

African Regional Meeting



Figure 1. Participants in the African Caucus in 2014



**Center for World
Indigenous Studies**

Annual Report - 2021

Message from the Chair, Rodolph C. Rýser, Ph.D.

The Center for World Indigenous Studies entered the year 2021 as its 42nd year of celebration recalling many accomplishments and responding to the inquires and requests of Indigenous nations seeking solutions to problems in the areas of traditional healing arts and sciences and Fourth World geopolitics.

The agenda for the year quickly grew with rapidly increasing demands from the Fourth World. With little or no help from States' governments or international state-based organizations such as the United Nations, the Organization of American States or African Union, it became quite clear that Indigenous nations must take proactive initiatives to guarantee their social, economic, political, and cultural survival. With a rapidly spreading COVID-19 virus pandemic reaching into indigenous peoples' communities at first among nations near metropolitan areas and then with increasing pace spreading into more remote communities "death by virus" has been a grave danger. The Viral Pandemic further threatened the world's original nations that had been suffering from the violent consequences of state and corporate induced changes

to the climate from elevated carbon gases in the atmosphere and escalations of direct violence to nations from unregulated mineral extraction industry forcing their way into nations' territories. The violence caused by changing climate (draughts, hurricanes, flooding, and volcanic explosions sometimes caused by "fracking"), military and militia attacks and forced population removals by states contributed to expansive increases in Fourth World refugees and migrations.

Climate Change, a sudden onset of a global COVID-19 pandemic, biodiversity collapse, collapsing economies in unstable states, increases in states turning to autocratic governments, migrations made necessary from state-to-state violence, climate changes and resultant dislocations directly troubled indigenous nation all over the world. Added to all these challenges indigenous nations were experiencing elevated levels of chronic disease (diabetes, heart disease, trauma) and rapidly declining availability of water and foods—increasing food insecurity. The year 2020-21 seemed to be the culmination of massive disruption the world over.

In addition to our education, research, and policy projects the Center took on three rather large initiatives prompted by the sharp changes in the international environment: Development of “Native Roots, Greener Future- Walking the Kálhaculture Way educational course led by Dr. Leslie Korn; conducted a months’ long Assessment of the Spread of COVID-19 into American Indian Communities; and fully organized the Congress of Nations and States to promote implementation of existing agreements between indigenous nations and UN member states.

CWIS benefited from the work of Dr. Leslie E. Korn as Education and Research Director, Executive Assistant Aline Castañeda, the Information Technology and video production team Director Mr. Angel Estrada supported by team members Alma Méndez, Yesenia Cortéz, Max Montalbán, Juan Gradilla, Irma Felix, Fatima Mora, Sofia Mora, Michel Medellin; and Associate Scholars serving as Fourth World Journal contributors, course instructors and researchers: Dr. Amy Eisenberg, Cora

Moran, Dina Gilio-Whitaker, Elise Krohn, Dr. Susan McCleary, Dr. Joyce Frey, and Dr. Sabina Singh.

But CWIS was able to play a role in facilitating and stimulating proactive decision- making and actions by indigenous governments to limit damages in many instances and in a few instances establish new pathways for addressing the challenges. What we learned in this year is that nations have the capacity to create new directions for solving problems that are often created by states their subordinate bodies such as corporations and many of their failing governments.

This Annual Report for 2021 demonstrates that much can be accomplished with the formulation of good questions by nations, careful research and analysis and deliberate action taken by indigenous nations even when all else seems to be failing. CWIS has been fortunate to be a part of the solutions through activist scholarship led by the decisions of strong indigenous leaders around the world.

Center for World Indigenous Studies

41st Annual Report

December 2020

Overview

The Center for World Indigenous Studies ends its 41st year of continuous advancement of indigenous knowledge with this annual report. We look to celebrate our 42h Anniversary in March 2021. When the Conference of Tribal Governments met in 1979 in Tumwater, Washington, USA and authorized the establishment of a “document exchange center;” and designated Rudolph Ryser as the responsible person to organize and implement the mandate the original idea was that documents would be gathered from tribal governments and then distributed on request to tribal governments wanting to receive shared information. The material was varied from economic development plans, to meeting notes to letters and reports. All of those “beer box” (materials received in boxes) documents became the foundation for what would become the CWIS George Manuel Memorial Library that is part of the World Wide Web library system.

The Center is now indeed a global organization not only providing the library, a repowered online website

linked to Facebook, Associate Scholars in many countries, and an education program with online courses, research in a wide range of subject areas include economic, health, nutrition, ecological and historical investigations; and public policy documentation and analysis including governance, intellectual and cultural property rights, and climate change—subjects of direct benefit to indigenous nations on every continent.

CWIS Mission

Our mission is to advance the interests of Fourth World nations through the application of traditional knowledge systems in the fields of traditional healing arts and sciences and Fourth World geopolitics through activist scholarship in research, education, and public policy.

CWIS Vision

CWIS views the application of traditional knowledge rooted in different indigenous sciences to the challenges faced by indigenous peoples in a wide range of fields of human endeavor as essential for the survival of indigenous nations and communities as well as

metropolitan societies. We envision a community of scholars committed not only to the perpetuation of indigenous knowledge systems and application, recognition by and integration into relevant state systems of thought, but to the continued reclamation of heritage knowledge often set aside by centuries of colonization.

Core Values

A core value of the Center for World Indigenous Studies is “activist scholarship.” CWIS responds to questions and requests offered by indigenous leaders and communities by applying traditional knowledge systems in scholarship while taking the initiative to formulate actions and strategies to be carried out by leaders and their peoples in a proactive fashion to implement the knowledge in their social and cultural context applied to social, economic, political, environmental, and cultural spheres.

CWIS values diversity of cultural experiences and an embrace of a balanced relationship between the needs and wants of peoples and the ability of nature to provide support for life. Our commitment to human diversity reflects our commitment to recognizing our responsibilities to all life in relationships of reciprocity and accountability

Strategic Goals

- » Establish sharing and cooperation between nations through effective and appropriate policy.
- » Democratize international relations between nations and nations and states.
- » Support indigenous peoples to access traditional knowledge systems and ideas that embody appropriate epistemologies and ontologies
- » Promote the health and wellbeing of indigenous peoples through the restoration of natural foods and medicines appropriate to each culture.
- » Promote the social, economic, political, cultural rights and good governance authorities of indigenous peoples; and
- » Promote conflict transformation and establish new international law to prevent and establish accountability for crimes of genocide and crimes against humanity to preserve the distinct cultural identity of nations.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is the policy-making body of CWIS, relying on the advice and suggestions of the Nations’ spokespersons, the CWIS Founding

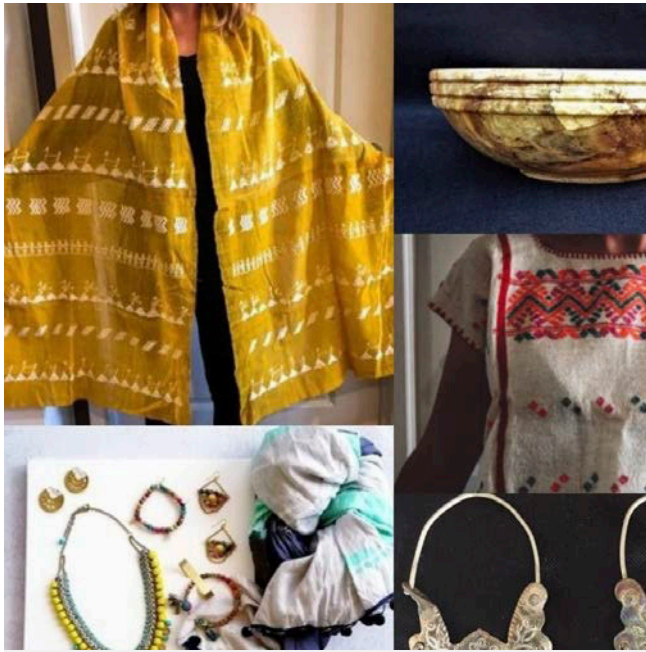


Figure 2 Center for Traditional Medicine Traditional Auction



Figure 3 Grand Chief George Manuel (1921-1989)

Board, Associate Scholars, Fellows and Expert personnel. The Board of Directors in FY 2021 included the following members:

Rudolph C. Rýser, PhD. Chairman of the Board of Directors

Dr. Rýser is the Founder of the Center for World Indigenous Studies of Oneida-Cree heritage) earned his doctoral degree in International Relations at the Union Institute, Cincinnati, OH. USA. Establishing the Center working in collaboration with Grand Chief George Manuel (1921 – 1989) leader of the Neskonalith in British Columbia and Chief of the Native Brotherhood [now First Nations Assembly] and President of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples; and Quinault Nation President Joe DeLaCruz (1931 – 2000) for a quarter of a century and President of the National Congress of American Indians as well as President of the National Chairmen Association. Dr. Rýser worked with a select team under the direction of Mel Tonasket, President of the National Congress of American Indians in 1974 to craft the American Indian Declaration of Sovereignty, served in the American Indian Policy Review Commission, Executive Director of the Small Tribes Organization of Western Washington, Acting Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians and led

the initiative in the United States to establish self-government through Compacts of Self-Government between American Indian nations and the US Government.

Amy Desjarlais, MA, Secretary of the Board of Directors

Ms Desjarlais holds a Master of Arts degree emphasizing Anishinawbekwe culture, historical trauma, policy and governance, indigenous knowledge, and indigenous teaching methods. She is a Knowledge Keeper at York University and is currently the Lead for Kiwenitawi-kiwin Kiskino-amatawina Rebirthed Teachings Working Group at Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada. Rebirthed Teachings main objective is “To Foster Truth, Understanding, and Respect among Indigenous and Non-Indigenous peoples as well as to Foster Understanding about our Shared History.”

She is a prolific author, lecturer and public speaker offering presentations such as “Emptying the Cup: Healing Fragmented Identity – An Anishinawbekwe perspective on Historical Trauma and Culturally Appropriate Consultation,” and works such as “Where is your Heart? Canada’s Problem on Violence against aboriginal Women.” Ms. Desjarlais has served

as a member of the Center for World Indigenous Studies Board of Directors since 2017 and is the Secretary of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee Member.

SkWumqñálqs Amelia Marchand, MA, Treasurer of the Board of Directors

SkWumqñálqs earned a Master of Arts Degree in Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont School of Law, South Royalton, Vermont, USA. She has served on the Center for World Indigenous Studies Board of Directors since 2017 and is the current Treasurer and member of the Center for World Indigenous Studies Executive Committee. SkWumqñálqs serves the Colville Confederated Tribes Trust Department as the Water Regulatory Specialist—the first woman to hold this position in the Colville Government. She was awarded numerous certificates including the “Private Well Assessment and Outreach for EHP;” “Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals Climate Change Adaptation Training (Fort Hall, Idaho), and the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Program Climate Change Responding to Drought and Water Challenges. A prolific writer and speaker, SkWumqñálqs has delivered presentations including “Efforts of Environmental Justice and Holistic Regulation on the Colville Indian

Reservation” before the 70th Annual Northwest Anthropological Conference (Spokane, Washington, USA) and “Climate Change Impacts to Human Health and Infrastructure.”

Kü Kahakalau, PhD

Dr. Kahakalau was awarded her doctoral degree in Indigenous Education from the Union Institute and University. Dr. Kahakalau is the Founder and served as Director of o ka ‘Āina New Century Public Charter School, the first Hawaiian, fully accredited native-focused K-12 charter school. The award-winning school incorporated ancient and modern balances of western technologies with Hawaiian skills and propensities. In addition, she was the founder of Hālau Wānana, the first truly alternative state-approved teacher education program that provided teacher training and elementary and secondary licensing to candidates interested in teaching culturally driven K-12 programs including schools with high concentrations of native Hawaiians. Dr. Kahakalau is best known for her ground-breaking Pedagogy of Alaha, a critique of modern one-method-fits all, classroom based, large-group instruction, with little or no relation to teacher and curriculum, instruction and assessment of students. Dr. Kahakalau has served in various

capacities as a member of the Center for World Indigenous Studies Board of Directors since 2006.

Leslie E. Korn, PhD, MPH, LMHC

Dr. Leslie Korn earned her doctorate in the field of Behavioral Medicine. In 1976 she founded and serves as the Director of the Center for Traditional Medicine. She has served as the Director of Research and Education at the Center for World Indigenous Studies since 1995. She served in the Psychological Trauma Clinic at Massachusetts General Hospital and worked Ethnomedicine at Harvard Medical School. Her work in indigenous communities in Mexico, United States and Canada reinforces her work developing undergraduate and graduate courses focused on traditional knowledge health and nutrition and she has taught courses in Traditional Medicine (cross cultural approaches to indigenous health traditions), Terra Soma (a course that explores the relationship between Environmental health and the health of the body), Nutrition, Medicinal Plants and Cultural Cuisines, and Advanced Somatic Therapies and Altered States of Consciousness. Dr. Korn has served as a member of the Center for World Indigenous Studies Board of Directors since 2019.

Henry Cagey

Mr. Henry Cagey served for 28 years as the Chairman of the Lummi Nation Tribal Council and is a current Councilman on that Council. He has served on the Executive Committee of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and actively engaged in fundraising for the Lummi Nation, National Congress of American Indians and Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. He has also served on the Pacific Northwest Indian Health Board, the National Native American Boarding School Coalition, Native Affairs at Native Network Inc. and Mother Nation, Inc. Chairman Cagey has actively worked to advance tribal sovereignty, tribal government, public policy for health, education and economic development in Indian Country and his Nation. Mr. Cagey began serving on the Center for World Indigenous Studies Board of Directors in 2019.

Martha Schmidt, LL.M.

Ms. Martha Schmidt earned her Master of Law degree in Law and Marine affairs at the University of Washington, Seattle, USA and her Doctor of Jurisprudence at the University of Wisconsin, USA. Her other studies include the Doctoral Program in Social Anthropology at the University of Chicago and a certificate, Institut International des Droits de L'Homme,

Strasbourg, France. She has served as an adjunct and visiting professor at the Evergreen State College teaching graduate level courses including Human Rights and Public Policy, Contemporary Labor and Employment Problems, and Women and the Global Economy. Ms. Schmidt has practiced law as a sole practitioner, Juvenile Defender, labor attorney and Attorney Organizer at the Seattle Worker Center. She has served as Executive Director of the Committee for a Nuclear Overkill Moratorium, and organized campaigns to promote the rights of communities of color, religious organizations, scientists, women's groups, unions, and has engaged extensively in public speaking and fund raising. Ms. Schmidt has served on the Center for World Indigenous Studies Board of Directors since 2019.

Gillian Joseph

Gillian Joseph earned a Master of Science degree in Global Mobility, Inclusion and Diversity in Society from Instituto Universitário de Lisboa é uma Universidade Portuguesa (ISCTE-IUL) (Portugal) and the University of Oslo, and University of Limerick. Her studies focused on "Community-based Psychosocial Interventions'

Effect on Indigenous Health Outcomes." This emphasis in her academic career followed obtaining

her psychology degree reflected in her thesis, “Indigenization as a Protective Factor Against Violence in Native American Communities. She has written and narrated an educational curriculum about Indigenous health for middle to senior high school students and teacher at the Center for Traditional Medicine and served as the Knapp Fellowship Researcher at AT&T Center for Indigenous Politics and Policy in Washington, D.C. She is Ihaŋktoŋwaŋ Dakota speaking the Lakota language, Spanish and English.

Jeremie Caribou

Jeremie Caribou received his BA in Public Administration and Governance at Ryerson University, in Toronto, Canada. He originates from Mohawk and has served as a Research Assistant for

Ryerson University Graduate Program in Immigration and Settlement Studies and Social Innovation Specialist in the Ryerson University Office of Social Innovation.

Education Program Education and Publications

The Education Program offers online courses, internships and publications in the fields of traditional medicine and fourth world geopolitics.

Developed a new paid 5-hour video course: Exploring Intelligence from an Indigenous Perspective

Worked with Board member Amy D who over sees 2 interns and is leading the development of a language

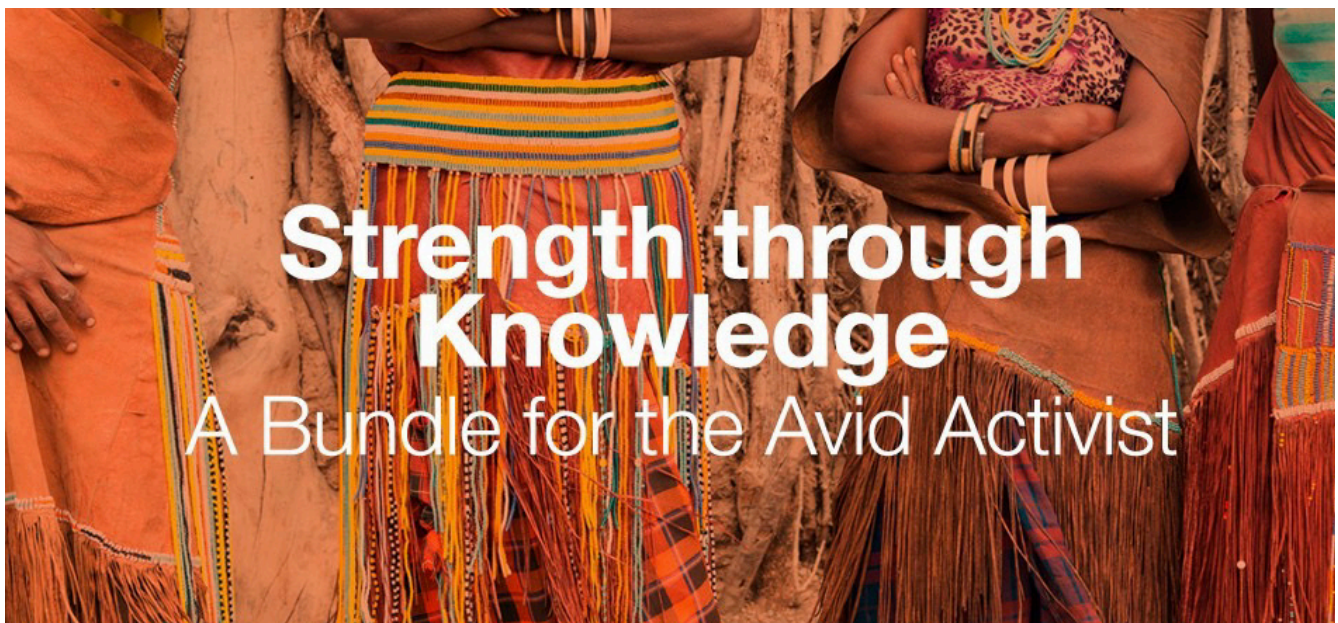


Figure 4. CWIS Activist Scholarship and Traditional Knowledge Systems

course Delivered a talk to WA state Bar Association Listen In: COVID-19 — Discrimination and Hate Speech about trauma, indigenous peoples and discrimination

Applied for May) Received a \$15,000 grant in Aug to translate Dr Ryser’s CWIS research on climate change into a course (English and Spanish) for teens on the subject of the application of indigenous science Free course will launch February 2021.

Interns

Enrolled 22 unpaid interns for a minimum 20-40 hrs a week for 3 months: representing diverse students from U/Denver, Columbia University, Boston University, Post master’s interns from Cincinnati, Latvia, Berlin

These interns invigorated CWIS social media, are working on course and blog development, conducting planning and outreach

Preventing and Treating Diabetes Type 2, Naturally – publication

Comprehensive Guide to Food, Herbs, Supplements, Recipes, Energy Medicine, Massage and Exercise Learn state-of-the art, proven healing approaches to restoring health.

New online Courses

Dr. Leslie Korn and the development team of Fatima Mora, Leslie Simonin Wilmer and Miguel Angel Estrada compiled and placed online nine new online courses from the Center for Traditional Medicine and the Fourth World Institute in the fields of traditional healing arts and sciences, the environment, and Fourth World Geopolitics. Work is underway to translate all courses into English and Spanish. •Oolichan Oil: The Elixir of the Sea

- » Oolichan Oil: The Elixir of the Sea
- » Preventing and Treating Diabetes Naturally [Eng.] and Prevenir y Tratar la Diabetes, Naturalmente [Spa.]
- » Essentials of Mental Health Nutrition
- » Native Women’s Activism
- » Environmental Justice in Indian Country
- » Nutrition for Mood and Cognitive Repair
- » Introduction to Herbal Medicine
- » Strength through Knowledge
- » From Islamic State Genocide Against the Yezidi

Fourth World Journal

Two issues of the Fourth World Journal were issued and distributed on the CWIS Webpage as well as through three licensed distributors reaching more than 300 universities and colleges world-wide.

Intercontinental cry

Intercontinental Cry has served the public by publishing investigative journalists who focus on the rights and experiences of indigenous peoples. Intercontinental Cry is an independent publication with carrying out its mission to inform, provoke, educate and inspire the international community by delivering a unique brand of decolonized coverage that explores solutions, exposes injustice and provides facts with context.

Daykeeper Press

DayKeeper Press is the Center for World Indigenous Studies inhouse publishing agent issuing full length books, Fourth World Journal and Occasional Papers. Intercontinentalcry.org

FNX Television Network

CWIS has partnered with First Nations Experience (FNX) to distribute segments and programs produced by the CWIS

video production staff in the subject areas of indigenous education, research and public policy. CWIS productions have included segments and PSAs focused on the COVID-19 pandemic risks to tribal communities and urban Indian communities in the United States. In addition, CWIS produced programs about traditional foods in Mexico, Europe and Africa, and a profile of Grand Chief George Manuel distributed by FNX.

Founded in 2011 FNX is a non-profit television network in San Bernardino, California, owned by the San Bernardino Community College District. The network is broadcast from the KVCR-TV studios located on the San Bernardino Valley College. FNX is America's first and only broadcast network aimed at Native Americans and global Indigenous audiences and consumers of Native culture. Created as a shared vision between Founding Partners, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and the San Bernardino Community College District, FNX is owned by and originates from the studios of KVCR-PBS San Bernardino. FNX is carried by 22 affiliate stations broadcasting into 14 states from Alaska to New York and has a potential viewing audience of more than 46 million people across the United States!

CWIS began exploring another partnership with NATV (expected in 2021)

to broadcast CWIS productions to a global audience to promote social and political allies in support of indigenous communities, activists and traditional knowledge keepers.

Multi-Media

The CWIS multi-media team produces weekly newsletters distributed to supporters, and issues bi-weekly social media announcements and stories.

Research

CWIS Research focuses on the fields of Traditional Healing Arts and Sciences and Fourth World Geopolitics. Topical areas include:

- » Environment and Climate
- » Indigenous Food Systems and Food Security
- » Traditional Medicine, nutrition, indigenous health
- » Intellectual and Cultural Property Rights
- » Economic Development
- » Education
- » Governance

CWIS conducts original research in support of efforts to advance indigenous people's knowledge in the fields of

traditional healing arts and sciences and indigenous nation governance and relations with states. Research projects for this year include:

1. **Fourth World Peoples' Kálhaculture for a Changing World.** A meta-analysis on the effects of CO2 on the nutritional quality of traditional indigenous peoples' foods and medicines. This is a study of plant and animals-based food production from the natural environment that balances the relationship between human need and the Earth's capacity to restore natural life. The word Kálhaculture is derived from two words. The first is an Oneida word for "forest or woods" and the second word is from the Latin meaning "worshiping Earth" or tending to earth. The study is conducted by Cora Moran (Scotland) and Dr. Rudolph Ryser with additional



Figure 5. Standing for Indigenous Land Rights

assistance by Dr Leslie Korn and Ms. Susan McCleary. The Study results were released in early 2021 and published in the Fourth Journal.

2. COVID-19 Indian Country Risk Assessment – and Global Fourth

World COVID-19 Risk Assessment originally conducted by a team of researchers Ashley Arashiro (Japan), Leo Mukosi, Maria Bone, Dr. Leslie Korn, and Rudolph Ryser as the Principal Investigator and later dependent on interns. Ms. Arashiro, Mr. Mukosi and Ms Bone ended their internships.

We launched into an intensive Risk Assessment of the more than 574 indigenous communities in the United States in 2020 at the request of the President of the National Congress of American Indians resulting in the first significant assessment of the effects of COVID-19 in Indian Country. Then we shifted to expand that study into México and Canada for what became a North America COVID-19 Pandemic Risk Assessment. The overall study demonstrates the extensive damage this virus was and is doing in indigenous communities. Since the states failed to adopt programs to disaggregate indigenous nations’ data as they had committed

to accomplishing in the UN World Conference on Indigenous Peoples Outcome Document (2014) none of the ground data that could be considered reliable from any of these states was used except in very indirect ways. The Assessment continued into 2021 pointing to significant spread of COVID-19 among nations in Canada, Mexico, and Guatemala. Increasingly the response of nations has been to close their territories to entry by outsiders since vaccines not generally ben provided by state sourced preventatives

3. Made progress on cataloging 50 plants and their biomedical use and Indigenous peoples’ local use with plans to launch in early 2021

4. Developed video script and shot video and are editing a video on the traditional uses of capomo in rural Indigenous Mexico to be finished and broadcast 2021

5. Research also includes incorporating since March analytics and research about the website and social media; what pages people visit, what they respond to, analyzing key words to enhance reach. This has led to a plan to revise language design and reorganize CWIS website

Public Policy

The Center for World Indigenous Studies is frequently called upon to respond to specific and sometimes not so specific requests by indigenous leaders and their governments to provide advice, analysis and recommendations for improved governance, social, economic, political, and cultural engagement with other nations and with states, and problems that involve community security and threats of violence. When the questions are asked the Center attempts to draw on its internal resources including key staff and Associate Scholars for knowledgeable responses to the inquiries. These are several initiatives taken up by the Center this last year:

Yezidi Cultural Rights Project Fourth World Rules on Genocide, Covenant on Fourth World Genocide

CWIS conducted policy research and drafted an analysis of incidents of genocide perpetrated against indigenous peoples. The initial findings were the 156 alleged genocides resulting in the death of more than 12 million people from 1945 onward and none had been adjudicated or perpetrators held accountable. This demonstrated that the 2016 genocide of 10,000 Yezidis

was not likely to be considered by the International Criminal Court. CWIS then embarked on the process of developing a new international mechanism to hold accountable perpetrators of genocide and crimes against humanity against indigenous peoples. The initial product of that decision has been formation of a 53- nation confederation (Nations located in West Asia and Northern Africa) led by the Ezidikhan Government formalized under an international treaty for common defense, mutual economic benefit and cultural stability.

International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

CWIS sponsored and drafted the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations (1994) obtaining initialed in Geneva, Switzerland at the Palace de Nations by the nations of Crimean Tartar, Numba People of Sudan Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations, Opethesht Nation, and West Papua Peoples' Front. During 2020 and 2021 more than fifty nations have signed and ratified the Covenant.

Tribal Model Legislation on Medicinal/Pharmacological uses of Wildlife

This is an ongoing investigation into tribal government options for establishing their own laws to regulate

access to and uses of traditional foods and medicines.

Congress of Nations and States

A CWIS sponsored initiative to establish a new international mechanism to promote dialogue and decision-making between indigenous nations and states' governments to implement policies and principles agreed to but not implemented that have been enshrined in international instruments since 1977. The Congress of Nations and States (<https://cnsint.org/>) is expected to become an independent international organization under the sponsorship of a State and a Nation and will convene its first Assembly in 2022.

The Center also responded to the sharp changes in the international environment by launching into the planning, organization and convening of the Congress of Nations and States established to provide an international platform for Indigenous Nations and States to engage on an equal political plain to consider and adopt new international laws to implement policies and principles developed and agreed to since 1977. The Congress of Nations and States established a Secretariat of thirteen portfolios, a Preparatory Body and six Specialized Commission responsible for crafting resolutions establishing protocols between Nations

and States to implement the principles and policies. While CWIS gave birth to the CNS it is now a separate body with hopes that it can obtain financial backing, State and Nation endorsements to its Charter and convening a decision body in the years to come.

Wayyu Governance in Kenya and Ethiopia Tebu Nation Confederation

The Wayyu nation located in northern Kenya and southern asked CWIS to assist them to reclaim access to their hunting and food gathering grounds denied by the Kenyan government. CWIS assisted by facilitating their development of an agreement with Borana Nation to exchange cultural support from the Wayyu for access to lands and resources inside Kenya. After two months of discussions with the Wayyu Elder's Council an agreement was settled, and the Wayyu Nation celebrate renewed access to their lands.

CWIS was asked to assist the Tebu Confederation obtain relief from the invasion by mining extractive industry into their territories and prevent the violence committed by these corporations seeking gold, lithium and other precious metals. The Tebu (also spelled Toubou or Tubu) are traditionally nomadic, located in Libya, Chad, Sudan and Niger. There are about perhaps 500

thousand Tebu in their confederated territories. Most Tebu live in the Tibesti Mountain range and the southern towns of Sabha, Kufra, Murzuq and Qatrun. Though converted to Islam by Sanussi missionaries in the nineteenth century, Tebu retain many of their earlier religious beliefs and practices. CWIS is including the Tebu in its investigations of corporations and complicit states contributing to violence, population removals and genocide through their mining extractive practices.

Exercise of Autonomy and Sovereignty

San Francisco Xochicoatla – Mexico’s highway

International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations – ratifications by nations in Iraq, Syria, Turkey, Iran, Israel, Morocco.

The Xochicoatla approached the Center requesting assistance and matters involving encroachments in their territory that threaten the ability of the community to function and prosper.

CWIS provided technical and operation assistance to indigenous nations in West Asia to ratify a new international agreement between indigenous nations representing more than 12 million people through the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.

Assistance was also provided to Indigenous Nations in West Asia to negotiate and ratify the Confederation of Indigenous Nations of the Middle East <http://www.ezidikhan.net/2020/09/16/alliance-of-indigenous-nations-winds-of-change-in-the-middle-east/>

Traditional Healing Arts and Sciences

Small-Scale Indigenous Fisheries and Food Security–FAO Collaboration

CWIS Developed a plan for the Sustainable Participation by Indigenous Nations Fisheries in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO Small Fisheries Group: Rishi Sharma, Nicole Franz and Ben Seigelman) and with Dr. Gary Morishima (Quantitative Science and Environmental Management scientist and head of the Center for Environmental Law and Policy), Preston Hardison (former Tulalip Indian Tribes Policy Analyst Natural Resources Office of Treaty Rights) Syma Ebbin at the University of Connecticut, and the Nuuchalnat First Nation. The purpose of the initiative is to promote and support fish and fishing vital to indigenous peoples, establish enforceable agreements by UN member states with indigenous nations, remedy the adverse effects of environmental loss of resources and access causing suffering worldwide and curb illicit acts

of human and drug trafficking and illegal fishing in the high seas.

Framework Collaborative Agreement with the Pan American Health Organization-COVID Spread among indigenous peoples in the Western Hemisphere

CWIS developed with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) an agreement to collaborate to “work together to improve the health and wellbeing of indigenous populations in the Americas, including strengthening the response to COVID-19 pandemic spread into indigenous communities. CWIS’s COVID-19 Assessment begun in

March 2020 has extended into other countries of the Western Hemisphere and stands as the sole effort to monitor and evaluate the spread of COVID-19 into indigenous communities.

Center for Traditional Medicine

Traditional Medicine

Developed a web page developed to provide free resources on diabetes developed a video for the Nutrients for Natives Program

Developed the three-and-one-half-hour Native Roots online course on indigenous knowledge systems, the



Figure 5. In Celebration of el Día de Muertos: Remembering and Honoring those passed into the Spirit World

benefits of wild plants for health and medicine, and the negative effects of climate change on wild plants and Indigenous Peoples who rely on them. It also provides specific steps about how to become an activist scholar and a community change maker, to apply and share the principles of Indigenous ways of knowing with the purpose of protecting and nourishing the environment.

Developed an auction site and worked with interns and a volunteer committed to raise donation for an auction to raise funds for Nutrients for Natives

Balance Statement

Income/Expense Statement

Center for World Indigenous Studies Balance Sheet

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Accrual Basis

As of September 30, 2021

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	31,181.99
BECU Checking CWIS-1487	2,179.54
BECU Checking Fiscally Spons-0564	2,000.11
BECU Checking Special Project -0598	277,580.10
BECU Savings CWIS-1437	4,607.38
PayPal	\$317,549.12
Total Bank Accounts	\$317,549.12
Total Current Assets	\$317,549.12
TOTAL ASSETS	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 Accounts Payable	1,433.50
Total Accounts Payable	\$1,433.50
Credit Cards	
BECU Credit Card - 2843	337.33
Total Credit Cards	\$337.33
Total Current Liabilities	\$1,770.83
Long-Term Liabilities	
SBA Note Payable	38,500.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$38,500.00
Total Liabilities	\$40,270.83
Equity	\$277,278.29
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$317,549.12

Center for World Indigenous Studies Profit and Loss

October 2020 - September 2021

	TOTAL
Income	
Congress of Nation & States	2,181.68
Contributed Income - CWIS	2,635.00
CNS - Fiscal Sponsorship Fee	125.22
Donations	35,124.53
Auction Income	3,452.00
Auction Donations	120.00
Total Auction Income	3,572.00
Total Donations	38,696.53
Grant Revenue	221,918.00
IC Admin (Fiscal Sponsor Fee)	295.32
Total Contributed Income - CWIS	263,670.07
Education	2,860.00
Herbal MediVcine	54.00
Intern / Fellowship Fees	1,025.00
Total Education	3,939.00
Fourth World Papers Program	
CWIS Bookstore	
Book Royalty	1,088.48
Total CWIS Bookstore	1,088.48
Fourth World Journal Sub	1,505.00
Intercontinental Cry	
Donations - IC	1,116.77
Intercontinental Cry Mag	121.76
Total Intercontinental Cry	1,238.53
Total Fourth World Papers Program	3,832.01
Misc	44.38
Total Income	\$273,667.14
GROSS PROFIT	\$273,667.14
Expenses	
Consultants	
CNS - Fiscal Sponsorship Fee	125.22
CWIS Consultants	38,095.50
Accounting	17,559.75
Total CWIS Consultants	55,655.25

Center for World Indigenous Studies
Profit and Loss

October 2020 - September 2021

	TOTAL
IC Operations	
IC Fiscal Sponsorship Fee	295.32
IC Operational Expenses	1,325.68
Bank Fees - IC	24.38
Total IC Operational Expenses	1,350.06
Total IC Operations	1,645.38
Total Consultants	57,425.85
Program & Other Expenses	
Bank Fees - Congress	45.44
Bank Fees - CWIS	430.08
Communications	3,043.55
Computers/Hardware/Software	5,872.02
Dues and Subscriptions	314.11
Misc Program & Other Expenses	190.72
Office supplies	350.00
Total Program & Other Expenses	10,245.92
Total Expenses	\$67,671.77
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$205,995.37
Other Income	
Interest Income	20.17
Total Other Income	\$20.17
NET OTHER INCOME	\$20.17
NET INCOME	\$206,015.54