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## The First IOV World Youth Congress and Scientific Symposium

- WHAT:** A meeting of young people and their mentors who work in the field of cultural preservation who are concerned about safeguarding cultural heritage treasures likely to disappear unless urgent measures are taken to safeguard them
- To focus the world's attention on the plight of the world's languages and the cultures they perpetuate, UNESCO and IOV have proclaimed 2008 **The Year of Languages.**
- WHO:** 150 experts from 55 countries who are folklorists, linguists, architects, culinary experts, dancers, musicians, storytellers, museum curators, archeologists, crafts makers, professors, and members of cultural commissions.
- WHY:** The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and IOV agree that by working together the chances of preserving endangered cultures can be improved. Traditions are the glue that binds people together into communities and civilizations. With the loss of traditions and cultural heritage, people lose the sense of belonging to a community. The result is erosion of community values which can lead to a loss of civilizations.
- WHEN:** **Wednesday, August 6 through Saturday, August 9, 2008**  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm: presentations, lectures and demonstrations  
**Friday, August 8, World Heritage Dinner**  
6:30 pm: This is the Place Heritage Park and Village (by invitation)
- WHERE:** The Bountiful Davis Art Center, The Bountiful City Offices, The Bountiful City Library, The Davis Applied Technologies College, The Frank Lloyd Wright –designed Home, and the Festival Grounds at Pioneer park for folk dance and music performances, ethnic food, crafts and art sales.
- HOW:** By calling the Bountiful Davis Art Center for tickets and information at (801) 292-0367, or by visiting the web at [www.BDAC.org](http://www.BDAC.org) or [www.IOVWorld.org](http://www.IOVWorld.org) .
- The world will hear about the results of the Congress through reports, papers, projects undertaken and by local and international media, including –
- CCTV, China's largest television station**, which will film an informative and educational documentary to be shown to an estimated audience of 400 million people,  
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**Voice of America** Central Asia Service, which will air in Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Azerbaijan, and Armenia with a potential audience of 250 million listeners.

*“Living Traditions – Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity”*