theme to be Decided 2009 Meeting