

Heritage Saskatchewan CEO - Chair of New National Committee!

Interest in Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) is growing throughout the world, particularly as it draws attention to the role of living cultural heritage as a means of promoting sustainable development and the revitalization of communities. To date, 168 countries have signed on to the 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage and interest is growing to encourage Canada to join. The ratification of the Convention would stimulate interest in Canada for the safeguarding of ICH.

Heritage Saskatchewan staff attended and participated in an ICH conference on May 18-22 2016 in Quebec City. One of the outcomes of the conference was the establishment of a committee to lead a process towards Canada's signing onto the Convention.

The committee members include:

Chair: Ingrid Cazakoff (CEO Heritage Saskatchewan);

Vice-Chair: Laurier Turgeon (Research Chair in ICH, Laval University);

Secretary Treasurer: Dale Jarvis (ICH Development Officer Newfoundland and Labrador);

Anglophone Representatives: Richard Mackinnon (Director, Centre for Cape Breton Studies, Cape Breton University); and Maryna Chernyavska (Archivist, Bohdan Medwidsky Ukrainian Folklore Archives, University of Alberta);

Répresentant francophone: Julie MA Leblanc (University of Ottawa and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada); and Daniela Moisa (CEETUM, Université de Montréal)

Read the Canadian Declaration for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage adopted in Quebec City, Canada, May 20th 2016.

Read the front page of Montréal's June 6 *Le Devoir: Protéger lesavoir-faire... et la tourtière - Le Canada signera-t-il enfin laconvention sur le patrimoine culturel immatériel?*

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