IV. Conclusion

Appreciation of Intangible cultural heritage in its own right and its due safeguarding is something very new in all over the world. In this case the situation of developing countries like Pakistan is bleaker where we do not have very mature and very well defined organizations working for the cause of cultural heritage of the country at entrenced level.

In the same vein, organizations and systems working for the safeguarding of general IP rights are even more nascent and least established. It is now that we see world developing IP legislation and policy for the ICH. It is now that an urge and understanding is developing in the relevant organizations of Pakistan that we need to develop policy for the safeguarding of IP rights of folklore and traditional heritage.

At present, first we need to raise awareness and need to mobilise the all stakeholders on the subject. Then we need to conduct national research studies involving all stakeholders for the identification of IP rights and related issues at all stages of information building and sharing.

We highly appreciate the efforts of ICHCAP for conducting this most prestitgious survey. The findings of this survey will definitely help developing an effective policy for IP rights of ICH to all those states who are eager to learn from the world best practices. Maybe we do not have much to share but we do expect to learn a lot from your hard and laboroious efforts.