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APRCN aims at:

- Encouraging an exchange of information, research and cooperation among institutions concerned with cultural development throughout the Asia-Pacific region;
- Strengthening regional participation in the Culturelink Network and serving as a catalyst for cooperative research in the field of cultural development at regional, interregional and international levels.

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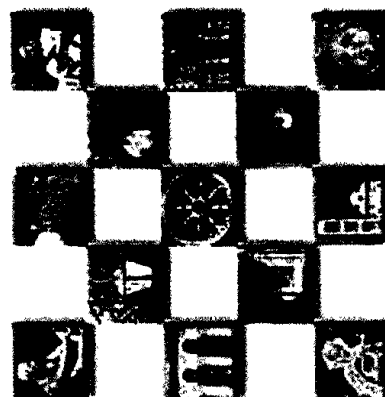


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NETWORK OF NETWORKS FOR RESEARCH AND COOPERATION IN CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

The key to international cooperation, and the prerequisite for it, is exchange - exchange of artefacts, individuals, ideas, and hence of information, on all aspects of the cultural 'galaxy' such as the cultural heritage, the history of cultures, and also, of course, culture as a creative force and cultural development.

Federico Mayor

Former Director-General of UNESCO
(From the Preface to the first issue of the
review *CULTURELINK*)

CULTURELINK permettra d'amorcer des dialogues entre les cultures, non seulement à l'échelle de l'Europe, mais aussi dans le cadre mondial et de faire avancer l'entente entre les peuples et leurs progrès, non seulement à l'échelle de l'Europe, mais aussi à l'échelle planétaire.

José Vidal-Beneyto

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(De la Préface au premier numéro de *CULTURELINK*)

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WHAT CULTURELINK IS

CULTURELINK is the worldwide Network of Networks for Research and Cooperation in Cultural Development.

This Network embraces research, information and documentation networks, and institutions devoted to cultural development and international cooperation.

It was established in 1989 following the Recommendation adopted at the *International Consultation of Representatives of Regional and Subregional Networks for Cultural Development, Research and Cooperation*, organised by UNESCO and the Council of Europe, in Paris, June 1989.

CULTURELINK was co-founded by UNESCO and the Council of Europe. The Institute for International Relations, Zagreb, Croatia has been the focal point of the Network since its foundation.

The Network gathers over 1500 networks, institutions, organizations, foundations and professionals from over 100 countries in all parts of the world, which are engaged and interested in cultural development, cultural policies and cooperation, cultural management and education.

AIMS OF CULTURELINK

Strengthening and broadening continuous communication among the members of the Network, exchanging information on their work, research, meetings and publications;

Collecting, processing and disseminating information on cultural development, cultural policies and life;

Encouraging joint research and other endeavours aimed at a better information flow among developed and developing countries, the UN and other international organizations.

ACTIVITIES OF CULTURELINK

Promotion of joint international, interregional and regional RESEARCH PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS on cultural development and cultural policies, including programmes on cultural identities, cultural diversity, cultural cooperation and new communication technologies.

Development of the DOCUMENTATION CENTRE and the CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT DATABANK with the task of making information on cultural development, policies and life widely accessible to all members of the Network. The Databank includes the:

- Cultural Policy Database
- Database of Institutions and Networks in the Field of Cultural Development
- Bibliographical Database

Regular publishing of the review *CULTURELINK*, and other periodical and monograph publications, available as paper editions as well as in part electronically, over the Internet at <http://www.culturelink.org>

WHAT CULTURELINK OFFERS

Membership open to all networks and other organizations engaged in cultural development and cooperation;

Opportunity for all members to present the results of their own activities to a wide audience;

Opportunity for all members to be informed about most recent trends in worldwide cultural development and intercultural communication;

Opportunity for publishers and other agents of cultural industries to inform about their publications, productions, events and activities.

REVIEW CULTURELINK

The task of the review *CULTURELINK* is to provide the reader with up-to-date information on the activities of Culturelink Network members, including networking, current or planned research projects, research results, reports from and announcements of meetings and conferences of mutual interest, publications and documentation.

CULTURELINK is produced on the basis of inputs received from the members of the Network, UNESCO and the Council of Europe, as well as from other sources (e.g., international organizations, government agencies, research institutions and individual experts).

CULTURELINK also serves as a forum for the discussion of issues related to cultural development and cultural policies. So far, the Review has proven as a successful medium for stimulating concrete joint activities of the Network members.

The Contents of regular issues of *CULTURELINK*:

- *Networking in Progress* - presenting the activities of networks;
- *Research and Programmes* - describing research in progress and research plans;
- *UNESCO, the Council of Europe and the European Union* - reporting on their activities;
- *International Meetings and Conferences* - informing about topics, proceedings, conclusions, organizers and sponsors of meetings, conferences, workshops and seminars;
- *Documentation* - presenting various documents, reports and journals;
- *Publications* - presenting book reviews and a list of recent publications on cultural development and international cooperation;
- *News and Information* - reporting on training seminars, grants, specific cultural initiatives, etc.;
- *Dossier* - publishing original papers with most recent research results from projects conducted by Culturelink members worldwide.

CULTURELINK is published in English four times a year, on some 200 pages per issue.

All members of the Network are entitled to receive the review *CULTURELINK* as well as other relevant information from the CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT DATABANK.

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