



CoDA Service Conference 2024

Committee Report

Committee Name: World Connections Committee

Due Date: June 22nd, 2024

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Discussion Items:

- Helped CoDA world **connect literature stores** around the world (countries like Canada, Russia, Iran).

- WCC has had more **contacts** in the past year
- Invited people to attend the **AI interpretation session** – useful feedback was provided
- **International Representation and Growth:** Tracking the progress and development of CoDA groups worldwide, particularly in regions like Iran, Canada, France, Portugal, Uganda, Iceland, Latvia, and Finland, indicates the global expansion and importance of the organization's outreach efforts. Various intergroups are facing unique challenges and making progress in their regions, such as obtaining grants, addressing communication issues, and increasing membership.
- **Meeting Accessibility and Language Interpretation:** we discussed issues related to international meeting accessibility, particularly regarding language interpretation for international events like the CoDA Service Conference (CSC) and International CoDA Convention (ICC).
- **Upcoming Workshops and Committee Needs:** We highlighted upcoming events like the 2024 Sponsorship Workshop and identified needs for Regional Service Representatives (RSRs) in various regions.
- **Progress and Concerns for international fellowship:**
 - Progress is noted in setting up translation programs by the Translations Management Coordinator (TMC).
 - Concerns regarding protecting bank account information were resolved.
 - Challenges with international sanctions persist, hindering financial support and translation grants to the international fellowship.
 - Voting Entity Liaison is coordinating with the international delegates to inform delegate package and Eventbrite registration are live.
- **Voting Entity/Intergroup Reports collaboration with CSC Prep Group:** We have achieved an agreement to enhance the efficiency of submitting and scheduling the CSC international Voting Entities (VE)/Intergroup reports. The streamlined process improves coordination between various entities and simplifies the submission of VE reports to the CoDA Events Committee (CEC).
- **We encouraged our members to participate in the Delegate Relations Committee (DRC)**
- Helping Develop CoDA Literature in other languages:
 - Iran: requested translated '**Meeting Materials**' be added to coda.org; an email to webmaster@coda.org went out;
 - WCC followed up on the **Publication Grant** procedure with TMC@coda.org;
 - Interested in further information regarding the addition of **international literature stores** to coda.org followed by an email to webmaster@coda.org and info@coda.org
- We requested the Web Liaison to add Countries that manage their own meetings to the **International meetings list**.
- **Elections**
 - **Chair**
 - **No Chair** till Sep 2023
 - **Pouria Z** – Sep 2023 – Feb 2024
 - **Roman A** – Jun 2024 – till now
 - **Vice-Chair**
 - **Roman A** till Jun 2024
 - **Jeanne J** – since Jun 2024
 - **Secretary** –
 - **Carole T** – till Jun 2024
 - **Leane G** – since Jun 2024

Committee Goals and Action Plans

GOALS	ACTION PLANS
1. Make WCC grow, better organized, and efficient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the recruiting day at CSC • Plan a Face-to-Face Meeting • Update Policies and Procedures • Determine roles and responsibilities • Ensure officers' knowledge transfer
2. Maintain and increase contact information with worldwide voting entities and areas without a formal CoDA structure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain contact list • Brainstorm options to grow our network
3. Help CoDA grow/spread around the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to foster and grow Intergroup/VE involvement in WCC from around the world. • Recruit Regional Service Representatives
4. Support other countries/voting entities in CoDA development and growth and encourage forming Intergroups and Voting Entities thereby increasing participation and representation at the CoDA World level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host an Open House (Q&A) • Utilize Regional Service Representatives to help CoDA grow by sharing knowledge and connecting people
5. Provide information and awareness concerning the CoDA, Inc. Board of Trustees, CoRe (literature and publishing), standing committees and service structure, as well as increase familiarity with the Fellowship Services Manual, Service Concepts and website navigation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host an Open House (Q&A) • Connect with the Fellowship forum • Collect feedback and pass it on
6. Share information on topics and interact with members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the WCC Webpage • Answer emails from the fellowship
7. Increase awareness of cultural and language similarities and differences throughout CoDA to assist in reaching out to the rest of the Fellowship.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide feedback on how CoDA Inc. communicates with the world
8. Utilize information from country/voting entity reports, and email comments to identify needs which are prioritized by group conscience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review country/VE reports and emails to identify patterns and needs • Brainstorm options to assist • Make decisions via group conscience • Act on the decisions and communicate them to countries