

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON URUGUAY / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 8 November 1947
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (last term: 2003-2007)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:** 3
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
  - Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (term expires in 2016)
  - Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (Term expires : December 2015), Member (Term expires : 2017)
4. **DG's visit to Uruguay:** 1  
13-16 September 2012: official visit
5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - H.E Dr. Guillermo Dighiero Arrarte (since October 2015).
    - **Born** in 1941, in Montevideo, Uruguay, Dr Dighiero is a hemato-oncologist and immunologist, a teacher and a Uruguayan researcher, whose scientific level is exemplary.
    - **Studies:** In 1969, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of the Republic, Uruguay. In 1977, he graduated as Doctor in Human Biology from the University of Paris (France) and in 1978 as Ph.D.
    - **Professional career:** From 1975 to 1980, he was associate professor in hematology. Since 1991, he is top degree Research
    - Director at the CNRS (France). From 1984 to 1998, he was Head of the Laboratory of immuno-hematology and immuno-pathology at Pasteur Institute. From 1998 to 2005, he was head of the Department of Physiopathology, at the Pasteur Institute, and Chairman of the French Cooperative Group on Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia. In 2006, he created the Institut Pasteur of Montevideo that he chaired until 2010.
  - Staff: Mrs Mariella Crosta Rodriguez, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mr Pedro Keuroglian Gomez, Counsellor
  - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Omar Mesa Gonzáles, Ambassador to France and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (2010-2015)
6. **UNESCO Cluster Office in Montevideo:**
  - Ms Lidia Brito (Mozambique, D-1) took up her duties as Director of the UNESCO Cluster Office in Montevideo and UNESCO Representative to Uruguay in May 2014
  - Uruguay is one of the "Delivering as One "UN Pilot countries".
7. **Uruguayan National Commission for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: the Commission was created on 11 March 1975 as a Governmental body attached to the Ministry of Education and Culture
  - Chairperson: Mrs Edith Moraes, Vice-Minister of Education and Culture (since November 2015)
  - Secretary-General: Mr Nicolas Pons (since March 2015)
  - Members/Composition: the Commission is composed of the General Assembly, the Secretariat (composed of 4 part-time staff members and 2 administrative support staff), and programme sub-committees (3 for Education, 2 for Culture, 3 for Science, 3 for Information and Communication).
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** 2
  - **Mr Óscar Wáshington Tabárez** was designated as a UNESCO Champion for Sport in January 2012 in recognition of his commitment to promoting education and sport programmes

in favour of vulnerable children in Uruguay. In his capacity as a UNESCO Champion for Sport, Mr Tabárez brings his support, through UNESCO Montevideo Office, to strengthen the social and ethic value of sports in the national agenda and to promote this important issue at national, regional and international levels.

- **Mr Milton Masciadri** was designated as a UNESCO Artist for Peace in October 1998 in recognition of his dedication to the ideals and aims of the Organization and his contribution to the culture of peace through the world of music. In his capacity as a UNESCO Artist for Peace, Mr Masciadri raises public awareness on Organization's priority areas notably in the fields of education and culture. He also supports the musical education of young students through the trainings and performances throughout the world.

**9. UNESCO Chairs: 5**

- UNESCO Chair in Human Rights (2002) at the Universidad de la República (UDELAR).
- UNESCO Chair on Neuroactive Natural Products (2011) at the Clemente Estable Institute of Biological Research.
- UNESCO Chair in Carnival and Heritage (2012) at the Universidad de la República (UDELAR)
- UNESCO Chair on Integrated Coastal Zone Management of the Southern Cone (2013), at the Universidad de la República (UDELAR)
- UNESCO Chair on Water and Culture (2015), at the at the Universidad de la República (UDELAR)

**10. Associated Schools: 102**

- 5 Pre-schools
- 5 Primary and Secondary School
- 70 Primary Schools
- 14 Secondary Schools
- 3 Teacher Training Institutions
- 5 Vocational and Technical Institutions

**11. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1**

Regional Centre for Groundwater Management for Latin America and the Caribbean (CeReGAS), in Montevideo. The agreement for the establishment of this category 2 centre was signed in Paris on 20 March 2014.

**12. Global geoparks: 1**

Grutas del Palacio

**13. Biosphere Reserves: 2**

- Bañados del Este (1976). The Reserve includes protected areas such as monuments, natural parks, fauna and flora
- Bioma Pampa-Quebradas del Norte (2014)

**14. World Heritage Sites: 2 cultural sites**

- Historic Quarter of the City of Colonia del Sacramento (1995)
- Fray Bentos Industrial Landscape (2015)

**15. Tentative List: 8 properties**

- Palacio Legislativo (1995)
- Chamangá: A Rock Paintings Area (2005)
- Insular area and bay of Colonia del Sacramento (2005)
- La Rambla (promenade maritime) de la Cité de Montévideo (2010)

- Architecture Moderne du XX siècle de la Ville de Montevideo (2010)
- L'œuvre de l'ingénieur Eladio Dieste (2010)
- Quartier de Peñarol: la Vieille Ville historique et le paysage industriel ferroviaire (2014)
- Isla de Flores Cultural Landscape and its fluvio-marine context (2015)

**16. Intangible Heritage Lists:** 2 inscriptions on the Representative List

- The Candombe and its socio-cultural space: a community practice (2009)
- El Tango (2009), countries: Argentina, Uruguay

**17. Memory of the World Register:** 2 inscriptions

- The Original Collection of Records of celebrated singers/composers Carlos Gardel-Horacio Lorient (2003)
- The War of the Triple Alliance Iconographic and cartographic presentations (Brazil and Uruguay), 2015.

**18. Creative Cities Network: 1**

Montevideo: literature

**19. Legal instruments:** 19 ratified and 17 non-ratified

- Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratification (18 January 2007)
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratification (18 January 2007)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratification (28 April 2008)
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non ratified

**20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015 and in 2016-2017:** none

**21. Participation Programme:**

- 2014-2015: 4 projects approved for the total amount of USD91,600
- 2012-2013: 5 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 85,980
- 2010-2011: 5 requests approved for a total amount of US\$ 104,800

**22. Fellowships:** no fellowships awarded to Uruguay since 2010

**23. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016: unpaid**

- Assessment rate: 0.079%

**24. Representation within the Secretariat:** under-represented (min. 2, max. 4)

International Professional Staff in the Field (Geographical Posts) 1  
 International Professional Staff at Headquarters\* (Non-Geographical Posts) 1  
 International Professional Staff in the Field (Non-Geographical Posts) 1  
 National Professional Officer in the Field 2  
 Secondments –  
 General Service Staff at Headquarters 1  
 General Service Staff in the Field 9

TOTAL STAFF 15

**Junior Professional Officer (JPO) Programme**

Uruguay does not participate in the Junior Professional Officer Programme.

**Young Professional Programme**

This member state is UNDER-REPRESENTED and therefore eligible for the Young Professional Programme.