PROPOSALS BY MEMBER STATES CONCERNING
THE CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARIES IN 2014-2015
WITH WHICH UNESCO COULD BE ASSOCIATED

OUTLINE

Source: 191 EX/Decision 32 and 192 EX/Decision 32.

Background: By 159 EX/Decision 7.5 of May 2000, the Executive Board adopted the criteria and procedure for consideration of proposals concerning the celebration of anniversaries in Member States with which UNESCO could be associated, which were subsequently amended at its 166th (166 EX/Decision 9.3), 176th (176 EX/Decision 47) and 179th (179 EX/Decision 37) sessions. Pursuant to those decisions, the Director-General submitted to the Executive Board at its 191st and 192nd sessions the proposals selected as complying with the statutory criteria and procedure.

Purpose: The General Conference is invited to take a decision with regard to the recommendations made by the Executive Board concerning the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated in 2014-2015 and contained in 191 EX/Decision 32 and 192 EX/Decision 32.

Decision required: paragraph 4.

1. In accordance with the procedure adopted by the Executive Board at its 159th session (159 EX/Decision 7.5) and amended at its 166th (166 EX/Decision 9.3), 176th (176 EX/Decision 47) and 179th (179 EX/Decision 37) sessions for consideration of the proposals by Member States concerning the celebration of anniversaries with which UNESCO could be associated, the Executive Board at its 191st and 192nd sessions recommended that the General Conference select for celebration the anniversaries proposed by Member States contained in 191 EX/Decision 32 and 192 EX/Decision 32.
2. Furthermore, by 191 EX/Decision 32, the Executive Board recalling 186 EX/Decision 32, in which it requested the Director-General and the Secretariat to promote these anniversaries more actively, and to provide broader opportunities, especially to developing countries, to present proposals, noted that the Africa region, the Arab States region, small island developing States and, notably, women were under-represented in the anniversaries, and therefore recommended that the registration period for the submission of proposals for anniversaries be extended by three months. Pursuant to those provisions, the Director-General decided to extend the deadline for the current biennium to 2 August 2013. Thus, Member States were invited, following the 191st session of the Executive Board, to submit new proposals concerning anniversaries with which their countries wished UNESCO to be associated during the 2014-2015 biennium.

3. Accordingly, the Executive Board at its 192nd session examined appeals submitted by Member States pursuant to the procedure mentioned above and new proposals submitted by Member States.

4. The General Conference may wish to adopt the following resolution:

   The General Conference,

   Having examined document 37 C/15,

   1. Encourages the Member States of all regions to make proposals that will ensure improved geographical distribution and gender balance, by also selecting eminent women, as far as possible, according to the criteria approved by the governing bodies;

   2. Decides that UNESCO will be associated in 2014-2015 with the celebration of the anniversaries in the Annex to this resolution;

   3. Further decides that any contribution by the Organization to these celebrations shall be financed under the Participation Programme, in accordance with the rules governing that Programme.
ANNEX

Celebration of the anniversaries with which UNESCO will be associated in 2014-2015
(as recommended to the General Conference in 191 EX/Decision 32 and 192 EX/Decision 32 of the Executive Board)

1. 600th anniversary of the foundation of al-Thaâlibiya School, heart of the Casbah of Algiers and centre of cultural influence in the Maghreb (1414) (Algeria)

2. 100th anniversary of the death of Sheikh Abdelkader al-Medjâwî, astronomer, reformer and defender of the Arabic language (1848-1914) (Algeria)

3. 100th anniversary of the foundation of the Alawi Sufi order, a school for tolerance and interreligious social interaction (1914) (Algeria)

4. 200th anniversary of the establishment of the Lazarev Institute of Oriental Languages (1815) (Armenia, with the support of the Russian Federation)

5. 150th anniversary of the birth of Toros Toramanian, architect and archaeologist (1864-1934) (Armenia)

6. 400th anniversary of the birth of Archbishop Voskan Yerevantsi (Voskan Vardapet) Ghlichents, publisher and linguist (1614-1674) (Armenia)

7. 100th anniversary of the birth of Ilyas Afandiyev, writer and playwright (1914-1996) (Azerbaijan)

8. 1,100th anniversary of the death of Ahmad Al-Bardiji, philosopher and scholar (834-914) (Azerbaijan)

9. 250th anniversary of the birth of Michal Kleofas Ogiński, composer, writer and diplomat (1765-1833) (Belarus, Lithuania, Poland)

10. 200th anniversary of the birth of Iosif Goshkevich, scientist and diplomat (1814-1875) (Belarus with the support of Japan and Russian Federation)

11. 200th anniversary of the birth of Adolphe Sax, inventor and creator of the “saxophone” family of instruments (1814-1894) (Belgium)

12. 100th anniversary of the birth of Dorival Caymmi, composer and singer (1914-2008) (Brazil)

13. 50th anniversary of the death of Brazilian modernist artists Anita Malfatti, painter (1889-1964) and Cecília Meireles, poet (1901-1964) (Brazil)

14. 100th anniversary of the birth of Antônio Houaiss, writer and teacher (1915-1999) (Brazil)

15. 100th anniversary of the birth of Grande Otelo, actor and composer (1915-1993) (Brazil)

16. 100th anniversary of the death of Augusto dos Anjos, poet (1884-1914) (Brazil)

17. 100th anniversary of Formal Education in Brunei Darussalam (Brunei Darussalam)

18. 100th anniversary of the birth of Boris Christoff, opera singer (1914-1993) (Bulgaria)
19. 100th anniversary of the death of Peyo Yavorov, poet and playwright (1878-1914) (Bulgaria)
20. 1,200th anniversary of the birth of Saint Methodius (815-885), creator, with his brother Cyril, of the first Slavic alphabet (Bulgaria, with the support of Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
21. 100th anniversary of the birth of Professor Tzvetana Romanska, ethnographer (1914-1969) (Bulgaria)
22. 50th anniversary of the Cook Islands Library and Museum Society (1964) (Cook Islands)
23. 50th anniversary of the intellectual career of Professor Zadi Zaourou, politician and writer (1938-2012) (Côte d'Ivoire)
24. 200th anniversary of the birth of Josip Juraj Strossmayer, statesman and humanist (1815-1905) (Croatia, with the support of Montenegro and Serbia)
25. 200th anniversary of the birth of Ivan Mažuranić, poet (1814-1890) (Croatia)
26. 100th anniversary of the death of Antun Gustav Matoš, poet and writer (1873-1914) (Croatia)
27. 400th anniversary of the publishing of the book “Machinae novae” (New Machines) by the inventor Faust Vrančić (1615) (Croatia)
28. 500th anniversary of the foundation of the first towns in Central and Eastern Cuba (Cuba)
29. 100th anniversary of the death of Carlos J. Finlay, scientist (1833-1915) (Cuba)
30. 200th anniversary of the birth of Gertrudis Gómez de Avellaneda, writer (1814-1873) (Cuba)
31. 100th anniversary of the birth of Samuel Feijóo Rodríguez, writer (1914-1992) (Cuba)
32. 100th anniversary of the birth of Costas Montis, poet (1914-2004) (Cyprus)
33. 100th anniversary of the birth of Bohumil Hrabal, writer (1914-1997) (Czech Republic)
34. 50th anniversary of the death of Gonzalo Zaldumbide, writer (1882-1965) (Ecuador)
35. 150th anniversary of the birth of Jean Sibelius, composer (1865-1957) (Finland)
36. 100th anniversary of the birth of Marguerite Duras, writer (1914-1996) (France)
37. 100th anniversary of the birth of Romain Gary, writer (1914-1980) (France)
38. 100th anniversary of the death of Akaki Tsereteli, poet and writer (1840-1915) (Georgia)
39. 100th anniversary of the death of Paul Ehrlich, physician (1854-1915) (Germany)
40. 150th anniversary of the birth of Max Weber, sociologist and philosopher (1864-1920) (Germany)
41. 100th anniversary of the death of August Macke, painter (1887-1914) (Germany)
42. 250th anniversary of the birth of Johann Gottfried Schadow, sculptor (1764-1850) (Germany)
43. 400th anniversary of the death of Doménikos Theotokopoulos (known as El Greco – “the Greek”), painter, sculptor and architect (1541-1614) (Greece and Spain)
44. 200th anniversary of the birth of Miklós Ybl, architect (1814-1891) (Hungary)
45. 100th anniversary of the death of Ödön Lechner, architect (1845-1914) (Hungary)
46. 150th anniversary of the death of Ignác Semmelweis, physician (1818-1865) (Hungary)
47. 200th anniversary of the birth of Flóris Rómer, archaeologist and professor (1815-1889) (Hungary)
48. 600th anniversary of the compilation of Maqased al-Alhan, work in the field of musicology (c. 1414) (Islamic Republic of Iran)
49. 800th anniversary of the compilation of Fawa’ih al-Jamal wa Fawatih al-Jalal, work of philosophy and mysticism (c. 1214) (Islamic Republic of Iran)
50. 800th anniversary of the birth of Fakr-al-Dīn Ebrāhīm Erāqī, poet and Sufi (c. 1214-1289) (Islamic Republic of Iran)
51. 700th anniversary of the birth of Mīr Sayyid ‘Alī Hamadānī (1314-1385), mystic and poet (Islamic Republic of Iran and Tajikistan, with the support of India and Pakistan)
52. 1350th anniversary of the death of al-Khansa, poetess (575- 664) (Jordan)
53. 100th anniversary of the birth of Ilyas Yesenberlin, writer (1915-1983) (Kazakhstan)
54. 100th anniversary of the birth of Shaken Aimanov, film-director and actor (1914-1970) (Kazakhstan)
55. 50th anniversary of the death of Sheikh Abdullah Al-Jabir Al-Sabah, educational reformer (1895-1965) (Kuwait)
56. 200th anniversary of the birth of Janis Cimze, composer (1814-1881) (Latvia)
57. 150th anniversary of the birth of writers Rainis (1865-1929) and Aspazija (1865-1943) (Latvia)
58. 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Courland (also Kurzeme) Society for Literature and Art (1815) (Latvia)
59. 300th anniversary of the birth of Gothards Frïdrihs Stenders, writer (1714-1796) (Latvia)
60. 300th anniversary of the birth of Kristijonas Donelaitis, writer (1714-1780) (Lithuania)
61. 700th anniversary of the introduction of the “Sorabe” alphabet, used by the Malagasy population (Madagascar)
62. 200th anniversary of the official creation of the National Archives of the Republic of Mauritius (1815) (Mauritius)
63. 100th anniversary of the birth of Octavio Paz, writer (1914-1998) (Mexico)
64. 100th anniversary of the birth of Tsevegmid Dondogiin, educator, writer, scientist and politician (1915-1991) (Mongolia)
65. 450th anniversary of the death of Blessed Hosanna of Kotor (1493-1565) (Montenegro with the support of Croatia)

66. 100th anniversary of the birth of Mihailo Lalić, writer (1914-1992) (Montenegro with the support of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia)

67. 400th anniversary of the death of Rashid Ibn Omairah, physician (?-1615) (Oman)

68. 50th anniversary of the publication of the novel “Todas las Sangres” (All the Bloods) by José María Arguedas (1964) (Peru)

69. 100th anniversary of the birth of Andrzej Panufnik, composer (1914-1991) (Poland)

70. 100th anniversary of the birth of Tadeusz Kantor, artist (1915-1990) (Poland)

71. 200th anniversary of the birth of Oskar Kolberg, ethno-musicologist (1814-1890) (Poland)

72. 200th anniversary of the death of Jan Nepomucen Potocki, writer (1761-1815) (Poland)

73. 300th anniversary of the death of Prince Constantin Brâncoveanu, patron of culture and the arts (1654-1714) (Romania)

74. 150th anniversary of the birth of Elena Văcărescu, writer (1864-1947) (Romania)

75. 50th anniversary of the death of George (Gogu) Constantinescu, scientist (1881-1965) (Romania)

76. 50th anniversary of the death of Tudor Vianu, literary and art critic, philosopher and writer (1898-1964) (Romania)

77. 250th anniversary of the foundation of the State (formerly Imperial) Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg (1764) (Russian Federation)

78. 2,000th anniversary of the foundation of the city of Derbent, Republic of Dagestan, Russian Federation (2015) (Russian Federation)

79. 200th anniversary of the birth of Mikhail Lermontov, poet and painter (1814-1841) (Russian Federation)

80. 300th anniversary of the foundation of the Komarov Botanical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences (1714) (Russian Federation)

81. 100th anniversary of the birth of Sir William Arthur Lewis, economist, Nobel prize laureate (1915-1991) (Saint Lucia)

82. 150th anniversary of the birth of Jovan Cvijić, geographer (1865-1927) (Serbia)

83. 100th anniversary of the death of Stevan Mokranjac, composer (1856-1914) (Serbia)

84. 200th anniversary of the birth of Josif Pančić, scientist (1814-1888) (Serbia, with the support of Croatia)

85. Mihajlo Pupin: 100th anniversary of the beginning of a new era in the broadcasting of radio waves – Creating a world of telecommunications (1915) (Serbia with the support of the United States of America)

86. 300th anniversary of the birth of Edmund Pascha, composer (1714-1772) (Slovakia)
87. 150th anniversary of the birth of Jozef Murgaš, scientist (1864-1929) (Slovakia)
88. 200th anniversary of the birth of L’udovít Štúr, codifier of the Slovak language, publisher and writer (1815-1856) (Slovakia)
89. 100th anniversary of the birth of Ediriweera Sarachchandra, philosopher, writer and diplomat (1914-1996) (Sri Lanka)
90. 1,500th anniversary of the foundation of the Abbey of Saint-Maurice (Valais, Switzerland) (515) (Switzerland)
91. 100th anniversary of the birth of Farid el-Atrash, musician (1915-1974) (Syrian Arab Republic)
92. 50th anniversary of the death of Sami al-Shawa, musician (1889-1965) (Syrian Arab Republic)
93. 600th anniversary of the birth of Abd ar-Rahman Jami, poet, philosopher and humanist (1414-1492) (Tajikistan)
94. 3,000th anniversary of the foundation of Hisor town (Tajikistan)
95. 100th anniversary of the birth of Ziyodullo Shahidi, composer (1914-1985) (Tajikistan)
96. 100th anniversary of King Prajadhipok of Siam’s commencement of service in Thailand and anniversary of the 10th Asian cycle of his birth (1914) (Thailand)
97. 150th anniversary of the birth of Her Majesty Queen Sri Bajarindra (1864-1919) (Thailand)
98. 100th anniversary of the birth of Princess Prem (Ngarmchit) Purachatra (1915-1983) (Thailand)
99. 450th anniversary of the death of Matrakçı Nasuh, scientist (1480-1564) (Turkey)
100. 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts (1914) (Turkey)
101. 100th anniversary of the death of Ismail Gaspıralı, journalist and publisher (1851-1914) (Turkey, with the support of Ukraine)
102. 50th anniversary of the death of Halide Edip Adivar, teacher and social philosopher (1884-1964) (Turkey)
103. 200th anniversary of the birth of Taras Shevchenko, poet (1814-1861) (Ukraine)
104. 150th anniversary of the birth of Pavlo Grabovsky, poet (1864-1956) (Ukraine)
105. 150th anniversary of the birth of Mykhaylo Kotsyubynsky, writer (1864-1913) (Ukraine)
106. 200th anniversary of the birth of Mykhailo Verbytsky, composer (1815-1870) (Ukraine)
107. 150th anniversary of the death of Andrés Bello López, humanist (1781-1865) (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)
108. 250th anniversary of the birth of Nguyen Du, poet (1765-1820) (Viet Nam).