

2020 Elections – Steering Committee Application Form

Please return this form at the latest by **November 30, 2020 (midnight, Eastern Daylight Time, EDT)** to the Electoral Board, duly completed, signed and dated, along with a curriculum vitae of one to two pages, **to all members** of the Electoral Board:

Ms. Ananya Bhattacharya (Contact Base, India, Asia-Pacific), Mr. Carlos J. Villaseñor Anaya (Cultural Interactivity and Development (Interactividad Cultural y Desarrollo A.C.), Latin-American and Caribbean States). Mr. Michael Atwood Mason (Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, International)

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Electoral region of the candidate

- Africa (group Va) (two year term)
- Asia and the Pacific (group IV) (two-year term)
- Western Europe and North America (group I) (two-year term)
- International NGOs (two-year term)

NGO, with its headquarters located in the region:

Name: Aigine Cultural Research Center

Headquarters in (country): Kyrgyzstan

Accreditation date/renewal: 2015

E-mail: office@aigine.kg

The candidate

Mr Ms Other

First Name: Cholponai

Family Name: Usubalieva-Gryshchuk (U-G)

E-mail: cholponai@aigine.kg

Desired profile

	Yes	No	Comments
Be member of an accredited NGO under the 2003 Convention	✓		
Have participated at a minimum of two sessions of the Governing bodies of the 2003 Convention		✓	
Have a good working knowledge of English and/or French, both oral and written	✓		Written and spoken English
Have access to a good internet connection	✓		
Have a reasonable knowledge and be well connected to ICH NGOs, accredited or not, in his region	✓		
Be willing to draft and review documents related to the communication tasks of the Committee	✓		
Be willing to moderate sessions of the Forum	✓		
Be willing to undertake activities of representation for the Committee and for the Forum	✓		
Have received the approval of the NGO to become member of the Steering Committee	✓		

Signature of Candidate

Signature of the person responsible for the NGO or other authorized person:



Name: Dr. Gulnara Aitpaeva

Position in the NGO: Director

Date: 28 November 2020

Seal of the NGO:



CHOLPONAI U-G

PROJECT MANAGER/RESEARCHER

ICH WORK EXPERIENCE

Aigine Cultural Research Center

2010 - to present

- Coordinating ongoing and designing new projects on ICH
- Maintaining close cooperation with ICH communities across the country
- Conducting field research and in-depth interviews
- Documenting, preparing inventories on ICH elements and publications
- Developing and conducting conferences, training courses, seminars at local, regional and international levels and providing on-site logistics
- Producing periodic and final project narrative and financial reports
- Fundraising and grant-writing

List of ICH managed projects

2018-2020

- Safeguarding of Practices and Rare Rituals Related to Sacred Sites in Kyrgyzstan: Preparation of an Inventory and Safeguarding Measures, supported by Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund, UNESCO, France

2017

- Video Documentation of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Elements in the Asia-Pacific Region, supported by the National Commission of the Kyrgyz Republic for UNESCO and International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (IHCAP), Republic of Korea

2015

- Creating a Database on Intangible Cultural Heritage in Kyrgyzstan, supported by International Research Center for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (IRCI), Japan

2011-2013

- Creating Digital Version of the "Manas, Semetey, Seitek" Epic Trilogy and Organizing School for Young Epic Tellers, supported by The Christensen Fund, U.S.A

2010-2012


- Promoting and Transmitting Traditional Music, supported by The Christensen Fund, U.S.A

2005-2014

- Researching and Documenting Sacred Sites, Pilgrimage Practices and Traditional Wisdom, supported by The Christensen Fund, U.S.A



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EDUCATION

2003, Aug – 2008, June

**American University of
Central Asia**

BA in American Studies
Cum Laude

Diploma in Translation and
Interpretation

SKILLSET

- Well developed skills in prioritizing, organization and time management
- Team worker, as well as an independent self-starter
- Culturally sensitive and internationally traveled
- Problem analysis, decision-making, critical thinking
- Accuracy and attention to details
- Tolerance, flexibility and adaptability to different situations
- Self-motivated and resourceful
- Proficient user of Microsoft Office
- Competent user of Photoshop and Corel Draw

Prepared and contributed to compilation of the following ICH related publications

- 2020 - National Manual on Safeguarding Pilgrimage Practices and Rituals at Sacred Sites
- 2015 - Sacred Sites of Northern Kyrgyzstan: Nature, Man Spirituality
- 2014 - Full Video Version of the Seitek Epic - the third Part of the Epic Trilogy
- 2013 - Sacred Sites of the Southern Kyrgyzstan: Nature, Manas, Islam
- 2013 - Full Video Version of the Semetei Epic - the Second Part of the Epic Trilogy
- 2012 - Full Video Version of the Manas Epic - the First Part of the Epic Trilogy
- 2012 - Blessed Land of Batken and Folk Knowledge
- 2011 - Sacred sites in Osh and Folk Knowledge

Authored the following ICH articles


- In Search of Sacredness: Pilgrimage Practices in Kyrgyzstan, Landscape Sacred Natural Sites; Sources of Biocultural Diversity, Volume 2, Issue 11, Summer 2012 (pp.69-71).
- Ancient Epic Goes Digital, The Newsletter of the International Institute for Asian Studies, No.60, Summer 2012

Took active participation in

- 2019, October
World Forum for Intangible Cultural Heritage, Jeonju-Si, Republic of Korea, organized by UNESCO ICHCAP
- 2019, May
Training Course on Inventorying Elements of ICH along the Silk Road, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, organized by UNESCO Almaty Cluster Office
- 2016, November
Experts Meeting on Mapping Project for ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region, Sakai City, Osaka, Japan, organized by IRCI
- 2015, March
Working group meeting on preparation of the final Nowrouz Multinational Nomination File, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran
- 2015, February
Conference on Nourishing the Balance in the Universe, Haridwar, India, organized by the ICCS Inc. USA
- 2012, March
Conference on Nourishing the Balance in the Universe, Mysore, India, organized by the ICCS Inc. USA
- 2010, September
Ethnobiology Research Methods Course, Kars, Turkey Organized by the Global Diversity Fund, USA,



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