

WMPA INTERNATIONAL BOARD CHAMBERY (France) – 20th-26th NOVEMBER 2011



SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS



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THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD
COMPOSED BY THE REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE WMPA
in Chambéry, France – 20th-26th November 2011

One year after the Third World Meeting of the World Mountain People Association (Oloron Sainte-Marie, French Pyrenees, from 25th September to 3rd October 2011), the city of Chambéry (its elected representatives, its services and its population —400 people participated in an evening of discovery of the Peruvian mountains—) hosted, from 20th to 26th November 2011, a WMPA International Board composed, particularly, by the Secretary-General and the five Regional Vice-Presidents. The purpose of the meeting on “**Drawing up the WMPA actions in the regions of the world**” was to take stock of the activities carried out in the different mountain ranges in order to develop and organise the implementation of the 2012 working programme and to prepare ourselves for the 2nd Earth Summit, to be held from 20th to 22th June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro.

I. WMPA ORGANISATION

1. The WMPA International Board should meet **on an annual basis** and the Board should be held in parallel with other planned events. In such cases, the WMPA shall bear all Regional Vice-Presidents’ travel and accommodation expenses; the other members of the Whole Board of the WMPA will be invited, but they shall bear all their costs. Indeed, due to the financial situation, it is very difficult to bring the whole Board, composed by 30 members + 30 substitutes elected in Oloron, together.
2. Looking ahead to 2012: the members of the WMPA from the Himalayan region intend to organise a WMPA **meeting in the Hindu Kush-Himalayas in October 2012**, where the Regional Vice-Presidents, the President, the Secretary-General and the Technical Committee will be invited: **the meeting will therefore constitute the annual meeting of the International Board.**
3. The Board confirmed that the online election of the presidents of the thematic committees, as defined by the General Assembly in Oloron Sainte-Marie, should be postponed (a) due to the absence of the necessary quorum and to the unfit voting arrangements, but also (b) to a lack of understanding on the part of the candidates about the content and challenges arising from such responsibility. The board decided to **redirect and strengthen the regional WMPA actions, on the basis of the issues identified in Oloron and in accordance with the priorities established by the Regional Vice-Presidents** (in the table below each region has attributed ten points to the issues that it considers a priority; the last column gives an idea of the priorities for all regions). Therefore, thematic leaders are likely to emerge within the area of every mountain range. Once the regional actions have been consolidated, the WMPA will then organise its international agenda.

REGIONAL ISSUES	Himalayas	Europe	North Africa	Andes	Southern Africa	TOTAL
Valorisation of Mountain Products	2	2		3		7
Regional Centres for Cooperation and Exchange	3	1	2			6
Biodiversity and Cultural Diversity	2	1			3	6
Climate Change		1			3	4
Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Autonomy, Territories and States	1	3 (Participatory democracy and EU’s recognition of the mountain issue)	5	3 (Practical implementation of the political autonomy recognised in the constitutions of several countries)		12
Mining Projects, Mass Tourism and Land-Grabbing	2	2		1,5	2	7,5
Crops Declared Illicit			3	2,5		5,5
Sharing of National Resources					2	2

4. The Board did confirm **Samir Newa, elected in Oloron, as President of the Commission on Mountain Products**, and it also engaged **Jorge Hernandez to lead, as project coordinator, the Commission on Illicit Crops.**
5. The Board also decided to **launch a 2012 membership campaign to recruit new members for the WMPA.**

II. 2012 ACTION PROGRAMME

See regional tables at the end of the present paper

The WMPA will participate and strength its advocacy and networking activities, relying in particular on the events planned by region.

III. INTERNAL COMMUNICATION

- On the initiative of Ophélie Robineau, Vice-President for Communication, **the Board encourages members to submit information for the newsletter** in order to facilitate the flow of information among the mountain ranges. The information should be written in concise paragraphs (half page, one page maximum) to expedite the processing of information and the translation.

- The Board decided that the **Regional Vice-Presidents should send a short summary of past events, as well as small texts developing important topics for the corresponding mountain range, every two months directly to Ophélie Robineau**, in the purpose of maintaining a continuous flow of information concerning the activity developed within each mountain range.
- The Board agreed that **direct communication between mountain ranges should be promoted**. Since language is the main obstacle, e-mails should contain simple sentences which can be easily translated by using free software available on internet (Google Translator, etc.). Some of you have been able to verify how these tools operate. Even though they are far from being perfect, they give an idea of the content by combining the results obtained by several translators. Skype exchanges should also prevail.
- Key information, either from the Directorate and the Technical Committee or from the mountain ranges, must go first through the Regional Vice-Presidents. The Board confirmed that the **Regional Vice-Presidents are responsible for the dissemination of the information within their mountain ranges** and that, to that end, they should use the appropriate means (internet, radio, newspapers, etc.). The members of the International Board, who have been elected representatives **of the WMPA, should also ensure the dissemination of the information within their networks**.
- The Board entrusted to the Directorate of the WMPA and to Ophélie Robineau the task of facilitating the work of **updating the mailing lists/information from each region**: in January, Ophélie Robineau will forward an Excel file to each Regional Vice-President, so he/she is able to complete the list and to collect members and supporters' e-mail addresses.

IV. EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

- The external communication of the WMPA needs to be improved: the Board decided that the new website is a priority to be budgeted in 2012. The Board asked the Directorate of the WMPA to implement that project.
- Crisis communications: the board adopted the WMPA urgent action procedure, prepared by Denis Blamont. The compliance of the proposed procedure will allow the WMPA to better carry out its mission of condemning the abuses in mountain regions and defending the population involved.
- The evening session, which was open to the people of Chambéry and organised on the occasion of the International Board, has opened a path to follow in all other WMPA manifestations taking place around the world. The 400 attendees really appreciated the comments on the Peruvian documentary from several Regional Vice-Presidents and the presentation of the WMPA by the President, Jean Lassalle.

V. THE USE OF THE LOGO AND THE LETTERHEAD OF THE WMPA

- The Board decided that local or regional WMPAs are allowed to use the WMPA logo, even if it is used in combination with a customised logo for the region or the project concerned. Its use complies several rights, but also several duties, including the duty to inform the WMPA on the use made of it. The same applies to the use of the WMPA letterhead.
- Regarding the Commission on Mountain Products, the Board asked Samir NEWA to submit all proposals to the President and the Advisory Technical Committee before using the final logo.

VI. DRAFT STATEMENTS ON THE POSITION OF THE WMPA

1. The Board noted and commented the WMPA proposal for Rio+20, which was prepared by the members of the Technical Committee and submitted before the deadline, 1st November 2011. The Board approved the urgent drafting of these texts given the deadline constraints, and noted that it was drafted on the basis of pre-existing WMPA papers. The Board confirmed that the basic ideas of the association were present at those papers and it also suggested some additional amendments for the Rio+20 paper (<http://mountainpeople.org/RI02012.php>).
2. The collective drafting of a paper is a difficult process, especially via the internet. Although discussions were not able to go to completion due to time constraints, the Board decided the following: when a paper must be written, a person from the Board or the Technical Committee will be appointed by the President to draft a first discussion paper. The same person will also receive all comments and amendments on the paper; as is currently the case for Chapter 13 (Denis Blamont, member of the technical Committee) and the Charter of Natural Resources (Gerard Logié, member of the technical Committee).
3. The members of the WMPA are encouraged to continue to submit feedback and suggestions on these texts (Chapter 13 and Charter of Natural Resources), by writing an e-mail to the people listed above.

VII. PARTNERSHIPS AND EXCHANGE PROPOSALS FROM FIELD VISITS

Visiting the regional natural parks of the Chartreuse and the Bauges raised the issue of following-up these visits. French "Regional" Natural Parks (PNR) –other than the "national" parks, in which the State is the sole guarantor of their conservation– are created to protect and enhance large inhabited rural areas: one tenth of the territory encompasses 48 PNR. The areas that can be classified as "Regional Natural Park" are predominantly rural areas whose landscapes, natural environments and cultural heritage are of high quality, but whose balance is fragile. A Regional Natural Park is organised around an agreement of sustainable development, which is revised every ten years and is based on the protection and enhancement of the natural and cultural heritage. This model, which combines both, respect for the people living in the park, territorial development and protection of the nature and the cultural heritage, could be adopted in mountain ranges where the national parks policy and the respect of the sites are the only rule, often to the detriment of the population.

In the Aosta Valley (Italy), a different type of organisation of the territory was discovered. There, the organisation of what might be called "local resource centre" was set up step-by-step, implementing a modern professional practice and ensuring a thorough knowledge of all levels of the mountains. The Aosta Valley is an example of a mountain area, with legal autonomy and financial resources, which has implemented a comprehensive land development policy enhancing the resources and the local culture. The territorial development allows young trained people to return to the area to perform real tasks in the development process. They have done a significant research work, which helped to collect and enhance the local know-how and culture (language, traditions, architectural heritage, etc.). The visit to the Aosta Valley gave the opportunity to make the European WMPA actions known and to see how an elected representative, member of the WMPA, supports the development of his territory by applying the vision championed by the WMPA.

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MOROCCO

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- WORLD MOUNTAIN PEOPLE ASSOCIATION: www.mountainpeople.org
- CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS RURALES Y AGRICULTURA INTERNACIONAL (Spain): www.cerai.org
- CHAMBERY PROMOTION: www.chambery-promotion.com
- GENERAL COUNCIL OF SAVOIE: www.cg73.fr
- GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE AVEYRON: www.cg12.fr
- REGIONAL COUNCIL OF THE RHONE-ALPES REGION: www.rhonealpes.fr
- REGIONAL COUNCIL OF THE AOSTA VALLEY (Italy): www.consiglio.regione.vda.it
- CONSEJO DE FEDERACIONES CAMPESINAS DE YUNGAS (Bolivia)
- WORLD AMAZIGH CONGRESS: www.congres-mondial-amazigh.org
- EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA SMALL SCALE FARMERS' FORUM: www.esaff.org
- CHARLES LEOPOLD MAYER FOUNDATION FOR THE PROGRESS OF HUMANKIND: www.fph.ch
- FOUNDATION COLOMBIA NUESTRA (Colombia)
- GRANDE TRAVERSEE DES ALPES: www.grande-traversee-alpes.com
- GDF SUEZ GROUP: www.gdfsuez.com
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- LE GRAND BIVOUAC D'ALBERTVILLE: www.grandbivouac.com
- AID MISSION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL ECONOMIES IN AFGANISTAN: www.madera-asso.org
- ORGANIC VILLAGE (Nepal): www.theorganicvillage.com
- PEOPLE ASSOCIATION FOR HIMALAYA AREA RESEARCH (India): www.pahar.org
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