



Minutes of Orbicom's Online

Annual General Meeting of Members

(AGM)

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1 - Words of Welcome

President's Welcoming Words

Dear Orbicom Members and Friends,

I have the pleasure to open the 2012 virtual meeting of Orbicom's Annual General Meeting (AGM). We are united through the Web this year again to carry out the task assigned to us by the network statutes.

This 2012 AGM takes place in a period of transition with regard to publications. The Network has concluded 2 projects. They represent notable contributions to the information society implementation. We are now engaging into a new phase with the launching of new projects.

After you have carried out the housekeeping parts of the agenda, I invite you to pay special attention to the reports submitted by the President, the Secretary General and the Treasurer. You will notice that much is in preparation. In my report to the Board, I make suggestions for possible inter-chair cooperation and I welcome your views. Our network has positioned itself over the years as a respected player within the international community. Let's all work together to further Orbicom's development.

After four years as President during which I witnessed the expansion and influence of Orbicom, I will pass my responsibilities after this meeting to a colleague of the Board who will be elected among the directors after this General Assembly. In the meantime, I invite you to ratify, in section VII, the recommendations for appointment of new Board members as prescribed by our constitution. A new Treasurer will also be appointed by the Board Members.

I hope that the AGM will be an opportunity for fruitful exchanges among us,
Rosental C. Alves
President

COMMENTS

Website — Elena Vartanova 08-12-2012 02:59

Dear colleagues, I am very happy with the new website which also proves the dynamics and attractiveness of the ORBICOM. Well done)

Response to Rainer — Pierre Giguère 06-12-2012 09:26

Dear Rainer,

Thank you for your note. I know that you left the Konstanz Chair, but we are uncertain about its existence and the new chair holder. I have sent you a personal message about this and another issue raised by you.

Thank you for your participation.

Pierre

Changes for Rainer Kuhlen — Rainer Kuhlen 05-12-2012 11:54

The website looks attractibe and is easy to navigate in it.

The information related to me is not up-to-date. I am still listed under the "chairs" - but may status right now is associated member (I stepped down from may Chair position when I retired in 2010.) And the information about me when you clock on my name is a thousand years old. Please use the material I provided for quite a while.

Our virtual meeting — Marguerite Moritz 03-12-2012 10:00

Thank you Rosenthal, Yves and Pierre for your words of welcome and your work on the AGM. I am looking forward to participating in the session and I hope we can find more ways to collaborate in the upcoming year. All good wishes from Boulder, Colorado.

Merci — Bertrand Cabedoche 01-12-2012 21:11

En prolongeant d'un an, notre président Alves aurait pu se contenter d'un intérim tranquille. Personne ne le lui aurait reproché, eu égard aux services passés et en considérant une année 2012 dont il pourrait n'être retenu que les restrictions budgétaires, les angoisses individuelles liées aux incertitudes de l'avenir, les tensions collectives dans un environnement plus encore anxiogène (certains d'entre nous avaient même exprimé leurs doutes lors de notre dernière AGM).

Au contraire, je retiens de cette dernière année présidentielle la consolidation de nos liens entre chaires, avec déjà de belles rencontres ; une amorce prometteuse de véritable synergie entre le réseau et l'Unesco ; une visibilité renforcée de notre travail et des conditions de son évaluation ; l'élargissement du dialogue, avec un site modernisé ; un soutien exigeant auprès de nos institutions académiques ; la création de nouvelles chaires...

Merci Rosenthal pour avoir été l'un des artisans majeurs de ceci !

our web site — Andi Faisal Bakti 30-11-2012 20:29

Dear Yves, Pierre and team, I would also like to Congratulate you and all Orbicom members for this excellent web site, where we can really connected across the world.

This is our web!

Andi Jakarta

Felicitaciones Rosental — Giancarlo Leonardo Carbone de Mora Campos 29-11-2012 15:32

Hola Rosental, tarea cumplida y buen trabajo en la Presidencia de ORbICOM. En la reunion de Lima estuviste claro, propositivo y visionario. Se te va extrañar. Un fuerte abrazo.

Giancarlo Carbone

New text — Pierre Giguère 29-11-2012 09:35

Dear Aigul,

Again, welcome to Orbicom!

Please send me the new text and we will post it for you. (giguere.p@uqam.ca)

Pierre

Kazakhstan Univ. UNESCO, Nijazgul ova — Aigul Nijazgulova 28-11-2012 23:46

Dear Piere, Yves Théorêt and colleagues

Thanks for the kind words, regarding the report and an invitation to the ORBICOM network It is an excellent network that promotes unity and collaboration of UNESCO Chairs.

Unfortunately, in the list of heading members of the department the information is very old. Can I change the data? I sent the new data to the webmaster and to you.

We are planning to work with other UNESCO Chairs and offer joint projects in terms of development of the education system, the development of culture, ethics of journalists, coverage of the various issues in the media, etc. I hope the forum will be the starting point of this dialogue.

Congratulations on new website — Charlotte Masiello-Riome 27-11-2012 05:04

Dear Yves, Pierre and team, Congratulations on the new website! Looks great!

Just signing in — Alejandra Matus 26-11-2012 14:48

Hello to you all. I am just signing in to check the agenda. I hope to have a good dialogue with you during these two weeks.

Warm regards,
Alejandra Matus
Chile

New Web Site — Yves Théorêt 26-11-2012 10:20

Welcome to ORBICON new Web site!

As you will see, this new web site is more dynamic and interactive. I invite you to use it, and promote your own activities.

Comme Pierre l'a mentionné, la patience est de rigueur car le site est toujours en construction et quelques erreurs peuvent survenir lors de la navigation. Nous travaillons à régler ces petits inconvénients.

Have a good AGM 2002 !

WEB — Pierre Giguère 23-11-2012 16:24

Nada más les quería decir que vamos a estrenar nuestro nuevo sitio internet. Como puede haber errores o faltas de ortografía todavía presentes, les ruego de señalarlos a nosotros.

Les deseo una buena asamblea.

NEW WEBSITE — Pierre Giguère 23-11-2012 10:22

Hello to all of you, members of Orbicom , and a warm welcome to the 2012 AGM !

Just a word before we start our meeting on Monday, November 26.

You will all have noticed that we are inaugurating a new Website. As it may not be perfect, I ask you to bring to our attention flaws that may occur to you.

I wish you all a good AGM.

Un mot pour vous signaler que nous inaugurons notre nouveau site Web. Comme tout n'est peut-être pas parfait, je vous prie de nous signaler les défauts que vous pourriez y trouver.

Je vous souhaite une bonne assemblée.

2 - Approval of the Agenda and Minutes of the 2011 AGM

2.1 - AGM 2012 Agenda

2.2 - Approval of Minutes of AGM 2011

COMMENTS

J'approuve le PV — Magda Fusaro 2012-12-10 07:31

Magda Fusaro

approval — Elena Vartanova 2012-12-08 03:00

I approve

agenda — Rainer Kuhlen 2012-12-05 11:55

o.k. with me -approved

#1 AGM 2012 agenda — Alejandra Matus 2012-12-05 11:30

I approve

RE: 2 - Approval of the Agenda and Minutes of the 2011 AGM — Bernard Miège 2012-12-05 05:07

J'approuve

AGM 2012 agenda — Alain Modoux 2012-12-03 11:21

J'approuve

Alain Modoux

2.1 - AGM 2012 Agenda

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8. Varia

COMMENTS

Approbation de l'ordre du jour — Jean-Paul Lafrance 2012-12-05 09:48

Je suis d'accord.

Jean-Paul Lafrance

Approval — George Sciadas 2012-12-05 09:17

I approve

Agenda — Tim Unwin 2012-12-05 06:09

I approve too - albeit rather late

Agenda — André A. Lafrance 2012-12-04 11:13

J'approuve

Agenda — Alain Modoux 2012-12-03 11:41

I approve

Agenda — Marguerite Moritz 2012-12-03 09:56

An exciting agenda. Yes, I approve.

Approval — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-01 21:13

J'approuve l'agenda

Approval of 2012 agenda — Saik Yoon Chin 2012-11-30 01:37

I vote to approve the agenda.

Agenda 2012 — Giancarlo Leonardo Carbone de Mora Campos 2012-11-29 15:40

De acuerdo.

2012 Agenda — Metasebia Woldemariam 2012-11-27 14:57

I approve

agenda — Charlotte Masiello-Riome 2012-11-27 04:40

I approve

jamal — Jamal Eddine Naji 2012-11-26 15:49

i approve it

Approval — Rosental Calmon Alves 2012-11-26 15:11

I approve it

orden del día — Carmen Rico de Sotelo 2012-11-26 14:59

también apruebo el orden del día y saludo a todos. Hi everyone,

#1 agenda — Alejandra Matus 2012-11-26 14:50

De acuerdo

Ordre du jour — Pierre Giguère 2012-11-26 10:22
D'accord

Agenda — Yves Théorêt 2012-11-26 10:12
Je suis d'accord.

2.2 - Approval of Minutes of AGM 2011

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COMMENTS

minutes — Charlotte Masiello-Riome 2012-12-10 09:02
approved

Minutes — Claudia Padovani 2012-12-10 00:54
I also approve

RE: 2.2 - Approval of Minutes of AGM 2011 — Elena Vartanova 2012-12-08 03:00
I approve

Approval of Minutes of AGM 2011 — Alejandra Matus 2012-12-05 11:32
I approve

Minutes AGM 2011 — Alain Modoux 2012-12-03 11:42
I approve

Minutes — Marguerite Moritz 2012-12-03 10:10
Yes, I approve.

Approval of Minutes of AGM 2011 — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-01 21:14
J'approuve

Approval of Minutes of AGM 2011 — Andi Faisal Bakti 2012-11-30 20:39
I agree.

Approval of AGM 2011 Minutes — Saik Yoon Chin 2012-11-30 01:39
I second the approval of the Minutes of the AGM 2011.

Acta de la AGM 2011 — Giancarlo Leonardo Carbone de Mora Campos 2012-11-29 15:39
De acuerdo

Approval of AGM minutes 2011 — Metasebia Woldemariam 2012-11-27 14:56
I approve.

RE: 2.2 - Approval of Minutes of AGM 2011 — Jamal Eddine Naji 2012-11-26 15:50
j'approuve

Procès verbal y actas — Carmen Rico de Sotelo 2012-11-26 15:01
Je propose l'approbation du procès verbal de l.AGM 2011

Minutes — Yves Théorêt 2012-11-26 10:21
Je suis d'accord.

3 - Board of Directors' Reports

3.1 - The President's Report

3.2 - The Treasurer's Report

3.3 - Approval of Financial Statements 2011/2012

NO COMMENTS

3.1 - The President's Report

On the road to a more active network

Dear colleagues and friends,

For the last time as president of the board of directors of Orbicom, I would like to send you my warmest welcome to our virtual Assembly General Meeting.

As you remember, I should have left the presidency last year, after the end of my regular term, but since there was no candidate to replace me, I accepted the invitation to stay for another year. I was reluctant just because I am a firm believer that a position such as this one should rotate among members of the organization, and terms should not be extended. Of course, I accepted the invitation to stay, as I understood the special circumstances. And now I am glad I did, not only because I could serve when my service was requested but also because important things that have happened since we met in our Assembly General a year ago.

During the last year, I was especially happy to see that, despite extreme difficulties, we finally had, last May, a very productive meeting of chair holders and associate members in Paris, at UNESCO's headquarters. I had been an enthusiastic promoter of that meeting because for many years there was no opportunity for us to get together. I was convinced that a meeting like that would foster collaboration among us and between us and UNESCO. I was right. Those of us who were lucky enough to go to Paris learned a lot about each other and about UNESCO, which has already led to collaborations.

The extreme difficulties that surrounded the Paris meeting were very evident. The 29 participants (about twice the number we expected) had to find, by themselves, the financial resources to go to Paris, since UNESCO was not able to provide any financial contribution, due to the suspension of payments from the United States. We fully understood the plight of UNESCO and have been grateful for the space and the attention and cordiality of its personnel. We have been especially thankful for their enormous efforts to pay for simultaneous translation, so our meeting could be conducted in Orbicom's official languages: English, French and Spanish.

Last month, Orbicom's secretary-general Yves Théorêt, ambassador Pierre Giguère, Carmen Rico, coordinator for Latin America, and I, saw again the same spirit of dialogue and cooperation among chair holders and UNESCO that we had seen in Paris in May. This time, however, it was in Lima, Peru, during the meeting of the Ibero American UNESCO Chairs in Communication, which also saw the participation of Guilherme Canela, UNESCO's representative in South America.

The Latin American and Spanish chairs had met before, but last October they had in Lima their largest meeting and it was very productive. The group takes advantage of a

regional conference (the congress of the Latin American Federation of Schools of Communication) to meet periodically, which is actually a great example of what can be done in other regions of the world where there are clusters of UNESCO/Orbicom chairs.

Both meetings in Paris and Lima, along with other activities in Asia and Europe, and the hard work of the secretariat in Montreal, show that Orbicom has been moving forward to become a more active network. Let's take advantage of this Assembly General Meeting to discuss other ways to improve communication and collaboration to make the network even more productive.

Once again, I would like to thank UNESCO Assistant Director General Jānis Kārklīņš and his team, especially Guy Berger, director of the division for freedom of expression and media development, and Fackson Banda, Program Specialist in Civic Participation, for their support to Orbicom. I would like to thank also Indrajit Banerjee, director of the Information Society Division (interestingly, Berger, Banda and Banerjee were Orbicom members, before joining UNESCO). I extend my gratitude not only for the hosting of our meeting in Paris, but for all the support they all have given me since I became president of the board of directors of Orbicom.

I must also reiterate my appreciation of the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) for its extraordinary generosity in supporting Orbicom with facilities and financial support, which make possible the very existence of our network. Without them, there would be no Orbicom. It's that simple.

UQAM's Rector Claude Corbo must be commended for his immense kindness with Orbicom, since the inception of the network almost two decades ago, during his first incarnation as the leader of the university.

During the period of my presidency I could see more in detail the efforts done by the UQAM-based secretariat of Orbicom. First, secretary general Claude-Yves Charron, who was always there for us, and then his successor Yves Théorêt, and Ambassador Pierre Giguère, always available to help our network. They and their small team in Montreal have done a great job and deserve acknowledgment, support and gratitude from all of us, the 30 chair holders and 250 associate members of Orbicom from around the world.

I want also to thank the board of directors of Orbicom for trusting me and for allowing me to have the honor of being the president for the last four years. And, finally, I take advantage of this opportunity to thank all of you, members of the network.

Now, let's have a great AGM and keep moving forward, on the road to a more active Orbicom network.

Cheers
Rosental C. Alves

COMMENTS

Merci au président, au secrétaire général — Magda Fusaro 2012-12-10 07:35

Et à toute l'équipe d'Orbicom.

Refonte du site Web, nouvelle identification visuelle, nouveau logo et nouvelles initiatives de recherche sont autant de réalisations effectuées cette année par toute l'équipe d'Orbicom. Merci à Pierre, Jian et Karim.

Thanks to Rosental — Claudia Padovani 2012-12-10 01:16

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to express my appreciation for this report and for your work during these years. As a recently associated member of Orbicom I have been able to appreciate the efforts in reviving connection to Unesco, also attending the meeting in Paris, and I found this very inspiring and a signal of the energy and potential of the association. I am now happy to see initiatives in the making as a result of these years of your dedication and of fruitful cooperation.

Claudia Padovani

3.1 El informe del presidente — Alejandra Matus 2012-12-05 11:36

I approve. I am very sad that I am joining Orbicom just when Rosental is leaving, but I am sure the good work he did will continue.

We'll always have London, and Dublin, too — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-04 18:08

Dear Margaret,

Following discussions we have committed before our last meeting in Beijing in last October 2012, you will not be surprised to know that I respond positively to your proposal that we find between managers and associate professorships in London, as in Dublin.

Therefore, see we soon in UK

Bertrand

We'll always have Paris! (and perhaps Dublin as well) — Marguerite Moritz 2012-12-04 17:39

Merci mille fois to Rosental, Guy Berger, Fackson Banda and to Pierre and Yves for organizing the May 2012 meeting in Paris. And I express my continuing appreciation of the work you all have done and continue doing on behalf of the organization. Your leadership has propelled the membership to engage more with each other and to look for opportunities to collaborate on research, creative work and scholarship.

To this end, I suggest that there may be a number of chairs and associates who will be attending ICA in London (June 17-21) and/or IAMCR (June 25 -29) in Dublin. If this is the case, it would present an opportunity for a regional meeting of the kind Rosenthal describes above. If the chairs and associates who are attending ICA or IAMCR will please identify themselves during this forum, that group can begin to organize a meeting time and place in June 2013.

The President's Report — Alain Modoux 2012-12-03 11:38

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Rosenthal for his wise leadership and wish him all the best for the future!

Bel héritage — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-01 21:42

Je partage le satisfecit du président Rosenthal pour les résultats enregistrés et les actions déjà engagées : initiatives des chaires (collaboration régionale latino-américaines à étendre ailleurs) ; professionnalisme du secrétariat général d'Orbicom et des directions et services de l'Unesco, parfois au-delà des attentes (investissement symbolique du directeur Guy Berger, présent sans discontinuer lors de la rencontre de mai dernier à Paris, jusqu'à partager nos instants de convivialité hors cadre officiel pour mieux nous connaître et nous comprendre) ; rencontres où la diversité, y compris linguistique, est encouragée (3 langues lors de la rencontre de mai 2012 au siège de l'Unesco) ; resserrement de nos axes de travail en cohérence avec les priorités de l'Unesco ; synergies croissantes entre chaires ; apports supplémentaires d'expertises dans les actions en cours conduites par l'Unesco (e.g. pôles d'excellence en journalisme) ; relance des suivis par les Commissions Nationales...

RE: 3.1 - The President's Report — Michel Mathien 2012-11-30 11:19

Merci et approbation de M. Mathien

Saudade Rosental — Giancarlo Leonardo Carbone de Mora Campos 2012-11-29 16:01

Tu informe resume muy bien todo lo andado por Orbicom estos años y lo que aun falta por completar. Seguro dentro de un tiempo eso que dejaste sembrado empezara a dar sus frutos....Vale Rosental!

RE: 3.1 - The President's Report — Jamal Eddine Naji 2012-11-26 15:55

Thanks dear Rosental for this summary well done.

latinoamerican- american president — Carmen Rico de Sotelo 2012-11-26 15:04

Me too,I would say thank you to Rosental and remember que es la primera vez que tenemos un presidente latinoamericano !!

Obrigada Rosental!

Our Sincere Thanks to Rosental — Pierre Giguère 2012-11-26 13:44

Dear Rosental,

I want to add my personal touch to Yves' message as I have been working closely with you.

Rosental,first of all, I would like to thank you for your years in the job of President after having accepted it with generosity and, for having agreed to extend your mandate for a year, 14 months ago.

Also, I want to address to you the membership's gratitude for having advocated during your tenure an "in situ" meeting of Orbicom at UNESCO, in Paris. You have always been of opinion that despite all kinds of modern communication means, a meeting "face to face" of its members was an absolute necessity. You were right, and we can witness that our network made a new start last May.

I know that you have dedicated much of your time and personal means in support of the network. You have done it with such generosity that I feel compelled to make it known to our group.

Pierre

Merci M. le président ! — Yves Théorêt 2012-11-26 10:23

Thank you Mr. President for everything you did. It was a pleasure working with you !

3.2 - UNESCO's Report

Message to the ORBICOM AGM

By Janis Karklins

Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO

Dear Members of Orbicom

I am pleased to address you on the occasion of this Annual General Meeting (AGM), particularly because I can point to significant progress in the relationship between the Orbicom network and UNESCO. As many of you will know, from 29 to 30 May this year, our two organisations successfully organised in Paris a meeting which brought together 30 Orbicom chairs and associate members as well as 13 UNESCO staff, mainly from the sector of Information and Communication.

The meeting served to reenergise us, apart from rekindling a strategic process of greater programmatic alignment and collaboration between Orbicom and UNESCO, further uniting us in our common purpose to promote knowledge relevant to freedom of expression and media development and enhance universal access to and preservation of information and knowledge.

It would be remiss of me if I did not underscore some of the commitments that we made to each other. It is absolutely essential that we build on the momentum generated at that meeting. And indeed, I am glad to see some spin-offs from that gathering. For example, our Orbicom secretariat staff participated in a meeting of Spanish-speaking chairs held in October in Lima. That is not all.

Projects on cultural diversity are being rolled out in a collaborative initiative between Prof Michel Mathien of Strasbourg University and Prof Yves Théorêt of the University of Quebec. Furthermore, with regard to gender and media, cooperative efforts are underway between Dr Claudia Padovani of the University of Padova and Prof Liu Liqun of the Communication University of China.

In addition, three more Orbicom-affiliated chairs have been created in China, Indonesia and France. Another meeting is being planned for Morocco in 2013, with Prof Jamal Naji as the possible organiser.

So, it is evident that, within a short period of time, a great deal has been achieved as a result of our May meeting. It is in this vein that UNESCO looks forward to the participation of the Orbicom network in one or all of the major events scheduled for

2013. As we promised, we have kept the network informed of these and other meetings. Four such events are worth re-listing below:

World Radio Day, which falls on 13 February, to celebrate radio broadcasting, improve international cooperation among radio broadcasters, and encourage decision-makers to create and provide access to information through radio, including community radios.

The first WSIS+10 Review Meeting, under the theme Towards Knowledge Societies for Peace and Sustainable Development, takes place from 25 to 27 February 2013, at UNESCO HQ in Paris.

The first Global Forum on Media and Gender will be organised by UNESCO, UN Women and media and NGO partners globally, in November 2013. This will be an important follow-up to one of the critical areas of concern of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

The second UN Inter-Agency Meeting on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity, which will have taken place from 22 to 23 November 2012 in Vienna, Austria. An important element of this event is the Plan of Action agreed in September 2011 which sets out a comprehensive, coherent, and action-oriented UN-wide approach to the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity.

Finally, it is worth recalling that the May meeting also discussed the audit report on the UNESCO Chairs Programme prepared by the Internal Oversight Service (IOS). We all generally affirmed the findings of the audit and agreed on the need for greater communication between UNESCO and the chair-holders. In this vein, several of you have already been contacted about renewing your contracts and/or realigning them with the existing status quo. We will continue to engage with you to determine how best we can serve your professional interests, while at the same time you help us to achieve our own strategic objectives. For this reason, we have shared with you our initial draft of the new Medium-Term Strategy for UNESCO. We will continue to solicit your views on this matter, as we refine the draft in the months to come.

Let me end by wishing you productive deliberations, knowing that we now have a good track record of solid collaborative work upon which to build.

COMMENTS

Response to Rainer — Pierre Giguère 2012-12-06 09:31

Just to inform that it seems that the UNESCO Executive Committee has rejected D.G. Bukova's plan to eliminate the CI Sector.

For the next year, at least, it is business as usual.

Thanks, but ... — Rainer Kuhlen 2012-12-05 12:09

Like all of us I am also really happy about what you are doing for the UNESCO and its relation to ORBICOM. But - I am not sure whether this is the appropriate slot for the following remark - I am really concerned about the proposal of the UNESCO General Director to reduce UNESCO's competence to the three traditional UNESCO topics Education, Science and Education - thus leaving Communication and Information behind, at least as a special section. I wonder whether this might have some (negative) effects to the tasks and plans of ORBICOM and would also know what you intend to do in order to keep Communication and Information in the center of UNESCO's attention. Leaving Communication and Information out of UNESCO's focus would certainly send a bad signal to the world, in particular after all the initiatives UNESCO have taken for the development of knowledge societies.

UNESCO's Report — Alejandra Matus 2012-12-05 11:39

Thanks for the information and the insight

UNESCO's Report — Alain Modoux 2012-12-03 11:57

I wish to express satisfaction with the consolidation of the working relations between UNESCO and Orbicom. The personal involvement and commitment of the CI sector, namely ADG Janis Karklins, Guy Berger and Fackson Banda, is highly appreciated. Thanks to all of them!

Retombées de mai 2012 — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-01 22:45

"Et ce n'est pas tout", rappelle l'ADG Karklins.

Il nous faut ajouter ce dont chacun s'est senti investi depuis Paris, en synergie entre Orbicom et l'Unesco. Mai 2012 m'a déjà permis d'œuvrer au programme Development of a journalism education module in coverage of intercultural issues et ouvert à un accord de principe pour les projets :

- Cultural diversity
- Survey of religious sensitivity in journalism school curriculae...
- Research in recent trends in media ownership - worldwide or regions or countries
- Research in recent trends in media self-regulation - worldwide or regions or countries
- Involvement in evaluating journalism training courses in Africa

Le rituel de rencontre pourrait se déplacer d'un continent à l'autre chaque année, en cohérence avec l'ouverture culturelle liée à l'Unesco et par éthique pour équilibrer le poids du trajet en grande partie à la charge des invités.

Reporte de la UNESCO — Giancarlo Leonardo Carbone de Mora Campos 2012-11-29 16:08

Gracias pór la informacion.

Merci! — Rosental Calmon Alves 2012-11-27 17:34

Thank you very much for your kind words, Fackson. You have helped a lot since you arrived at UNESCO and we are grateful for your excellent work and dedication. We really appreciate it and I am sure we will achieve more and more collaboration and productivity from this renewed relationship between UNESCO and Orbicom.

Rosental's leadership — Fackson Banda 2012-11-27 03:26

Your leadership at the helm of Orbicom, Rosental, was instrumental in renewing the network's relationship with UNESCO. Bravo! We trust our work together will be even more robust and better structured. As our ADG's report demonstrates, we are eager for greater programmatic coherence. We would urge the Orbicom chairholders and associate members to be even more responsive to UNESCO information sent out to the Orbicom network.

Thanks — Rosental Calmon Alves 2012-11-26 15:40

Thank you very much for all your support to Orbicom, Mr. Karklins. Your comprehensive report shows that the relationship and the collaboration between Orbicom network and UNESCO has entered a new and more productive stage. The meeting in Paris last May served indeed to re-energize the collaboration between the two organizations. We really appreciate your interest in our network and in finding new ways our chair holders and associate members can collaborate with UNESCO.

Merci ! — Yves Théorêt 2012-11-26 10:24

Merci monsieur pour vos bons mots.

3.3 - The Treasurer's Report

Dear Colleagues,

The accountant firm selected last year, Claude Cartier CA Inc. has been retained this year to produce the financial statement for Orbicom.

Also, the financial statements are presented in English only to reduce the costs associated to this exercise. As the governments of Canada and of Québec do not request audited financial statements from Orbicom, the review performed by Claude Carrier C. A. is in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagement. It consists primarily of inquiry and analytical procedures.

Apart from compiling and reviewing the balance sheet and the statements of revenues and expenses, and changes in net assets, Claude Carrier 's firm has also filed the non-profit organization information return and income tax return and has provided advices for the future.

As in previous years, the report shows revenues and expenses related to Orbicom's two major projects conducted by the Secretariat and the Secretariat's expenses. The UQAM contribution to Orbicom (\$ 166,390) consists of office space and a cash contribution of \$50,000. All figures are in Canadian dollars.

You will notice a surplus of \$ 32,359 for the financial year that ended on May 31, 2012. This figure may be misleading as this sum has been disbursed in totality since the beginning of the current fiscal year in relation to projects that have ended.

This is my last report as I am leaving the tenure of Treasurer at the end of this AGM. I would like to thank you all for your support. I look forward to cooperating with all of you and needless to say that I remain committed to Orbicom.

Charlotte Masiello-Riome
Treasurer

COMMENTS

Thank you for your kind comments — Charlotte Masiello-Riome 2012-12-10 09:01

Dear all,

It has been such an honor for me to serve as Treasurer for Orbicom during this time. I am proud to continue serving as one of Orbicom's members, and plan to focus on supporting a connection between our work and the work of UNESCO's UNTwin group based here in UK. I am happy to advise and assist where possible.

support — Elena Vartanova 2012-12-08 03:04

Thank you for devoted and transparent work

Reportar del tesorero — Alejandra Matus 2012-12-05 13:38

Thanks for the information and for your dedication

Bravo — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-01 22:54

Pour une fois, le non respect de la diversité linguistique peut être accepté, en cohérence avec les règles de saine gestion et de réduction des coûts. Bravo d'avoir su tenir la boutique, en ces temps financièrement si compliqués

Merci beaucoup ! — Pierre Giguère 2012-11-27 11:20

Dear Charlotte,

You and I have been working together ever since you joined Orbicom. We met in different places... in Tunis, in Kuala Lumpur, and in Paris for the Orbicom "in situ" meeting of last May.

I remember that you made a special effort to participate there despite other pressing commitments in London. You have always been present and very supportive of our network.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to you as you will be leaving the job of Treasurer after this meeting. I am certain that the Orbicom membership also shares my views.
Pierre

Thanks — Rosental Calmon Alves 2012-11-26 15:41

Thanks, Charlotte for your good work and dedication.

Thank You ! — Yves Théorêt 2012-11-26 10:26

Thank you Charlotte for your participation.

3.4 - Approval of Financial Statements 2011/2012

[Click here to download the Financial Statements 2011/2012](#)

COMMENTS

Je seconde l'adoption des états finanvciers — Magda Fusaro 2012-12-10 07:36
Magda Fusaro

Approval — Claudia Padovani 2012-12-10 01:43
I approve.

Financial Statements — Alejandra Matus 2012-12-05 13:39
I approve

Approval — Rainer Kuhlen 2012-12-05 12:12
o.k. with me - "einverstanden" (means approved)=

approbation — Bernard Miège 2012-12-05 05:10
Je me joins aux approbations précédentes

Financial Statements — André A. Lafrance 2012-12-04 11:14
J'approuve.

Financial Statements 2011/2012 — Alain Modoux 2012-12-03 11:59
I approve

Financial statement — Marguerite Moritz 2012-12-03 10:22
I approve as well.

Approval — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-01 23:15

Il est beaucoup plus confortable que l'an passé d'avoir le bilan comptable à temps lors de l'AGM, afin de savoir ce que nous approuvons. Je suis particulièrement sensible au fait de voir les chiffres de 2012 mis en perspective avec ceux de 2011, ce qui permet d'apprécier qu'à la réduction prévisible des entrées, correspond une baisse significative des sorties, en particulier les frais de voyages et hébergement, frais de représentations et frais administratifs. Si le budget continue à se rétrécir, il nous faudra cependant réfléchir comment ne pas réduire d'autant les bourses de recherche (- 200 000\$ en un an) ? Merci encore à l'UQAM pour son support dans l'équilibre de ce budget.
J'approuve les états financiers 2011-2012

M.Mathien — Michel Mathien 2012-11-30 11:23

Approbation aussi, surtout avec le résultat final et la conjoncture que nous connaissons.

aprobaciòn — Carmen Rico de Sotelo 2012-11-28 12:57

Apruebo

Approval of financial statements — Metasebia Woldemariam 2012-11-27 14:58

Approved.

Approval — Rosental Calmon Alves 2012-11-26 15:42

I approve it.

Finances — Yves Théorêt 2012-11-26 10:26

Je suis d'accord.

4 - The Secretary General's Report

4.1 - Current Projects

4.2 - Emerging Initiatives

4.3 - Future Imperatives of Dev/Com and Information

COMMENTS

Merci à Yves — Magda Fusaro 2012-12-10 07:41

Dans les mois qui ont suivi sa nomination, Yves Théorêt a mis en place un ensemble d'actions qui ont permis de dynamiser les activités du Réseau. La réunion à Paris, la concertation sur certaines initiatives de recherche, la consolidation de partenariats existants et enfin, la nouvelle "image" du Réseau Orbicom représentent des réalisations concrètes qu'il convient de souligner et de féliciter.

4.1 - Emerging Initiatives

Dear Orbicom Colleagues and Members,

Proposal for a World Research

As you may know, in 2001, UNESCO member states adopted the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and, in 2005, the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.

The signing states of both the Declaration and the Convention unanimously recognize the importance of the cultural diversity and its expressions by the creation and diffusion of cultural goods. Obviously, nobody can deny that the abundance of languages and cultures, and of the cultural goods stemming from them, contribute to the richness of Humanity.

However, should the Declaration and the Convention not be accompanied by concrete measures put into play to enforce them? And really, what's about the areas of the cultural goods and of the media?

The Declaration and the Convention raise many other questions:

“communicational”, economical, legal, political, sociological, technological, etc. For Armand Mattelart, for example, “The Achilles’ heel of the Convention remains its follow-up, the issue of sanctions in case of infraction, the weakness of the dispute resolution mechanisms.” (Ref.Bataille à l’UNESCO sur la diversité culturelle, Le Monde Diplomatique, October 2005, page 26).

In fact, the issues related to the Declaration and the Convention remain unsolved, and an analysis and a critical and rigorous reading stand out to determine the real roles of the UN, the UNESCO and the member States.

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This research project intends to federate, even more, the work and reflection of the chairs and members of the Orbicom network.

The suggested authors are the 31 chair holders (or an author selected by them) and some associate members of the network.

The objective is to offer an original contribution to UNESCO; it could be a publication, a think tank, or an international conference.

The terms remain to be defined.

The Authors...

The thought lies within the large framework of the Declaration and the Convention. The authors are free to get to grips with what they wish.

Questioning samples:

The application scope of the Declaration and Convention facing challenges and opportunities created by the digital world.

The Declaration and the Convention vis-à-vis other international legal instruments (trade agreements, the WIPO Copyright Treaty, State sovereignty, constitutions, charters of rights, etc.).

The Declaration and Convention's capacity in terms of contribution to the reinforcement of national cultural policies

- a) both in the developed countries
- b) and in the developing countries.

Which regulatory framework?

The status of current policies?

Cultural diversity and its performance indicators?

What is the definition of "diversity of cultural expressions"?

Themes for implementing the Convention to rally the whole international community,

- a) whereas the northern hemisphere seems more concerned about cultural-commercial stakes
- b) and the southern hemisphere more interested in capacity building and cooperation.

How to make the Declaration and the Convention enforceable: the role of the states, the role of the civil society, the dispute resolution process, and the court orders?

The implementation of the Declaration and the Convention in very different national contexts: what objectives can be most engaging today?

Can the Declaration and the Convention succeed in proving its universality? Can a common goal be perceived?

Can this common goal rally the countries that have not ratified the Declaration and the Convention?

The American position in this regard?

History of the diversity in United-States (The Salad Bold)

And lot more

I thank you, in anticipation, for your cooperation in this important project for the future of our network, ORBICOM.

Yves Théorêt

COMMENTS

Diversity? — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-06 18:15

Thanks to Rainer for debate. How to enjoy the real advantage of English language becoming a lingua franca and both to ensure a diversity of our expressions? No tengo la solución después de haber rechazado la traducción sistemática por que cuesta. Pero sería irónico en Orbicom que podríamos simplemente validar una práctica lingüística cómoda porque la mayoría de nosotros practicamos el idioma Inglés, without any reflexivity about consequences related to scientific issues, and the ability to develop real friendly confrontations ? Je pense à nos collègues francophones, hispanophones, lusophones in Africa, LA countries qui, même si la langue internationale leur a été imposée par le colonisateur, peuvent en réclamer aujourd'hui la promotion s'ils ne maîtrisent pas l'anglais. Et j'ai jamais jugé naïeux en maudit le joual de mes tchums, paradoxically even better because my own native language was crushed by French language. So how do we do? Ar breudoù tremen dibrennet eo!

Response to Rainer — Pierre Giguère 2012-12-06 09:48

Hello Rainer,

Thank you for your input. You know that, by its status, there are 3 languages used during the Orbicom AGM (English, French and Spanish), and one (English) during the Executive Committee meetings. It is up to the writer to decide on the language to be used. Your suggestion to summarize in a sentence or two in English would certainly help. But I feel that it should not be a reason for French or Spanish users not to intervene because their knowledge of English is not sufficient. As for systematic translation, the Secretariat is not equipped to do it systematically. The principal texts are all in 3 languages.

Iniciativas emergentes — Alejandra Matus 2012-12-05 13:46

Here at University Diego Portales in Chile we would like to develop a paper on the use of new technologies by the Mapuche people to brake the cultural imposition of dominant culture by the Chilean State. Maybe this goes beyond the boundaries of the topic you would like to discuss. Let me know.

French — Rainer Kuhlen 2012-12-05 12:20

Would it not be be a nice gesture when our friends from French speaking countries would try to communicate in a more common or switching language such as English, at least try to summarize their ideas in English? This is not the UNESCO but an international network of mainly scientists used to communicate in soem kidn of English What would you say if I made my comments in German? Or others in Finnish or Russian?

Comment ? — Yves Théorêt 2012-12-05 11:57

Merci professeur Miège pour vos commentaires. Je suis bien d'accord. Outre la méthode, il reste la coordination du projet. Après une première consultation des membres intéressés, quatre pistes semblent privilégiées : 1) anthropologique 2) économie-politi que 3) régulation dans les médias de la diversité et 4) autre, par exemple, la diversité dans les organisations. Je ferai une seconde ronde de consultation la semaine prochaine - surtout en vue de la rencontre évenutelle à Rabat. Merci encore de vos commentaires et au plaisir d'échanger avec vous sur cet important sujet.

Une recherche planétaire:comm ent? — Bernard Miège 2012-12-05 05:22

Comment ne pas acquiescer face à un tel projet? mais il ne suffit pas de définir des axes de questionnement. Il faut se doter d'une méthode, simple, peu coûteuse en temps mais permettant d'aboutir à des résultats probants et ...opposables. Cela ne va pas de soi, mais c'est indispensable, pour éviter les discours de sens commun et les truismes.

Une recherche planétaire:comm ent? — Bernard Miège 2012-12-05 05:19

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Humilité discursive — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-04 18:23

Cher André

Tout à fait d'accord. La distanciation critique nécessaire ne doit pas se développer avec le surplomb confortable de ceux qui s'instituent aisément procureurs systématique des acteurs de terrain et entreprennent de bloquer tout action, par intimidation

intellectuelle! J'en connais la douloureuse tension, pour avoir régulièrement vécu les deux identités à différentes périodes de ma carrière. L'humilité, condition de la connaissance, est à cultiver de part et d'autre!

Distanciation — Yves Théorêt 2012-12-04 14:36

Chers amis, je prends bonne note de vos précieux commentaires. Au plaisir d'en discuter davantage avec vous.

Pour une humilité discursive — André A. Lafrance 2012-12-04 11:22

Cette volonté de distanciation critique devra aussi se faire dans une humilité discursive qui permettra aux acteurs de se sentir concernés par le débat et non "étudiés" comme objets de publications subventionnées dans des vocabulaires hiéroglyphiques !

Accord pour une distanciation — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-01 23:41

Pour avoir travaillé 7 ans avec Armand Mattelart, puis 7 ans avec Bernard Miège au sein du Gresec, j'ai déjà signifié à Yves Théorêt l'intérêt de notre chaire à cette réflexion, nécessaire pour débroussailler les confusions entre approches anthropologique s; stratégies discursives des acteurs à partir de la dimension méliorative de la référence; distanciation critique introduite par la théorie des industries culturelles. La réflexion est d'autant plus à engager que l'Unesco est l'un des acteurs majeurs de diffusion de cette référence. La publication devra donc dépasser le seul recensement des actions répertoriées à partir de la référence à la Déclaration de 2001 pour en souligner la polysémie, les ambiguïtés ouvrant les jeux d'acteurs et, partant, les enjeux théoriques et conceptuels. C'est cette réflexion que nous avons déjà conduite auprès de Fackson Banda, à propos du journalisme interculturel, et qui sera suivie en 2014 par l'organisation d'un colloque international à Douala

4.2 - Current Projects

As the project executing agency, Orbicom launched a new platform for an open crowd-sourced, online Digital Review of Asia Pacific (e-DIRAP) in June 2012. To access the site: <http://www.digitalreview.asia>

A two-year research project, e-DIRAP aims to transition Digital Review of Asia Pacific from a print publication into a sustainable online collaboratively produced resource, specifically, to develop an online collaborative space and to facilitate a global community of researchers and writers in using social collaborative techniques of crowd-sourcing and generic Web 2.0 tools, for continually reviewing, analyzing, forecasting and reporting on ICT/D issues in the developing countries.

This site is built on two assumptions: (1) people with knowledge and interest, when given an essentially open arrangement to improve an interesting write-up, they will do so; (2) they will do so more, if the content is concise rather than elaborate. These stem from observed practices in crowd-sourcing over the Web.

To realize these possibilities, this site blends features and functionalities. It also adopts an emerging, still-in-research, approach: a book can be "read" from the Table of Contents in a sequence. It can be read, in principle, from the entries on the "index pages". The latter suits the crowd-sourcing trend being tested out in this project while the former is the way DIRAP has so far been produced. Both are brought together in this site. Another key functionality is of a basic social networking site, allowing people to gather around "chapters" or sub sections to co-create; and the more conventional functionality of forum discussions.

The present research is a foray into an uncharted realm, an unsurveyed model and methodology. Moreover, building a community and building commitment take time. Having said that, technology work, outreach initiative and strategic partnership altogether should maximize the project's impact from being known about, being paid attention to, being quoted, being followed, to possibly something changing.

COMMENTS

RE: 4.2 - Current Projects — Jian Yan Wang 2012-12-10 13:07

Hello Dr. Padovani, as we are closing the AGM, I will email you individually for more information you wish to know about the project. Thanks.

RE: 4.2 - Current Projects — Jian Yan Wang 2012-12-10 12:13

Thank you, thank you, thank you...

While working and living in China, the two Chinese scholars didn't even mention censorship in the CHALLENGES part. It is understandable and regrettable. Albeit difficult, they could have raised that nasty topic for future research.

May I invite you to register in order to comment at the section Challenges and Opportunities?

There was a thematic chapter entitled "Internet Governance", but not yet uploaded, otherwise, it could be a good place for discussion.

Very interesting... — Claudia Padovani 2012-12-10 01:57

I find this initiative very interesting, as a newcomer to DIRAP i am impressed by the combination of meaningful information and accessibility, both in language and terminology and infrastructure. Lots of relevant information made available and easily searchable can be extremely useful. I'd be interested in knowing a bit about the challenges encountered to set this up, as far as the use of the English language and/or multilingualism ; the theoretical framework for identifying topics and domains (from education to policy) and their interconnection s; possible linkages to other existing projects (es the Mapping Global Media Policy started in the context of the IAMCR...); planned work with students to update and fill in the dataset...Also a clear description of the team behind this effort and modes of operation would be interesting :-) Overall: congratulations !

Excellent work and question — Marguerite Moritz 2012-12-09 13:16

Thank you for your excellent work on this project. It is quite a useful and vast resource for researchers and students. My question: I was looking at the China entry, especially under challenges and opportunities. There is no mention of censorship policies and I am wondering if there is a place to discuss this issue or add comments about this on the site.

RE: 4.2 - Current Projects — Elena Vartanova 2012-12-08 03:07

E-Dirap is a useful and rich source of information about the region. I support the work of colleagues and congratulate them with the result

RE: 4.2 - Current Projects — Jian Yan Wang 2012-12-05 12:39

We are trying to implement a kind of student competition strategy. University students will be invited to take part in a four-week online forum to update the content of a country chapter (Indonesia, for example) and to hold a forum discussion on topics such as "How ICTs can be used to enhance higher education in Indonesia?". Since I take Indonesia for example, automatically I think of professor Bakti, Dean, Pancasila University, Jakarta. Andi, would you please help?

Anticipated research results are:

- 1) An updated chapter on Indonesia.
- 2) A new Education section in the Indonesia chapter.
- 3) The sourcing of a small, new crowd of Indonesia university students to the project's website.

Monetary prizes will be awarded to the best participants by Orbicom.

I wonder if professor Liu, Chairholder, CUC, Beijing, could also support this initiative.

Any help and support from Orbicom members will be much appreciated!

RE: 4.2 - Current Projects — Jian Yan Wang 2012-12-05 12:04

Thanks much, professor Unwin. Actually, Pacific Island Countries can be found from the Index page, under C. Regional perspectives. Just as professor Mathien pointed out, new users may feel a bit difficult to get in. Such feedback is very much needed for the project's developmental evaluation. Many thanks to professor Cabedoche and Yves for your encouraging words and support.

May I invite you all to register as members at the site?

I have visited professor Unwin's blog with interesting writings and informations. We may develop our partnership from there.

Small island states — Tim Unwin 2012-12-05 06:14

This is a great step forward, but many of the small island states of the Pacific have very real digital needs, and I wonder if the review could also incorporate these in the review of economies

Bravo — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-01 23:49

Félicitations pour la mise en place de la plateforme, qui ne peut que contribuer à l'échange de connaissances vers et par les collègues d'Asie, d'autant que le site combine plusieurs approches

Mathien — Michel Mathien 2012-11-30 11:28

La consultation étant un peu difficile de mon côté, par la présente je réapprouve tout et donne mon quitus à l'équipe, à son secrétaire général et à son président

Mathien — Michel Mathien 2012-11-30 11:26

Approbation de tout avec nos félicitations pour le travail accompli

Félicitations ! — Yves Théorêt 2012-11-26 10:29

Mes félicitations a l'équipe !

ORBICOM members, please take a look at the e-DIRAP web site. Do not hesitate to use it and add content.

4.3 - Future Imperatives of Dev/Com and Information

An Orbicom-UNESCO global initiative
A brief status report (5 October 2012)

The practice of communication for development has evolved and undergone changes and adaptations during the five decades that followed its inception. Radio and expert-led instruction of the early years have evolved today into Internet-based interactive wireless facilities aimed at promoting community participation.

Our understanding of what should drive development has also been in constant flux.

Development imperatives have always decided the aims and methods of development communication. Early priorities focused on increasing crop yields on farms. This soon broadened to redress the inequalities inherent in the world economic system that favored the rich developed countries while curbing the full potential of developing nations. Presently, the excessive depletion of natural resources to satisfy the expansive activities of industries and governments have caused communities to fight for the conservation of the commons and their cultures via people's movements mustered by vibrant participatory processes. This fight has now increased in its urgency due to the current financial meltdown and the on-going wars in various regions of the world, which are shattering the fundamentals of our capitalist system (driving the endless growth axiom) and undermining human nature and peace.

The launch of this global initiative was approved by the members of ORBICOM during their General Assembly of November 2008. ORBICOM Board members, Mr. Chin Saik Yoon and Dr. Jan Servaes were invited to coordinate this project.

The overall aim of this project is a global review of the field of Communication for Development to debate its future directions and planning for the retooling of its practice and research.

The following results are anticipated from this initiative:

1. A policy document outlining the future imperatives of development communication.
2. A discussion paper and a small portfolio of references on the future requirements of academic and training programs on development communication and information with suggestions on how curricula may be updated and adapted to meet future needs.
3. A small resource kit for practitioners containing succinct case-studies highlighting methodologies and best practices that may be applied in the field to respond to actual development imperatives of the near future.

4. Journal articles that will discuss the theory building already achieved in the field of development communication and information, as well as identify future directions of theory building.
5. A handbook which presents an historical overview and a state-of-the-art assessment of the field.
6. The organization of an international conference.

Given the limited resources currently available for the delivery of the above 'outputs', the coordinators have opted for an incremental and strategic approach, partnering with regional and national organizations in the field.

- So far four regional conferences have been held: in Brussels (25 May 2010; http://www.signis.net/article.php3?id_article=4033), Bangkok (20-22 December 2010, <http://203.131.210.100/conference/> or <http://www.jconference.co.cc/> and Nairobi (27-29 June 2011, <http://www.communicationafrica.org/>), and Cairo, Egypt (13-15 December 2011 <http://masscomm.cu.edu.eg/>) . More are being prepared for South and North America and other regions.

- Some of the papers presented at the above conferences have already been published in a number of journals (Telematics and Informatics, Public Relations review, Media Development, Signis, Communication for Development and Social Change, and Development in Practice) and there are more to come. Also a book with papers presented at the Bangkok conference is being reviewed by Palgrave (editor: Jan Servaes).

- Drafts of policy statements have been circulated among a select group of experts in preparation of the policy document.

- Dr. Rico Lie (University of Wageningen, The Netherlands) and Jan Servaes are coordinating the production of a handbook aimed at both undergraduate and graduate audiences.

- The so-called CSSC Encounters series, hosted by Amherstmedia.org (www.Amherstmedia.org/encounters) (but also available on blip.tv and Youtube), is an attempt to start an oral history of the field of Communication for Development by way of interviews of scholars and 'founding fathers' of the field.

- A related project, endorsed by the former ADG of UNESCO's Communication and Information Section, Dr. Abdul Waheed Khan (currently President of the Talal Abu Ghazaleh University of Business in Bahrain), is currently being worked out by Dr. Sundeep Moppidi (Secretary General of the Asian Mass Communication and Information

Center AMIC) and Jan Servaes for the Asia-Pacific region. Among the preliminary conclusions and recommendations for follow-up and action can be mentioned:

- Develop an identity of communication — link communicators and de-fragment the field. A general framework is needed that has some universal acceptance for Communication for Sustainable Social Change (CSSC).
- More conceptual work is needed to develop specific frameworks for different kinds of communication for development. This highlights the importance of a contextual analysis (and the time to do it). How to integrate other disciplines (such as education and visual literacy) and corporate cultures in CSSC?
- Provide a platform/repository of case studies (with failures or challenges and success stories).
- The role of communication professionals in development has to be clarified. Which are their core competencies and skills, and how do they relate to the context/community?

The two top-priorities for the coming year will be:

- The further development of a web-based and properly refereed Clearinghouse on Communication and Information for Development and Social Change. Existing projects need to be scrutinized and assessed on strict academic quality criteria.
- The drafting of a position paper outlining a framework for CSSC, which would incorporate an overview of theoretical perspectives, focusing on the field rather than discipline(s), and with an elaborate comparative assessment of case studies (both success stories and failures).

Check for regular updates on www.csschange.org

COMMENTS

Convergence? — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-02 00:03

J'ai déjà eu l'occasion d'échanger lors de notre précédente AGM et lors de la réunion de Paris en mai dernier avec Jan Servaes quant à une certaine convergence de nos travaux respectifs. Nous avons effectivement organisé avec le Gresec et 6 autres institutions partenaires en Afrique deux colloques internationaux sur le thème Communication et changement social en Afrique (Douala en 2006, Grenoble en 2010 avec publication dans la revue Les Enjeux). Nous préparons la 3e édition en janvier 2014 à Douala. Il pourrait être productif que des passerelles puissent être établie entre ces réflexions parallèle, via le réseau Orbicom?

5 - The Network's Expansion

Associated Members:

Andi Faisal Bakti (Indonesia)

Ghislaine Azémard (France)

Zrinjka Perusko (Croatia)

Ruth Ainhora de Frutos (Spain)

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Manuel Alejandro Guerrero (Mexico)

Alejandra Matus (Chile)

Vinod Pavarala (India)

COMMENTS

Welcome! — Claudia Padovani 2012-12-10 02:10

Welcome to new members, associated and chairs. Geographical provenience is a very good sign of the expansion and scope of the network, it brings new challenges about language, research questions and priorities, finding modes of cooperation. The meeting at Unesco in Paris last may was a very fotunate opportunity for new members like myself to learn more about the network, members' respective interests and possibilities to partner on specific activities.I hope there will be other similar opportunities, also to the advantage of new members.

Claudia

Google translate — Marguerite Moritz 2012-12-09 13:21

Welcome to the new members!!

I want to suggest for those who may not know about it, Google translate does a reasonably good job of it. When I do not understand the comments in Spanish, for example, I simply copy and post the note into G-translate and voila. Quite easy and useful here.

Welcome Alejandra — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-06 16:27

Bienvenidos a Alejandras. Después de tomar su marca sugiero entrar rápidamente en contacto con otras cátedras para aprovechar su experiencia, y también trabajar inmediatamente para la formación de centros de excelencia inter-cátedras y así para fortalecer la agrupación temática (por ejemplo, el diálogo intercultural) y/o la agrupación geográfica (Norte-Sur y Norte-Sur-Sur).

En nuestro caso, nos gusta trabajar con la Cátedra Memoria, Cultura y Interculturalidad de la Universidad Católica de Lyon, que complementa nuestra oferta (formación doctoral, invitación cada año en Lyon del exterior profesor visitando a nuestra cátedra, reflexiones entre posgradadas escuelas...) y que se abren debates sobre temas que no son expertos (derecho, establecimiento de formación de profesores en la escuela ...).

Tenemos la intención de otras sinergias para construir un centro de excelencia UNESCO en nuestra región, siquiera con Italia también

New members — Alejandra Matus 2012-12-05 13:52

Thank you all. Pierre, it is a little bit intimidating, specially French which I do not speak and read rather bad, but it is also exciting and motivating.

Bienvenue — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-02 00:23

Bienvenue à tous. Je vous suggère une fois pris vos marques d'entrer très vite en contact avec d'autres chaires, certes pour profiter de leur expérience, mais aussi pour travailler immédiatement à la constitution de pôles d'excellence inter-chaires et ainsi, renforcer les regroupements thématiques (e.g. le dialogue interculturel) et/ou géographiques (Nord-Sud et Nord-Sud-Sud).

En ce qui nous concerne, nous nous félicitons au quotidien de travailler de concert avec la chaire Unesco Mémoire, Culture et Interculturalité, de l'Université catholique de Lyon, qui complètent nos offres (formation doctorants, invitation annuelle du visiting professeur étranger, réflexions écoles doctorales...) et ouvrent à des échanges sur des terrains où nous ne sommes pas présents (droit, formations d'enseignants en établissement secondaires...). Nous envisageons d'autres synergies pour construire un Pôle d'excellence dans notre région, voire avec l'Italie

New Members — Pierre Giguère 2012-11-26 10:34

Hello to all !

One quick word to welcome these 10 new Orbicom members.

This is a sign that our network is alive and well.

I hope that our new companions will not be too intimidated with a forum of this kind.

They should feel free to intervene.

Pierre

Welcome ! — Yves Théorêt 2012-11-26 10:32

Welcome !

6 - The Chairs' Programmes and Activities

Kazakhstan

COMMENTS

Colloque international Localisation et réinvention de la téléphonie mobile : approche méthodologique et théorique — Magda Fusaro 2012-12-10 07:45

Je souligne cette initiative de la Chaire avec les collègues :

Cotonou 29-30 avril, Lomé 1 et 2 mai 2013

CERCO (Bénin), CEROCE (Togo), Chaire Unesco (Canada), Chaire Unesco (France), Université de Côte d'Ivoire, UCAD (Sénégal) MICA (France).

Vous êtes les bienvenus.

Media Literacy — Marguerite Moritz 2012-12-09 13:48

Professor Medrano may be interested in the Knight Foundation initiative on media literacy. This now includes dozens on US universities. You may wish to look at the white paper and other resources at their website

<http://www.knightfoundation.org/publications/digital-and-media-literacy-plan-action>

Rabat — Marguerite Moritz 2012-12-09 13:42

For Yves, Rosental and Jamal...are the dates definitely fixed for the Rabat meeting? I would like to attend but may need to be in China until May31.

rabat proposal — Jamal Eddine Naji 2012-12-06 22:49

3. I suggest adding in our schedule a visit to the Moroccan Regulator (HACA), a TV channel's offices, one or two private radio station (among 19 in Morocco) and a network of community media. For those who want to extend their stay in Morocco for one or two days, we can help them planning their trip to discover touristic/attractive sites (Marrakech, Fès, Casablanca).

Colleagues Théoret, Rosental please kindly consult our colleagues, in order to get a confirmation and to define a list of all participants as soon as possible. This list is important for as to start logistics formalities.

Jamal

rabat proposal — Jamal Eddine Naji 2012-12-06 22:48

2. Also, I propose to take half a day or an additional day for a General Assembly of Orbicom, colleagues Rosental and Théoret will agree on an agenda.

For these three days event, HACA will take in charge fees, 20 to 25 participants, including accommodation, food allowance and travel from/to the Airport in addition of all needed materials, translation (French & English).

rabat proposal — Jamal Eddine Naji 2012-12-06 22:48

1. As a member of Orbicom and Head Manager of HACA and with the agreement of MM. Karklins, Guy Berger and Yves Théoret, I propose you a seminary during two days in Rabat, Morocco, from 28th to 29th of May 2013 on:

1. Main issue: "Regulation and diversity in broadcasting media" (1 day)

2. Two debates:

a) Upcoming challenges of digital technology in broadcasting: TNT, switchover process, second screen, concentration, multisupport consumption's behaviors...

b) What's the latest trends and thinking in digital communications? /Does Internet need to be regulated/legislated?

Chairs' reports — Pierre Giguère 2012-12-05 09:44

Yes Tim, this is a very good idea.

It is easy to do. Chairs could send their reports to me (giguere.p@uqam.ca) and a copy to the Webmaster(webmaster.orbicom@uqam.ca)

The material will be incorporated in the chairs' section of our Website.

Pierre

Chairs' reports — Tim Unwin 2012-12-05 06:16

Just thinking - might there be a way of Orbicom collating (or at least sharing) the various annual reports that Chairs send to UNESCO - perhaps it could just be the introductory paragraphs

Rabat Mai 2013 — Jamal Eddine Naji 2012-12-05 01:37

Cher Bertrand

Merci de la réaction. Je comptais sur votre apport, heureux d'en noter l'annonce.

Communication et changement social en Afrique — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-04 19:05

Je signale également notre organisation avec l'Université de Douala du colloque international (3e édition depuis 2006) Communication et changement social en Afrique en janvier 2014, dont le suivi sera la publication des meilleures contributions dans la revue qualifiante Les Enjeux de la Communication.

También, llamo la atención sobre nuestra organización conjunta con la Universidad de Douala del International Symposium (3ª edición desde 2006) Comunicación y Cambio Social en África, en enero de 2014, y que será seguido con la publicación de las mejores propuestas en la clasificación revista Les Enjeux de la Communication.

I would also point our joint organization with the University of Douala of an international conference (3rd edition since 2006) Communication and social change in Africa in January 2014, which will be followed by the publication of the best qualifying contributions in the journal Les Enjeux de la Communication.

Rabat, Haca — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-04 18:56

Cher Jamal,

Mon implication t'est déjà acquise, en tant que responsable des relations internationales de notre laboratoire Gresec et à titre personnel, chercheur, auteur de plusieurs communications et publications scientifiques sur ce thème précis Régulation et diversité culturelle, et parallèlement membre du Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel français (CTA région Ouest).

Rabat — Yves Théorêt 2012-12-04 14:40

Cher Jamal,

Je suis heureux de votre proposition que je seconde. Nous aurons l'occasion de discuter des modalités dans les prochaines jours. Une fois encore, merci !

suite 2 jamal — Jamal Eddine Naji 2012-12-04 14:29

Vous voulez bien, MM. Théoret et Rosental sonder nos collègues à des fins de me communiquer, le plus vite possible, une liste de confirmations pour qu'on puisse faire à temps les réservations d'hôtel et engager les préparatifs nécessaires.

Bien amicalement.

Jamal

suite 1 jamal — Jamal Eddine Naji 2012-12-04 14:29

Je vous propose aussi qu'on consacre une demi-journée ou une journée supplémentaire pour une AG d'Orbicom dont MM. Rosental et Théoret arrêteraient l'agenda.

Pour cet événement de trois jours, mon institution prendra en charge, pour 20 à 25 participants, les frais d'hébergement, de restauration et du transport entre l'aéroport et l'Hotel, en plus des moyens de travail dont la traduction en deux langues (français/anglais). Dans le programme, je vous propose aussi une visite d'information de l'autorité de régulation, d'une chaîne TV publique et une ou deux des 19 radios privées du pays, ainsi qu'un réseau de médias communautaires sur le Net. Pour ceux qui souhaiteraient prolonger le séjour d'un ou deux jours, on pourrait aider à l'organisation d'un tour ou excursion les samedi/dimanche 29 et 30 Mai (Marrakech, Fès, Casablanca)

offre Maroc seminaire et AG — Jamal Eddine Naji 2012-12-04 14:27

Comme membre d'Orbicom et Directeur général de la Haca, avec accord de principe de MM. Karklins, Guy Berger et Yves Théoret, je vous propose un séminaire de deux jours, à Rabat, au Maroc les 28 et 29 Mai 2013 sur:

1. Un thème central : " Régulation et diversité dans les médias audiovisuels" (1 journée)
2. Deux tables de débat de panelistes :
 - a) Enjeux futurs du numérique dans l'audiovisuel : TNT, convergence, 2ème écran, concentration, modes de consommation multisupports...
 - b) Faut légiférer en matière d'Internet?

Formation recherche — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-02 00:34

En liaison étroite avec notre École doctorale, nous proposons deux modules de formation sur place, en vue d'accélérer le recrutement de la jeune génération des enseignants-chercheurs de nos universités partenaires, toutes disciplines confondues en Humanités et sciences sociales : L'art de la thèse (module 1) et Communiquer à colloque international (module 2) sur une semaine scientifique. Au 1er semestre 2012, nous avons animé ces deux modules de formation à Douala en janvier (près de 200 participants francophones et anglophones de 3 universités camerounaises), Bucarest en mars (15 doctorants anglophones), Tunis en avril (15 doctorants et 20 étudiants de master), Beyrouth en mai (20 étudiants de master). Nous sommes prêts à exporter ailleurs ce module qui rencontre un succès total.

Media Literacy Project — Yves Théorêt 2012-11-29 08:10

Thank you for the proposal. Je suis convaincu que d'autres chaires du réseau pourraient être intéressées. Can you send to our webmaster more information about it ? If you agree, the project will also be announced in Orbicom New Letter - Orbi Info. Gracias !

Media Literacy Project — Concepción Medrano 2012-11-28 16:29

Our general aim is to design, execute and assess an intervention program aimed at developing adolescents' media skills and helping them decode values. Our proposed intervention would be implemented by teachers in the classroom, and would involve adolescent students from the 1st and 4th years of secondary school from different cultural contexts.

Ce projet est financé par le Ministère d'Economie et Compétitivité de l'Espagne et il est présenté au réseau ORBICOM pour connaître l'intérêt d'autres Chaires UNESCO de participer.

Si hay Cátedras UNESCO interesadas en participar de este proyecto de intervención en alfabetización mediática, estaremos encantados de colaborar conjuntamente con ellas. Pueden contactar con la Cátedra UNESCO de Comunicación y Valores Educativos en catedra.comunicacion-valores@ehu.es

6.1 - Kazakhstan

Aigul Niyazgulova, Ph.D

Head of UNESCO Chair in international journalism and mass communications,
Kazakhstan

14 November, 2012

UNESCO Chair is working on several projects

1. 1-3 November UNESCO Chair together with the OSCE and the Public Fund "minber" held a seminar for regional training of journalism teachers on "Problems of Teaching journalism disciplines". For three days, teachers of journalism listened the lectures from the leading journalists of Kazakhstan and the world. There was a skype conference with journalism teachers of Ohio University, Wyoming University. The seminar was the lesson for the regional schools of journalism, During the seminar, they were taught the methods of teaching with the use of innovative technologies, the use of different databases

2. Department is working on "Media Literacy"

At the present stage it is the huge importance of the media in the life of people. UNESCO considers media education as a priority for the twenty-first century education as an integral part of a democratic society, in culture, politics and human rights. The department is engaged in media education in the new information society, and is a platform to coordinate media professionals and media teachers to use new media opportunities in the development of human personality. Currently a book "Media Education" is preparing

3. Priority focus of the department is the integration of Kazakhstan education in world educational space. Currently the chair is establishing cooperation with universities of Europe, the USA, Turkey, Malaysia to exchange students. Since September the Department have sent for academic exchange for a semester 7 students. It is planned to send eight students in the second semester. Also the Department is actively working to cooperate the work with science. There are negotiations about training young journalists in January in Columbia University, the Korean University, Istanbul University

4. UNESCO Chair is actively developing such direction as "PR." The team is working on a book "The Theory and Practice of PR." We want to introduce students new trend in communication - "PR"

5. In Kazakhstan the Journalist Code of Ethics is accepted. The Department conducted a round table discussion, which will be held in November 12 for students of all universities in Almaty - the Code will be introduced to the future journalists. The Code of Ethics of journalist meets international ethical standards and introduces young journalists with the basics of behavior, promotes freedom of speech

6. October 8-9 in Almaty will host a large-scale international conference "Almaty 20+", held jointly with UNESCO Chair in international journalism and mass communications, UNESCO Office in Almaty, National Commission for UNESCO and ISESCO. Department staff are actively involved in the preparation of the conference recommendations. Recommendations of the Conference will serve as a document for the work of the department and the media in Kazakhstan. The task of the chair - spreading the idea of the conference, UNESCO ideas about the development of education and the integration of education into the world educational space, the development of freedom of speech in Kazakhstan and in the world.

COMMENTS

Welcome — Marguerite Moritz 2012-12-09 14:06

I wish to welcome the chair from Kazakhstan and repeat here the link to the Knight Foundation site devoted to media literacy. I hope you find it useful

<http://www.knightfoundation.org/publications/digital-and-media-literacy-plan-action>

In addition I am passing your name unto my former student who is now a new professor in Uruqi where his research is focusing on Central Asia. He may contact you when he plans a trip to Kazakhstan.

Response to Aigul — Pierre Giguère 2012-11-29 09:33

Dear Aigul,

Again welcome!

Please send me the new text and we will take care of it(giguere.p@uqam.ca)

Pierre

Kazakhstan Univ. UNESCO, Nijazgul ova Aigul — Aigul Nijazgulova 2012-11-28 23:25

Dear Pierre,

Thanks for the kind words, regarding the report and an invitation to the ORBICOM network. It is an excellent network that promotes unity and collaboration of UNESCO Chairs.

Unfortunately, in the list of heading members of the department the information is very old. Can I change the data? I sent the new data to the webmaster and to you.

We are planning to work with other UNESCO Chairs and offer joint projects in terms of development of the education system, the development of culture, ethics of journalists, coverage of the various issues in the media, etc. I hope the forum will be the starting point of this dialogue.

Aigul

After years of silence ! — Pierre Giguère 2012-11-26 10:42

Dear Aigul,

I want to express the pleasure that we have here, at the Orbicom Secretariat, to see that the Kazakhstan Chair is functioning well after many years of silence within the Orbicom Network.

Your report shows a high level of activities and cooperation with other entities around the world, and with UNESCO.

My sincere congratulations !

Pierre

7 - Board of Directors

7.1 - Board Configuration

7.2 - Board Members

NO COMMENTS

7.1 - Board Configuration

1.Orbicom's Board includes 15 members:

- * 6 Chairholders
- * 6 Associate members
- * 3 Ex-Officio members.

Within the Board, the Executive Committee includes 6 members:

The 3 Executive Officers:

- the President
- the Vice-President
- the Treasurer

And the 3 Ex-Officio members:

- UNESCO's Director General (or the ADG /communications
- UQAM's Rector
- Orbicom's Secretary General

2. Nomination Process

Since Orbicom's creation, the nomination process is the following:

- * the 3 Ex-Officio members serve and rotate according to their function within UNESCO (DG or ADG) UQAM (Rector) and UQAM (Orbicom's Secretary General);
- * the 12 members serving on the Board of Directors (6 Chair holders and 6 Associate members) are nominated by the two founding and Institutional Ex-Officio members of Orbicom (UNESCO and UQAM), and their nomination is ratified by the Assembly General of Members
- * once their nomination is ratified, the Board members elect among themselves the 3 Executive Officers: the President, the Vice-President and the Treasurer. According to an amendment adopted at the 1999 AGM, each incoming Board member serves a 2 year mandate renewable only once.

NO COMMENTS

7.2 - Board Members

First mandate ending in the fall of 2013 :

Victoria Uranga Harboe,(C) Chile

Yasuhiko Kawasumi, (A) Japan

Claudia Padovani, (A) Italy

Second mandate ending in the fall of 2013 :

Jan Servaes (A) USA

Elena Vartanova (C) Russia

Charles Okigbo (A) Kenya

First mandate ending in the fall of 2012 :

Michel Mathien (C) Strasbourg /Europe, France

Emmanuel C. Lallana (A) Philippines

Second mandate ending in the fall of 2012, after this AGM:

Rosental Calmon Alves (C) USA

Jamal Eddine Naji (C) Morocco

Matasebia Woldemariam (A) Ethiopia

Fackson Banda (C) South Africa

Charlotte Masello-Riome (A) UK and Italy

New Board Members, first mandate ending in the fall of 2014 :

Andi Faisal Bakti (A) Dean of Faculty of Communication, Pancasila University, Indonesia

Liu Liqun (C) Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Media and Gender, Communication
University of China

Bertrand Cabedoche (C) Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Communication, Université
Stendhal3, France

Marguerite Moritz, (C) Chairholder , UNESCO Chair on International Journalism
Education, USA

The 3 institutional ex-officio members are:

Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO

Claude Corbo, Rector of UQAM

Yves Théorêt, Secretary General Of Orbicom

COMMENTS

Board — Yves Théorêt 2012-12-10 07:42

Few months ago, we announced vacancies on the board. We received 6 candidacies. We chose the ones proposed keeping in mind gender and régions. I hope that next year, we will receive more candidacies from Latin America and Africa. That being said, welcome to China and Indonesia !

In support of proposed names — Claudia Padovani 2012-12-10 02:32

I support the names that have been proposed.

Just a couple of small notes: a) if I understand correctly, 5 members are leaving the Board after this AG and 4 new members (from China, Indonesia, France and the USA) are joining. Are we not missing a board member to total the number of 12, beyond ex-officio?

b) It is very good to see colleagues from the Asian region on the Board, but the current composition leaves not much space for Latin America and Africa: possibly over the next year or so a stronger connection to these regions, and representation of their concerns and research activities, can be pursued :-)

Best wishes to all Board members for a fruitful and cooperative year of activities.

Claudia

Very honored — Marguerite Moritz 2012-12-09 13:57

I am very honored to be on the board and happy to have more opportunities to work with my colleagues in Orbicom.

Many thanks to members who are concluding their terms for their efforts and years of excellent service.

As a new member, I would appreciate any guidance and direction on the specific duties that the board will have in the upcoming 12 and 24 months. I hope we will be able to keep open an active dialogue even after this forum ends.

Réponse à Bertrand — Pierre Giguère 2012-12-07 09:47

Désolé pour l'omission du mot "international" . Ce sera corrigé dès que possible. Seul le Webmestre a la possibilité de faire cette correction, et il est en congé aujourd'hui.

Merci pour vos dernières interventions.

I remind everyone that the Forum ends Monday morning, 10 of December.

Note — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-06 18:29

Just a very slight note: the entire title of the Unesco Chair of Grenoble is:
Unesco chair in International Communication

Junta de directores — Alejandra Matus 2012-12-05 14:37

I see that Victoria Uranga, from UDP-Chile, would be serving in the first mandate, ending in the fall of 2013, which I do not think is possible since she left the position as the communications Unesco Chair for this university. Or is she holding the seat in her new position at UNESCO itself?

vote in support of the proposed names — Jian Yan Wang 2012-12-04 14:40

Good to see Indonesia and China in for the first time in Orbicom's history.

Outgoing members deserve a heartfelt thank you for their hard work and dedication, and for the outstanding contribution they've made to the Network.

Let us now, all together, look to the future and think critically about where we want Orbicom to be and how we get there.

Board Members — Alain Modoux 2012-12-03 13:00

I approve the recommendations

Addition — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-02 09:59

Ma trajectoire m'a fait agent interstitiel (Homi Bhabha, Stuart Hall) préparé à l'interculturel requis au CA: bretonnant francophone; journaliste formé au Canada; construit par alliances familiales danoise, malgache, libanaise; chercheur pour la Fundación para el desarrollo de la Comunicación de Madrid; partenaire via la chaire Unesco dans des projets africains (Sénégal, Tunisie, Cameroun, Congo, Madagascar) latino-américain (Brésil) européens (Russie, Roumanie); chargé des relations internationales de notre école doctorale avec l'Asie (Communication University of China), héritier de missions en Inde et Australie; membre du Board of advisors de la Summer school européenne et co-auteur depuis 2005 de l'ouvrage annuel publié par l'ECREA; professeur à Grenoble, invité à Beyrouth, Antananarivo, Douala, Beijing, Moscou.

Observateur de l'Unesco depuis 1976, rejoindre le CA ajoute ma proximité géographique avec l'Unesco comme passeur avec et entre les chaires et associés des 5 continents

Profession de foi — Bertrand Cabedoche 2012-12-02 01:09

Ma candidature au CA d'Orbicom s'inscrit dans la suite logique de l'animation très impliquée, dont j'ai déjà témoigné pour la chaire Unesco de Grenoble.

J'entends contribuer au développement des coopérations Nord/Sud et Nord/Sud/Sud, œuvrer pour favoriser l'identification et la réactivation éventuelle des chaires dormantes, promouvoir des Pôles d'excellence entre chaires, encourager les implications des partenaires des chaires (ministères, Commissions nationales pour l'Unesco, établissements d'accueil des chaires...) et la mobilité internationale, faciliter les convergences sur les thématiques privilégiées de l'Unesco (développement durable, dialogue interculturel et religieux, droits de l'homme...) enfin travailler à bien faire comprendre, de part et d'autre, les attentes et priorités de l'Unesco vis-à-vis des chaires et les besoins, y compris de reconnaissance et de dialogue, des chaires par l'Agence spécialisée des Nations Unies et les structures académiques d'accueil des chaires

Thanks — Andi Faisal Bakti 2012-11-30 20:35

Thank you for this announcement. Nice to see my name listed here. Stay connected. Keep in touch. Andi.

Merci ! — Yves Théorêt 2012-11-26 10:34

Thanks to all members leaving and Welcome to Andi Faisal Bakti (A) Dean of Faculty of Communication, Pancasila University, Indonesia, Liu Liqun (C) Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Media and Gender, Communication University of China, Bertrand Cabedoche (C) Chairholder, UNESCO Chair in Communication, Université Stendhal3, France and Marguerite Moritz, (C) Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on International Journalism Education, USA

8 – Varia

COMMENTS

Closure — Yves Théorêt 2012-12-10 07:46

I took good notes of all comments. Next steps : board first meeting and Orbicom annual meeting in rabat in may 2013.

Thank you to all of you.

Vote and thanks — Claudia Padovani 2012-12-10 02:36

I agree with mr. Modoux it would be useful to have clear indication of where, in the virtual AG votes are to be expressed.

I would also like to thank all the Board, mr. president, our secretary general and mr. Giguère for their kindness and hard work, for reaching out to individual members supporting their active contributions. We are all busy and it is good to be encouraged to see ORBICOM and its activities as an integral part of our operations, one that allows to think in terms of synergies.

Thank you, Rosental — Marguerite Moritz 2012-12-09 14:19

I just want to add my sincere thanks to Rosental for his tireless work on behalf of Orbicom. Your presidency has been tremendously successful and I am sure I am not alone in hoping that you will continue to play a vital role as we go forward. And...I echo your thanks to the Montreal team under the leadership of Yves and Pierre and merci aussi to Guy Berger and Fackson Banda in Paris. I will be there in late December and hope to see them then. Many thanks Rosental...it has been such a pleasure to work with you.

Thanks for great AGM - Part 1 — Rosental Calmon Alves 2012-12-08 09:03

Dear colleagues,

As Orbicom's 2012 Assembly General Meeting comes to an end and my last term as president also approaches its end, I would like to send a congratulatory message to all of you this great AGM and my sincere gratitude.

It is very good for me, as the outgoing president of the board, to see that this AGM has been one of the most dynamic and active meetings we have had in years.

There were interesting debates, a lot of information and, most importantly, very good plans for the future.

Thanks for great AGM - Part 2 — Rosental Calmon Alves 2012-12-08 09:02

I would like to highlight the upcoming two-day seminar in Marrakesh that has been offered by our always generous and hard worker colleague Jamal Eddine Naji. We started the conversation about this project during our meeting in Paris last May, so it is wonderful to see the idea coming along with such concrete plans. Interestingly enough, the Morocco event on May 28-29, 2013 will happen exactly one year after Orbicom's meeting in Paris.

Thanks for great AGM - Part 3 — Rosental Calmon Alves 2012-12-08 09:01

The theme proposed by Jamal for the Marrakesh seminar, "Regulation and diversity in broadcasting media," is timely, opportune and extremely important for the field of Communication. The proposed agenda that includes two specific debates following the first day seminar seems also very appropriate. Based on the extraordinary success of the 2005 Orbicom's conference in Marrakesh that Jamal so efficiently organized, along with then Orbicom's president Alain Modoux and the Orbicom's Secretariat, I am sure that the seminar next May will be also very productive and relevant.

Thanks for great AGM - Part 4 — Rosental Calmon Alves 2012-12-08 09:00

Current projects, such as the innovative crowdsourcing initiative e-DIRAP for the Digital Review of ASIA Pacific, the ongoing research projects, the global review of the field of Communication for Development, and so many other initiatives discussed or presented in this AGM meeting are testaments to the vitality of our network.

Once again, we can see with clarity the enormous potential of Orbicom and hope that it will keep growing and getting stronger in the years to come.

I have no doubts that we entered a new stage in our relationship with UNESCO, which led to our meeting in Paris last May and to more cooperation and understanding between our two organizations.

Thanks for great AGM - Part 5 — Rosental Calmon Alves 2012-12-08 08:59

I must say, however, that I share Rainer Kuhlen's concerns "about the proposal of the UNESCO General Director to reduce UNESCO's competence to the three traditional UNESCO topics," education, science and culture – "thus leaving Communication and Information behind, at least as a special section."

Despite the fact that the general director was not successful in her attempt, I think it is imperative that we follow the evolution of these plans, try to better understand its consequences and, eventually, consider the possibility of showing our solidarity to those who consider important to keep the topic of Communication and Information strong within UNESCO's competencies.

Thanks for great AGM - Final part — Rosental Calmon Alves 2012-12-08 08:52
(this is the last part of my message)

In a week or two, Orbicom's Executive Committee will meet to appoint my successor as president and the new Treasurer. I wish them best luck in their deliberations. I am not leaving Orbicom and will be here to collaborate as usual, and to continue the programs of the UNESCO Chair in Communication at the University of Texas at Austin and through my work in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Once again, I would like to thank all of you for this productive AGM meeting and, especially, for the support we all receive from our Secretary General Yves Théorêt, director Pierre Giguère, and their team in Montreal, UNESCO's ADG Jānis Kārklīņš, director Guy Berger, program specialist Fackson Banda and all in their teams in Paris. A special thanks to Rector Claude Corbo for the vital support that the Université du Québec à Montréal gives to Orbicom. Really vital. Merci.

Sincerely,

Rosental

Votes — Pierre Giguère 2012-12-04 13:04
Bonjour Alain,

I have checked with the Webmaster. Trying to add the "vote button" during this AGM would be risky . I trust that he knows better as I am not a technician. This new Website is still experimental.

However, the positive comments can be interpreted as an agreement for the sake of ratification of the appointments.

In my 12 years with Orbicom, I have never witnessed any opposition to the slates presented. As for renewals, they are automatic unless a Board member requests that his or her mandate not be extended. It never happened.

Pierre

Varia — Alain Modoux 2012-12-03 13:03

I would like to join in extending my congratulations on the new website. This being said, I have a request regarding the present virtual AGM presentation. It should be clearly indicated when a vote is required for an agenda item. It may be obvious for items such as approval of the minutes or the financial statements. But what about the (re)election of the Board members? I guess that we have to ratify the recommendations put forward by the two funding and institutional ex officio members (UQAM and UNESCO), that is to ratify the nomination of 4 new members and to renew the mandate of those members who have served for two years at the end of 20112