

Summary of local groups meetings: short/medium and long-term goals

Meeting with members based in Portugal, on the 18th of April 2023

Highlights:

- decentralizing the organization of the Group's activities;
- improving strategies for disseminating the Group's activities;
- organizing regular meetings between researchers to share ideas and individual projects;
- restructuring the Group by thematic and/or geographic areas and creating working groups;
- consolidating the network of institutions that hold periodical collections (libraries, archives, and documentation centers);
- extending the Common Virtual Exhibition, adding new titles and journals' descriptions;
- thinking about collective projects to seek funding.

Short/medium-term goals:

- urgent organization of the working groups;
- creation of a newsletter to disseminate the Group's activities;
- foundation of a scientific journal with an international projection;
- organization of courses on the colonial press (seminars, webinars, conferences)
- organization of the next IGSCP conference (2024)

Long-term goals:

- establishing exchange agreements between universities and creation of inter-universities courses;
- writing a collective research project to seek funding in Europe;
- organization of training courses for high school teachers.

Meeting with members based in Angola, on the 3rd of June 2023

Highlights:

- strengthening the links with the institutions that hold collections of Angolan periodicals or periodicals related to Angola (libraries, archives, and documentation centers);
- resuming the digitalization of the collections, collaborating with the institutions already involved;
- thinking of collective projects to seek funding outside Angola;
- creating an IGSCP branch in Angola.

Short/medium-term goals:

- organization of a commemorative conference on the centenary of the journal *A Província de Angola* and the bicentenary of journalist José Fontes Pereira's birth to be held at the end of September 2023, in Luanda and online;
- reconstitution and digitalization of the collection of *A Província de Angola* for the aforementioned event.

Long-term goals:

- thinking about a collective research project to seek funding in Europe;
- digitalization of titles and collections held by the Arquivo Nacional de Angola and the Biblioteca Nacional de Angola.

Meeting with members based in Cape Verde, on the 17th of May 2023

Highlights:

- strengthening the links with the institutions that hold collections of Cape-Verdean periodicals or periodicals related to Cape-Verde (libraries, archives, and documentation centers);
- engaging in projects for the digitalization of periodicals, in order to add them in the Common Virtual Exhibition;
- thinking about a collective research project to seek funding in Europe;
- creating an IGSCP branch in Cape-Verde;
- lack of university programs in History in Cape-Verde;
- organizing activities together.

Short/medium-term goals:

- organization of a workshop on the colonial press in Praia on December 2023, promoted by the Arquivo Histórico Nacional de Cabo Verde in collaboration with GIEIPC, involving also the Biblioteca Nacional de Cabo Verde.

Long-term goals:

- engagement of Cape-Verdean researchers in collective projects on the colonial press;
- digitalization of journals held by the Arquivo Nacional de Cabo Verde;
- thinking about a long-term plan to open programs in History in the frame of the university teaching;
- training of proper professional profiles to work in archives and libraries.

Meeting with members based in Goa, on the 26th of May 2023

Highlights:

- starting the process of digitalization of periodical collections in collaboration with local institutions;
- creating a group of Goan researchers to watch the politics of conservation and access;
- raising consciousness among the community about the importance of the colonial press for understanding Goan history;
- enlisting early career researchers by creating university courses;
- revitalization of the Goan Chapter.

Short/medium-term goals:

- organization of a collective and international launch (both on-site and online) of the IGSCP's books published by Routledge, on the occasion of the publication of the volume *Colonial periodical press in the Indian and Pacific Ocean regions*, which counts on the contribution of many Goan authors and chapters dedicated to the Goan press as well (October 2023);
- constitution of a group concerned with the state of the periodicals held by the local institutions;

- constitution of a group to organize a university course on multilingual Goan press, led by Loraine Alberto (Goa University).

Long-term goals:

- digitalization of the Goan periodical collections;
- seeking funding in national and international calls;
- in a year/year and a half, starting a university course dedicated to the colonial press.

Meeting with members based in Brazil, on the 29th of May 2023

Highlights:

- prioritizing the constitution of a common digital archive by involving libraries and archives;
- constitution of a group composed of librarians and archivists that would work at creating the common archive;
- improving the activities to disseminate the IGSCP members' work;
- creating thematic groups to improve the organization of the Group;
- investing in the teaching and in the creation of a journal focused on didactic issues, like how to use the colonial press in the class (training for teachers);
- thinking about collective projects to seek funding;
- involving Brazilian universities in the project of inter-university courses.

Short/medium-term goals:

- organization of a dossier in a scientific journal focused on the use of the colonial press as a teaching method (especially teaching History, Literature, etc);
- engaging Brazilian researchers in the webinars (October 2023 – June 2024).

Long-term goals:

- constitution of a group to work on an exclusive basis on the common archive.

Meeting with members based in Mozambique, on the 2nd of June 2023

Highlights:

- strengthening the relationships with the Mozambican institutions that hold collections of periodicals and demanding a deeper engagement from them;
- starting digitalization projects in collaboration with the local institutions;
- thinking about a collective research project to seek funding;
- broadening the IGSCP branch in Mozambique, involving early career researchers;
- facing the issue of accessing proper bibliography;
- lack of local impact of the scientific literature produced abroad by Mozambican scholars;
- improving the dissemination of foreign publications that count on Mozambican contributors.

Short/medium-term goals:

- thinking about the contribution that Mozambican researchers can give to the creation of an inter-university course on the colonial press;
- seeking funding in Portugal to buy technological tools to help the digitalization of periodicals held by the Arquivo Nacional de Moçambique.

Long-term goals:

- establishing exchange agreements between Mozambican and foreign universities;
- thinking about a collective research project to seek funding in Europe.