UNESCO 2001 Convention Roundtable: Connecting Underwater Cultural Heritage Research and Protection worldwide

Date: Monday 28 November 2016
Venue: Western Australian Maritime Museum Theatre, Peter Hughes Drive, Victoria Quay, Fremantle
Time: 11 am – 1.30 pm
Chair: Ulrike Guerin, UNESCO 2001 Convention

The roundtable debates the status of underwater cultural heritage protection and research worldwide, as well as the situation of the discipline of underwater archaeology today. Speakers will address overall site protection and management issues, challenges posed by industrial works as well as by pillage and exploitation, the status of legal protection and progress in the implementation of the UNESCO 2001 Convention, and finally the general needs and trends in their regions. The roundtable discussion will then seek to indicate solutions for the identified challenges, in order to report the opinions of the professionals at the governmental level during the upcoming Meeting of States Parties to the 2001 Convention.

1. Opening

Australia’s consideration of ratification of the UNESCO 2001 Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage and current status, Andrew Viduka, Australia

2. Regional Overview on Issues concerning Underwater Cultural Heritage
(7 min per intervention max, 4 ptt slides max.)

**Europe:**
New chances for the development of underwater archaeology in Europe, Martijn Manders, Netherlands

What to do, when commercial exploitation and archaeology are put in competition? The concrete *HMS Victory* case and the general problem. Nicholas Ball, National Maritime Museum, UK

**North America:**
How to bring underwater cultural heritage to the same degree of acknowledgement as land heritage? Filipe Castro, A&M Texas University, USA

**Latin America:**
Underwater archaeology in Latin-America – the challenges, Diego Carabias, ARQMAR, Chile

**Arab Region:**
A short overview of the status of underwater archaeology in the Arab region, Ziad Moursy, Alexandria University, Egypt
**Africa:**
Is Africa grabbing the chance of underwater cultural heritage?  
*John Gribble* SAHRA, South Africa

**NGO:**
Access to underwater cultural heritage – the challenge of the public and the responsibility of underwater archaeologists, *Chris Underwood*, President ICOMOS–ICUCH

**Asia-Pacific:**
China – what can underwater archaeology give to the Asian region?  
*Jiang Bo*, National Centre for Underwater Archaeology, China

Nia Naelul Hasanah Ridwan, Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries


The Belitung wreck collection – what is the way forward? *Jennifer Rodrigues*, Western Australian Maritime Museum, Australia

How to build strong scientific underwater archaeology in Asia, *Jun Kimura*, Japan

3. **Roundtable Discussion**

*(A recommendation can be adopted.)*