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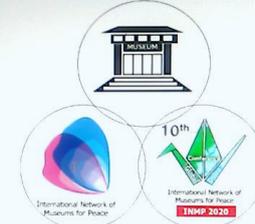
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# Online General Meeting was held on September 18

## Meeting Agenda and Proposals

### Welcome / Introduction to the Meeting [General Coordinator Ikuro Anzai]

Hello everybody! It is almost the time to start the General Meeting. My name is Ikuro Anzai, General Coordinator of INMP. According to the Article 6 of the Statute of INMP, the General Coordinator chairs the meetings of the Executive Board, but there is no clear provision regarding who is to chair the general meeting. But as we are now in difficult situation caused by COVID-19 in which we cannot have in-person consultation between the board members in prior to the general meeting, so, as the general coordinator of the Network, I would like to act as a facilitator of the general meeting today as a special case. Thank you for your understanding.

### 1. Appointment of Record Keeper; announcement of additional agenda item(s).

First of all, I would like to decide the record keeper of this General Meeting and would like to ask Rev. Clive Barrett of the Peace Museum Bradford and Dr. Kazuyo Yamane of the Kyoto Museum for World Peace. Please acknowledge.

We don't have much time, so I'd like to proceed along the agenda. Today's online conference is being held with the help of Dr. Roy Tamashiro, Professor Emeritus of Webster University, USA and our Executive Board Member. I would like to thank Roy.

I have heard that a kind of urgent motion is to be proposed by Peter van den Dungen, so I would like to take a few minutes for that.

### 2. Activity Report [General Coordinator]

According to Paragraph 5 of the Article 5 of our Statute, it is one of the important obligations of the General Coordinator to report on activities of the Network since taking office.

Unlike the usual selection method, I was selected as the Interim General Coordinator to fill the General Coordinator vacancy after the previous General Coordinator based on the recommendations of the Strategy Group consisting of Clive Barret, Roy Tamashiro and Ikuro Anzai. And I officially started my work as General Coordinator on July 1, 2018, when the INMP office completed its transition from The Hague to Kyoto. I have set the five principles of (1) democracy, (2) transparency, (3) traceability, (4) financial stability, and (5) fairness of membership burden as the principles of network operation. Based fundamentally on these principles, I worked on the six tasks entrusted by the Strategy Group.

**The first task** is to review the Statute, including the election system. I worked with the Board Members to build consensus on a prerequisite constitutional amendment focusing on the introduction of three coordinator system and electronic voting, and asked the members' opinion through General Coordinator's newsletter entitled "From General Coordinator's Desk", and the revision of the Statute was achieved in July 2020.

**The second task** I was entrusted is to clarify the individual and group membership lists. In order to clarify the individual and group membership lists, I appointed Ms. Hitomi Katayama as a special accounting advisor to check the accurate list of all members and the status of payment of membership fees in cooperation with our treasurer Dr. Kazuyo Yamane. The latest membership list has already been sent to the

Nominations/Election Committee as a basis for determining voting eligibility for the next election of Executive Board and Advisory Committee members.

**The third task** I was entrusted was to review the dues structure. The INMP membership fee is self-reported by the members according to their income, and I followed this basic principle. About the membership fee payment status, our treasurer Kazuyo will explain later under Agenda 3.

**The fourth task** I was entrusted was to publish newsletters and manage the website. We are grateful for the efforts of Dr. Peter van den Dungen and his team of editors in periodically publishing informative Newsletters and the special contribution of Dr. Roy Tamashiro in maintaining and enriching the website, which has served as an effective information channel for both inside and outside the INMP.

**The fifth task** was to clarify the accounting of INMP. In order to ensure accuracy and objectivity in financial matters, I appointed Ms. Hitomi Katayama, accounting expert, to the special accounting staff of INMP and Mr. Manabu Anzai, a professional tax accountant, to INMP's official audit. Along with the Treasurer Kazuyo Yamane, they have been contributing to the financial health of the INMP.

**The sixth task** was to consider the venue for the 10th International Conference of Museums for Peace scheduled for 2020, this year. We originally planned to have an in-person conference in Kyoto and Hiroshima, but COVID-19 prevented us from doing so, and now we are having the first ever virtual online conference, which is proving to be a success. I believe there are four factors that made this conference possible. First, the INMP decided in April to take on the challenge of an unprecedented virtual conference, based on the discussions among the Executive Board and Advisory Committee members, second, INMP members and those who are interested in peace museums actively responded to our call for presentations, third, the people who were willing to participate and the organizing committee were carefully bridged by public relations by making use of the newsletter "From General Coordinator's Desk" and the efforts of Dr. Kazuyo Yamane in the field of international communication, and the fourth is that the works of the members were successfully uploaded to the electronic space by Dr. Roy Tamashiro's amazing skill and hard work. As the General Coordinator, I would like to deeply thank all people who co-worked with us.

Finally, I would like to report on two more activities we have been working on.

**The first** one is the publication of new version of a peace museum directory entitled "Museums for Peace Worldwide" both in English and Japanese edited by Dr. Kazuyo Yamane in cooperation with a number of people inside and outside of INMP including Professor Joyce Apsel, New York University, who contributed an important essay to the book. The directory includes information about 301 museums for peace around the world. You can now find the English and Japanese version on the Conference page of our website under "New Book Launch."

**The second** and the last activity to introduce is the INMP-coordinated peace tours from Japan to South Korea, China and Europe in cooperation with a peaceful private tour company in Tokyo. The Peace Tour to South Korea was successfully carried out in June last year, which was attended by me for 6 days, visiting a number of peace museums and monuments in South Korea. INMP received 100,000 yen in business revenue by cooperating with the tour company. Peace tour to China scheduled in February this year and to Europe in April including Gernika with the cooperation of Iratxe Momoitio, Director of the Gerika Peace Museums, were both cancelled due to COVID-19, but I strongly hope the similar events be planned in different countries with the initiative of INMP members.

This is the end of my Activity Report as the General Coordinator, and I would like to invite Kazuyo Yamane, our treasurer, to make a financial report before Q&A and comments.

### 3. Financial Report [Treasurer Kazuyo Yamane]

Since October 1, 2018, when the transition of our office from The Hague to Kyoto was fully completed, we have followed the five principles of the Anzai General Coordinator ([1] democracy, [2] transparency, [3] traceability, [4] financial soundness, and [5] fairness of membership burden) to ensure financial soundness and fairness in our financial activities. In addition to publicizing our member obligations, such as the payment of dues and fees for this conference, through the "From General Coordinator's Desk," the Treasurer has been working closely with professional accounting staff member Hitomi Katayama to ensure that all members who have not paid their dues, will be notified through the individual e-mails to urge them to fulfill their obligations, and also warned them that if they remained unpaid dues for more than three years, they would lose their right to vote in the next election of board members.

At the time of the office transfer, the network's deposit balance was 22,472 yen, but at the moment it stands at 1,231,806 yen. This is the result of membership dues and presentation fee income, as well as large donations from Japanese members and business income from a peace tour of South Korea.

Overall, I believe that INMP's finances are still in the process of recovering, but there are difficulties in some countries in transferring funds to the secretariat in Japan. After the next term, when the three-person coordinator system will be introduced, it will be necessary to consider establishing an office in each region to facilitate the payment of membership fees.

I would like to add that the co-organizers of the conference have taken financial responsibility for the planning of the conference, and in particular, I would like to thank Ritsumeikan University for their financial support, including the cost of holding the four webinars.

#### 4. Discussions on Items #2 and #3

The General Coordinator's Activity Report and Treasurer's Financial Report were approved without objection.

#### 5. Announcement of Nominations and Election Process [Election Commissioners] By Irayxe Momoitio Astorkia (Nominations/Election Committee Chair)

The call for nominations and self-nominations for election to the INMP Executive Board and Advisory Committee is open September 1 - October 5, 2020 to anyone interested, including current and returning INMP members, and new INMP members. The deadline for accepting nominations or completing self-nominations is 5 October 2020.

Please complete the [2020 INMP Nomination Form](#) to nominate yourself or someone else. Nominees who are new to INMP are required to complete the [INMP Membership Application](#) and [pay the INMP Membership Fee](#). Current Executive Board and Advisory Committee members who seek re-election are also required to complete and submit the [2020 INMP Nomination Form](#).

The nomination and election process will be further explained at the [Online General Meeting of INMP](#) on September 18, 2020. The INMP General Meeting is open to *all registered participants* of The 10th International Conference of Museums for Peace, and to *current members of INMP*. Please go to the [Conference Registration Page](#) to complete the [Conference Registration Form](#) and pay the *Presenters' Registration Fee* (if applicable).

The elections for the Executive Board and Advisory Committee will occur November 2-6, 2020 via electronic balloting. The results will be announced by November 16, 2020. The term of office of the newly elected Board and Advisory Committee will be three years, starting January 1, 2021. However, the newly elected members will also be active during the transition period, November-December 2020, when other INMP office vacancies and Committees will be filled or appointed by the Board.

**From the INMP Statues**

**• Article 5-(2) Executive Board**

No more than ten Executive Board members are elected from among the candidates nominated by themselves or others. The election shall be conducted either electronically or by mail. The Executive Board should reflect as much as possible the diversity of the membership.

The Executive Board is responsible for:

- a. Implementing the decisions of the General Meeting.
- b. General administration of the network including accounting, web page administration, publication and distribution of a newsletter.

**• Article 5-(3) Advisory Committee**

No more than twelve Advisory Committee members are elected from among the members or persons willing to become members. The election shall be conducted either electronically or by mail, for the candidates nominated by themselves or others.

The General Coordinator and the Executive Board consult, as necessary, with the Advisory Committee on issues pertaining to the Network.

The Advisory Committee may provide input to the General Coordinator and Executive Board on issues that are relevant to the functioning of the Network.

## 6. Awards [General Coordinator]

INMP decided the following Executive Board Agreement on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2020:

<p>The Executive Board of the International Network of Museums for Peace (INMP) may propose the following issues to the General Meeting.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Title of Honorary General Coordinator and Special Contribution Award</b></p>
<p>With the approval of the General Meeting, INMP may confer the title of "Honorary General Coordinator" on the General Coordinator upon resignation, and may also give a "Special Contribution Award" to a member who has made remarkable contributions to the Network.</p>

As the General Coordinator of INMP, I would like to propose that the Special Contribution Award be presented to the following two retiring board members:

**(1) Dr. Kazuyo Yamane**

Dr. Kazuyo Yamane has a Ph.D. in Peace Studies from the University of Bradford and has been involved in the networking of peace museums since the first International Conference of Peace Museums (Bradford) in 1992. She is now teaching peace studies to the international students at Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan, which has Kyoto Museum for World Peace where INMP office is located.

In addition to her dedicated service on the International Network of Museums for Peace as Executive Board or Advisory Committee member, she translated the INMP newsletter and *Muse*, the journal of the Japanese Citizens' Network of Museums for Peace, to connect the Japanese and international peace museum movements. She edited multiple bilingual editions of *Museums for Peace Worldwide* since 2008, compiling information on more than 300 museums for peace.

In addition to serving as the Treasurer of INMP, she was an invaluable organizer and operations manager for the 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Museums for Peace (INMP 2020), handling communications with presenters and participants, English-Japanese interpretation, registration, program development, and conference logistics.

**(2) Dr. Roy Tamashiro**

Dr. Roy Tamashiro, Professor Emeritus at Webster University (USA), has served on INMP's Advisory Committee and Executive Board since 2011. He has been a visionary leader in the program development, preparation and implementation of the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> International Conferences of Museums for Peace. He was the Conference Program Committee chair for the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference in Belfast (Northern Ireland) in 2017, and the e-communications designer and producer of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference in 2020, a historic first-time global virtual conference, and the largest, most internationally diverse INMP International Conference.

Professor Roy designed and built the complete online Conference Proceedings for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference, as well as the archived library of INMP Newsletters (1993 – ongoing) and publications relevant to the Network.

His research and scholarship on peace pilgrimage ethnographies, on memorials and museums, and on the oral history of survivor-witnesses of massacres and atomic bombing (*hibakusha*) has yielded invaluable publications, videos, and presentations including the Hiroshima Panel Webinar in INMP 2020.

The General Meeting approved these proposals without opposition.

**7. Appointment of Senior Advisers [General Coordinator]**

The Executive Board of INMP decided on the following agreement on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July, 2020.

The Executive Board of the International Network of Museums for Peace (INMP) may propose the following issues to the General Meeting.

**Senior Adviser**

The General Meeting may confer the title of Senior Adviser on retiring board members when deemed appropriate. The Senior Adviser is not responsible for the decision-making of the Network but is able to provide input to the General Coordinator to support activities of the

As the General Coordinator of INMP, I recommend to appoint the following retiring Executive Board and Advisory Committee members as Senior Advisers who have long been serving for INMP and whose experiences are considered to be significant.

Peter van den Dungen (Executive Board Member)  
Ikuro Anzai (Executive Board Member)  
Kazuyo Yamane (Executive Board Member)  
Roy Tamashiro (Executive Board Member)  
Lucetta Sanguinetti (Executive Board Member)  
Katherine Josten (Advisory Committee Member)

In making this proposal, I asked them individually if they were willing to become a senior advisor. Liv Astrid Sverdrup (Nobel Peace Center, Advisory Committee Member) is also stepping down, but chose to devote herself to her new professional life.

Although they are stepping down, INMP needs their experiences and wisdoms, and I sincerely hope that the General Meeting confer the title of Senior Adviser to these members.

[The General Meeting approved these proposals without opposition.](#)

## 8. Announcement about the next International Conference Venue [General Coordinator]

According to conventional practice, the 11th International Conference of Museums for Peace will be held in 2023.

As INMP will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2022, Advisory Committee member Professor Syed Sikander Mehdi, among others, have suggested that some sort of commemoration event should be held in 2022. I hope that the new Executive Board, which will be established by the election later this year, will consider it separately from the next international conference.

I invited five INMP Board members to an interim International Conference Venue Selection Committee from among the members of the current board members. The committee's task is to develop the procedure and timeline for selecting the hosting site/venue for the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Museums for Peace. The working Committee will be filled from among the incoming board members to be elected later this year and formally launched in early 2021. It will then solicit applications for the next conference venue through the first half of 2021, and will narrow down the list of potential sites, conduct a feasibility study of the nominated sites and make a recommendation to be approved by the Executive Board by the third quarter of 2021.

## 9. Other: Additional Motion (by Peter van den Dungen)

### **Professor Ikuro Anzai: Conferring of the title of Honorary General Coordinator of INMP**

*The Executive Board of INMP is proposing that upon his resignation on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 as INMP General Coordinator, Professor Ikuro Anzai be given the title of Honorary General Coordinator. During its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020, the General Assembly will be asked to endorse the proposal.*

This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Professor Ikuro Anzai's involvement with INMP which began with his participation in the second international conference, held in Stadtschlaining (Austria) in 1995. It resulted in an invitation to host the third conference (1998) in Kyoto, home of the Kyoto Museum for World Peace at Ritsumeikan University, and in Osaka. This was an unforgettable experience, especially for participants from overseas for many of whom this was their first visit to Japan. They were also invited to

field trips to Hiroshima, Nagasaki or Okinawa which left indelible impressions. Ten years after that memorable conference, Professor Anzai was again the main organiser of a similarly impressive, 6<sup>th</sup> conference that was held in Kyoto and in Hiroshima. And this year, when Japan and the world are commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the 10<sup>th</sup> conference is again taking place in Kyoto – thanks largely to his initiative and to his great efforts. This virtual conference, which has seen many new challenges but also opportunities with lasting benefits to INMP, is reaching a global audience as never before. Professor Anzai has been much involved in the publication of the proceedings of the conferences in Japan, as well as other publications on museums for peace published on the same occasion. They constitute a major resource for anyone interested in the subject.

Throughout these years, he has also taken a leading role in strengthening the network not only through its conferences but also through supporting its secretariat. From 2008 until 2017, when INMP maintained an office in The Hague, he was its main benefactor, contributing most generously to its budget and successfully attracting the financial support of several fellow donors from Japan. When economic considerations necessitated the closure of the office, he found a new and most appropriate home for it in the Kyoto Museum for World Peace at Ritsumeikan University. The support of the University – for the conferences, and latterly also for the granting of an office – is a measure of the respect that he enjoys, now as Emeritus University Professor as well as Honorary Director of the Kyoto Museum for World Peace.

During the past three years, when Professor Anzai has been the General Coordinator of INMP, as well as throughout the preceding years he has taken numerous initiatives to professionalise the organisation and strengthen its governance structure. They include such issues as the drafting and revision of the statutes, arranging and overseeing elections, introducing greater measures of financial accounting and transparency, and much more. As one of the editors of the quarterly newsletter, his final touch has ensured that it appears in an attractive format.

It is undoubtedly the case that INMP owes its relative longevity (in the uncertain world of peace NGOs) mainly to his unstinting and multi-faceted support during a quarter century. During the same period, he has become a much-admired leader of INMP. The International Network of Museums for Peace expresses its enormous gratitude and on his retirement on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, is delighted to confer on him the title of Honorary General Coordinator.

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[The General Meeting approved the proposal without opposition.](#)

(Anzai's comment) The reason why I made the Executive Board Agreement on conferring the title of Honorary General Coordinator was actually for Peter van den Dungen who had been conferred the title of Pioneering Honorary General Coordinator at the last Belfast Conference in 2017, but there was no provision for such a title in the constitutional structure of INMP at that time. So, I hoped to make it clear that his title had a basis in the constitution of the Network. I never expected to be titled by this Agreement and, at the same time, I feel very much honored to be given it. Thank you very much.

## 8. Adjourn

As the General Coordinator, I am delighted with the success of INMP 2020 and I hope all of us will continue to work together for the further development of INMP. Thank you very much for your cooperation. The General Meeting now adjourn.