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**Overview of the Knowledge Societies Division and its activities
for the current biennium**

Summaries of IFAP related Events 2016

A) Activities of the IFAP Secretariat/Knowledge Societies Division

January

2016/01/11-13: The Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) Inter-Sessional Meeting – Budapest, Hungary – (c.wachholz@unesco.org)

The Panel will address two priority themes, Smart Cities and Infrastructure, and Foresight for Digital Development. In addition, it will also examine the follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), and how CSTD could substantively contribute to the 2016 session of ECOSOC on "Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results".

February

2016/02/09: UNESCO/Netexplo Advisory Board Meeting (UNAB) – HQ – (d.storti@unesco.org)

The UNAB meets annually at UNESCO to drive and facilitate the sharing of views by the professors of the Netexplo University network on the societal challenges posed by the digital revolution and new technologies. The network captures new use of digital technologies and their impact in today's knowledge societies by involving University students and researchers to identify the most innovative and promising digital projects.

2016/02/11: Netexplo Forum 2016 – Paris, France – (d.storti@unesco.org)

Netexplo Forum 2016 is an opportunity to discover new and emerging trends in the use of digital technology, as well as to meet the creators of these innovations. The Forum will highlight some of the most promising global innovators in digital technologies today, who are inventing new forms of education, communication, information, solidarity and management around the globe. Their innovations impact on the way the public and private sectors reflect on development, dialogue and diversity, and they influence the elaboration of new strategies and programmes.

2016/02/26: - 25th IFAP Bureau – HQ – (p.hector@unesco.org)

The IFAP Bureau consists of eight Member States nominated by the governing Council. It meets twice a year to appraise its programme of work, select projects, as well as to hold thematic debates on issues of importance for the Programme. The Bureau is composed of a Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons, three other members and a Rapporteur. This Bureau meeting will be the last meeting of the Bureau elected by the 8th IFAP Council.

2016/02/29: Expert Group Meeting for Knowledge Societies Policy Handbook (in partnership with UNU-EGOV and AGESIC) – Montevideo, Uruguay – (p.hector@unesco.org)

The aim of the meeting was to present, discuss and validate the first version of the Knowledge Societies Policy Handbook and Platform (UNKSOC.ORG), a policy instrument developed by UNESCO/IFAP and UNU-EGOV to provide guidance to the national, local and international actors engaged in the development, implementation and evaluation of Knowledge Societies Policies to further the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

March

2016/03/TBC: Regional Conference on ICTs and Disabilities – San Jose, Costa Rica – (I.Kasinskaite@unesco.org)

UNESCO organizes this conference with a view to empowering persons with disabilities through ICTs and to promote the inclusion of disability issues into the regional actions to advance the sustainable development agenda. The conference will focus on “The Outcome Document – The Delhi Declaration on inclusive ICTs for persons with Disabilities: Making Empowerment Reality” of the UNESCO global conference “From Exclusion to Empowerment.” The challenge now is mainstreaming a disability perspective in all planned development actions, including legislation, policies and programmes, in all areas and at all levels of development.

2016/03/1-3: UNU-10th International Conference on e-Governance – Montevideo, Uruguay – (p.hector@unesco.org)

ICEGOV2016 will explore how digital technology can contribute to inclusive and sustainable human development which are at the core of the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and IFAP’s mission. A 1-day side event will contribute to development of an updated IFAP National Information Society Policy Template.

2016/03/12-13: Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development – Dubai, UAE – (c.wachholz@unesco.org)

This Broadband Commission meeting will explore how the SDGs can be achieved, and how broadband networks, services and applications can deliver concrete results in education, health, economic growth and in reducing the gender gap in the use of and access to new technologies, as well as in Media and Information Literacy skills. The use of technology for innovation should focus on improving the equity and quality of learning, while expanding its accessibility and inclusiveness, in line with the 2030 education agenda and the Qingdao Declaration, promoted by UNESCO in 2015.

2016/03/12: Libya Open Access Initiative Kick off Meeting – Libya – (b.neupane@unesco.org)

The Libya Open Access (OA) project will help to create the necessary conditions to create a policy framework and national system that will ensure that all publicly funded research in Libya becomes freely and openly available and that Libyan academia are not left behind in the global OA movement. The project will contribute to strengthening research and innovation processes in the country and to ensuring that Libya is ranked highly in global systems, such as the Global Innovation Index (GII), that rank innovation and research strength of countries. The proposed strategy will also formulate a framework to monitor progress and establish benchmarks.

2016/03/14: Conference Youth & Internet: Fighting radicalization and Extremism – Sofia, Bulgaria – (B.Radoykov@unesco.org)

Presentation to the Parliament in Bulgaria of UNESCO’S work in preventing violent extremism and radicalization on-line; the event will also debate and examine related issues. This is a follow-up to The International Conference on Youth & Internet: Fighting Radicalization and Extremism, held at UNESCO in June 2015.

2016/03/14-16: PERSIST Project consultative meeting in Abu Dhabi – Abu Dhabi, UAE – (i.panevska@unesco.org)

The main purpose of the PERSIST Project is to foster high-level policy dialogue among heritage institutions (in the broadest sense of the term), governments and ICT-industry on digital preservation under the aegis of UNESCO's Memory of the World Programme. In order to achieve this objective, participants will take stock of various activities underway, review existing selection policies for digital heritage and work collectively towards solutions for long term digital preservation, and establishment of a Global Repository for Heritage Software with relevant ICT industry partners. The Consultative meeting will elaborate a two-year working programme for the PERSIST project, including integration of individual Task Force work programmes; communications and outreach strategy; financial and organizational structure of PERSIST.

2016/03/21-30: Need Assessment Mission UNESCO-Republic of Korea – KFIT Project, ICT transforming Education in Africa – Maputo, Mozambique/Harare, Zimbabwe – (p.hector@unesco.org)

This 3-year extra-budgetary project funded by the Republic of Korea (ROK) through the Korean Funds in Trust (KFIT) facility has allocated some US\$6 million to support ICT in education activities across three countries, namely Mozambique, Rwanda and Zimbabwe. In particular, the project will support the development and scaling-up of ICT-enhanced school curricula, strengthen the capacities of teachers to make effective pedagogical use of ICT, support higher education institutions in developing and applying Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and facilitate policy development including the use of the IFAP National Information Society Policy Template.

2016/03/30-31: MoW Training Workshop to Strengthen Maghreb Countries Capacities for Promotion of Documentary Heritage – Rabat, Morocco – (i.panevska@unesco.org)

The workshop was moderated by two trainers, Dr. Abdelaziz Abid, a Tunisian expert and former manager of UNESCO Memory of the World Programme (MoW), and Gérald Grunberg, Chair of the French national MoW Committee. The training raised awareness of the importance to establish national MoW Committees and provided practical steps on how to create them, and how to prepare solid proposals for inscription on the MoW international Register. In addition, participants discussed five draft proposals coming from Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania. Dr. Abdelaziz Abid urged the audience to use "the platform offered by the MoW Programme to better reflect documentary heritage of the region."

April

2016/04/19: Open Scholarship Initiative Conference (OSI2016) – Fairfax, USA – (b.neupane@unesco.org)

The Open Scholarship Initiative (OSI) is an ambitious, global effort to establish high level dialogue and cooperation around Open Scholarship. This initiative will debate issues such as: What should open information look like? Are we doing peer review right? What are the moral dimensions of open? What are the socioeconomic impacts of information underload? By tackling these big questions together---13 in all---the entire stakeholder community will chart a course together and take ownership of the process.

2016/04/28: Mobile apps development training for girls – Dakar, Senegal – (d.storti@unesco.org)

Contributing to the global YouthMobile Initiative, the UNESCO Regional Office in Dakar, in partnership with the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Senegal, Sonatel and Google, is organizing a series of conferences, activities and workshops with the aim of empowering girls through capacity building activities, in the use of technologies, for skills development, innovation and increased employment opportunities. These activities are part of UNESCO's effort to promote gender equality in ICTs and quality education. The YouthMobile Initiative strives to provide young people with the high-level skills and confidence to develop, promote and sell locally relevant mobile apps that solve local issues of sustainable development and provide employment.

2016/04/28: International Conference: Bibliographic metadata getting linked: business cases and projects – Paris, France – (d.storti@unesco.org)

The ISSN International Centre is organizing an international conference under the patronage of UNESCO about semantic web and open data. This conference is organised for ISSN member countries which hold their General Assembly in Paris this year. It will provide a great introduction to the future debate about the ISSN network's strategy.

May

2016/05/TBC: Meeting of IFAP National Committee – Bratislava, Slovakia – (p.hector@unesco.org)

This meeting of IFAP Network Members (Council, Bureau, Secretariat, National Committees/Focal points) will share experiences on the operational aspects of IFAP and support the development of a 10-year Plan of Work that builds synergies with the SDGs.

2016/05/2-6: WSIS Forum – Geneva, Switzerland – (c.wachholz@unesco.org)

The WSIS Forum 2016 represents the world's largest annual gathering of the 'ICT for development' community. Co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNDP and UNCTAD, the WSIS Forum has proven to be an efficient mechanism for the coordination of multistakeholder activities, information exchanges, the creation of knowledge, as well as for the sharing of best practices. The WSIS Forum also provides assistance in developing multistakeholder and public/private partnerships to advance the 2030 agenda for sustainable development. This forum will provide structured opportunities to network, learn and participate in multi-stakeholder discussions and consultations on the WSIS implementation.

2016/05/9-13: The Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) Annual Meeting – Geneva, Switzerland – (c.wachholz@unesco.org)

The Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD, UNCTAD) will address two priority themes, namely Smart Cities and Infrastructure, and Foresight for Digital Development. The nineteenth session will also review the progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). In addition, the Commission will hear presentations on national science, technology and innovation policy reviews. Participants will include Ministers and representatives of governments, civil society, the business community, academia and international and regional organizations. Most Member States will be represented by high-level delegations.

2016/05/10-13: Special Event during the United Nations Forum of Indigenous People – NYC, USA – (I.Kasinskaite@unesco.org)

The side event, organized jointly by UNESCO and other international, regional and national partners, will address a wide range of issues on digital empowerment of indigenous communities through ensured universal access to information and knowledge in cyberspace within three thematic areas: (i) promotion of indigenous languages in cyberspace; (ii) digital preservation of documentary heritage of indigenous communities; and (iii) ethical dimensions of making information and documentary heritage of indigenous communities accessible to all.

2016/05/11-13: Guatemala WorkShop on MoW – Guatemala – (i.panevska@unesco.org)

The Memory of the World regional training workshop in Guatemala will contribute to strengthen national capacities of Member States to engage more effectively at national, regional and international level with the MoW Programme. It will help the seven Central American countries better identify holdings and collections for potential inscription on the MoW international or regional registers, and better manage their documentary heritage with improved cooperation among national heritage institutions.

2016/05/16-19: Korean Funds in Trust (KFIT) Projects on ICT Transforming Education in Africa (p.hector@unesco.org)

Three-Country regional planning meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe to prepare the detailed national and regional implementation plans based on the findings of the KFIT country needs assessment missions conducted in March 2016

2016/06/04: Launch of the Partnership with Talkmate – Beijing, China via UNESCO Office – (I.Kasinskaite@unesco.org)

The overall objective of the joint partnership between UNESCO and TALKMATE is to increase linguistic diversity and contribute to human development around the world, in order to better respond to the development challenges through the application of inclusive Information and Communication Technology (ICT) based approaches and solutions to promotion of multilingualism, particular in cyberspace, with particular focus on documentation, safeguarding, learning and promotion of linguistic diversity.

2016/05/18-21: MoWCAP Meeting on Implementation of the Recommendation concerning Preservation of, and Access to Documentary Heritage – Hue, Vietnam –(i.panevska@unesco.org)

Representatives of National Memory of the World Committees will discuss the carrying out and implementation of the Recommendation in the context of existing national legislation. The MOWCAP Executive Bureau and the National Committee of each country will report on their work implemented over the last two years, and they will consider the selection of a new round of nominations for the MOW Asia-Pacific register.

2016/05/25: Inter-Agency support team for implementation of the Convention of Persons with Disabilities – Istanbul, Turkey – (I.Kasinskaite@unesco.org)

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) was adopted by the General Assembly in December 2006 and opened for signature on 30 March 2007. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol entered into force on 3 May 2008. The Inter-Agency Support Group for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was set up in 2006 to promote action on the part of UN Agencies, Departments and Organizations to implement the CRPD at country level and to take action within the agencies to give effect to the principles and provisions of the Convention.

2016/05/30-31: 9th IFAP Council – HQ – (p.hector@unesco.org)

The Council is responsible for guiding the planning and the implementation of the Information for All Programme. In particular, the Council will: review and assess IFAP's achievements to date; consider ways for expanding the Programme; discuss fund-raising schemes for its successful implementation; define the main areas under IFAP's mandate requiring increased international cooperation; further promote the involvement of Member States in the Programme; and recommend the future orientations and action lines of the Programme.

June

2016/06/01: 26th IFAP Bureau – HQ – (p.hector@unesco.org)

This Bureau meeting will be the first meeting of the Bureau elected by the 9th IFAP Council. It will discuss the strategy/plans for implementing the recommendations made by the 9th IFAP Council.

2016/06/09-10: European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG) – Brussels, Belgium – (c.wachholz@unesco.org)

The European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG) is an open multi-stakeholder platform to exchange views about the Internet and how it is governed. The main aim of EuroDIG is to promote the engagement of Europeans in multistakeholder dialogue in order to share their expertise and best practice and, where possible, identify common ground.

July

2016/07/12-13: Data, Digital Assets and Platforms for Innovation (with OECD, EU, New Club of Paris) – HQ – (Focal Points = IFAP and KMI)

The scope and scale of the debate on IT value creation has changed dramatically. It no longer concerns the level of investment in specific, identified and localized IT functions, instead it is about investing in a new source of growth and defining its control modalities: data. This event seeks to shed more light on how firms and ultimately society can benefit from data analytics. There is a need to develop frameworks and tools that can assess the potential for data-driven innovation and value creation.

September

2016/09/4-8: UNESCO Jikji Prize Ceremony – Cheongju city, Republic of Korea – (i.panevska@unesco.org)

A special academic event with an exhibition will be organized by the Korean authorities in Cheongju city at the Early Printing Museum and Arts Center. The event is organized every two years and is supported by the Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, Korea Tourism Organization, Chungcheongbuk-do, and Korean National Commission for UNESCO. The US\$ 30,000 Prize, wholly funded by the Republic of Korea, is awarded every two years to individuals or institutions that have made significant contributions to the preservation and accessibility of documentary heritage. UNESCO Jikji Prize was established in April 2004 as a means of promoting the Memory of the World Programme and commemorating the inscription of the *Jikji*, the oldest existing book made through movable metal print on the Memory of the World International Register.

2016/9/5-9: Info-Ethics MERCOSUR meeting (IFAP) – Uruguay – (p.hector@unesco.org)

This regional event will take place during the Open Forum of Science of Latin America and the Caribbean (CILAC). It will contribute to extending and stimulating reflection for developing appropriate responses to the emerging legal, social, and ethical challenges related to the use and application of ICT and other emerging technologies.

2016/09/17-18: Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development – New York, USA – (c.wachholz@unesco.org)

On March 4 2016 Members of the Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development agreed on the need to develop a set of targets to measure access to broadband connectivity at country and community levels, and the use of selected broadband-enabled public services. Commissioners plan to develop concrete, measurable connectivity targets on these elements, for agreement at its meeting in September 2016, in New York, US. the Broadband Commission for Digital Development was established by the ITU Secretary-General and the Director General of UNESCO in 2010 with the aim of accelerating the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and presenting broadband as potentially the most effective means to bridge the digital divide, give universal access to information and ensure the “right to communicate”.

2016/09/21-22: Youth and Social Media: Fighting against Violence and Extremism – Byblos, Lebanon – (p.hector@unesco.org)

Organized in the framework of the intergovernmental Information for All Programme (IFAP), this international conference aims to share experiences on concrete actions, projects and processes to limit the use of the Internet as a tool to incite violence and extremism among young people. This is a follow-up to the International Conference on Youth & Internet: Fighting Radicalization and Extremism, held at UNESCO in June 2015.

2016/09/28: Universal Day for Access to Information – Paris, France – (p.hector@unesco.org)

This will mark the first celebration of the newly declared international day. It will provide an opportunity for IFAP network members to promote IFAP'S work as well as bring attention to national challenges and achievements in this area.

October

2016/10/27: UNESCO World Day for Audiovisual Heritage – (i.panevska@unesco.org)

In adopting 27 October as the World Day for Audiovisual Heritage, UNESCO, in cooperation with the Co-ordinating Council of Audiovisual Archives Association (CCAAA) and other professional institutions, helps to raise the profile of the issues at stake and focus global attention on the fragility of this heritage. Every year, archives around the world join together on 27 October to celebrate audiovisual archives with activities that not only highlight the vulnerability of this heritage, but celebrate the often unheralded work of the heritage institutions that protect it. All of the world's audiovisual heritage is endangered. Therefore, the World Day for Audiovisual Heritage and the memory of the World Programme are the two actions for UNESCO and the world to honor preservation professionals that help to safeguard this heritage for future generations despite the many technical, political, social, financial and other factors that threaten its survival.

2016/10/31: South-South Collaboration in Creating Environmental Virtual Observatories – HQ – (b.neupane@unesco.org)

The conference will discuss the frameworks, and best practices of south-south cooperation around the development of environmental virtual observatories. This event will aim to increase south-south understanding on how local disaster resilience in remote mountain environments can be strengthened by bringing together world-leading scientists on mountain hydrometeorology and landslide risk with experts on ICTs and citizen-science, to develop participatory approaches to knowledge generation and risk governance.

2016/10/31-01 November: Internet and the radicalization of youth: preventing, acting and living together – Quebec, Canada – (p.hector@unesco.org)

Building on shared interests, existing work and initiatives on this topic, UNESCO and the Government of Quebec will organize in Quebec City on 31 October and 1 November 2016, an international conference of high-level experts: *Internet and the radicalization of youth: Preventing, Acting and Living together*. Following the first ever conference on this subject held in June 2015 at UNESCO's Headquarters in Paris, this event will bring together researchers, experts and civil society to identify and develop meaningful projects and programs to address radicalization of youth and prevent violent extremism. Social attention will be given to the role the Internet and media play at every stage of this process.

November

2016/11/TBC: Internet Governance Forum – João Pessoa, Brazil – (c.wachholz@unesco.org)

The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) is a forum for multi-stakeholder dialogue on public policy related to Internet governance issues, including on access to information and knowledge, freedom of expression, the ethical dimensions of knowledge societies, multilingualism and development.

2016/11/28-29: Leveraging ICT to build youth resistance; Kick-Off Conference for ICT Caravan Project (This is a follow-up to the International Conference on Youth & Internet: Fighting Radicalization and Extremism, held at UNESCO in June 2015) – HQ – (p.hector@unesco.org)

This international conference to be organized at UNESCO's Headquarters in the framework of IFAP, will share experiences on how ICT through diverse avenues—developing employable skills, supporting entrepreneurship, supporting education and collaboration—can contribute to youth resilience. This is a follow-up to the International Conference on Youth & Internet: Fighting Radicalization and Extremism, held at UNESCO in June 2015.

December

2016/12/03: International Day for Persons with Disabilities – Paris, France – (l.kasinskaite@unesco.org)

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) has been commemorated since 1992 to promote awareness and mobilize support for critical issues relating to the inclusion of persons with disabilities in society and development. The day works to promote actions to raise awareness about disability issues and draw attention to the benefits of an inclusive and accessible society.

2016/12/6-9: Internet Governance Forum – Guadalajara, Mexico – (c.wachholz@unesco.org)

The IGF facilitates a common understanding of how to maximize Internet opportunities and address risks and challenges that arise. The IGF is also a space that gives developing countries the same opportunity as wealthier nations to engage in the debate on Internet governance and to facilitate their participation in existing institutions and arrangements. While there is no negotiated outcome, the IGF informs and inspires those with policy-making power in both the public and private sectors. At their annual meeting delegates discuss, exchange information and share good practices with each other.

B) Activities of National IFAP Committees

IFAP and IFAP-related Activities in Russia planned by Russian IFAP committee for 2016

The following projects will be implemented in Russia in 2016 within the IFAP frame:

1. International Conference “Media and Information Literacy for Building the Culture of Open Government” (Khanty-Mansiysk, Russian Federation, 6-10 June) - experts of 35-40 countries are expected to take part in the event; invitations were sent to all UNESCO Member States’ national commissions for UNESCO and permanent delegations to UNESCO.
2. The 20th International “Linguistics for All” Conference (Moscow, 2-4 March) for university and college students (the Moscow State Pedagogical University being the key organizer of the event);
3. Development and implementation of projects aimed at preservation of library materials in various Russia’s regions;
4. Publication of the materials of the Ugra Global Expert Meeting on Multilingualism in Cyberspace (Khanty-Mansiysk, 4-9 July 2015) in English and Russian.
5. The 10th All-Russian conference “National Programme on Reading Promotion and Development: Problems and Prospects” (November);
6. Interregional seminars on reading promotion and development in Russia’s regions (cities: Ulyanovsk, Irkutsk and Kaliningrad) in April and May 2016.



C) Overview of Confirmed 2016 YouthMobile Events

Country	Office / Contact	Activities	Date
	HQ	YM Reports	Jan/2016
Singapore	Bangkok Office/ Mikaso	2016 FOSSASIA Summit	18/03-20/03/2016
	HQ	Project Nokia/MakeSense	30/03/2016
Namibia	Windhoek Office/ Chimbi	10- day Training of Trainers	11/04/2016
Senegal	Dakar Office/Sasha	A national press conference on the Youth Mobile Project	14/04/2016
Senegal	Dakar Office	International Girls in ICT Day (Conference)	28/04/2016
South Sudan	Juba Office/ Lydiah	Hackathon challenge	Jun/2016
Kyrgyzstan	UNESCO Almaty Cluster Office/ Sergey	Training workshops	15/07-25/07/2016