**The Future of UNESCO History**

70 years ago, on 4 November 1946, the UNESCO Constitution came into force, with the 20th ratification.

UNESCO marks this event by presenting three books on UNESCO’s history, all published during this past year:

* “From Ideas to Actions. 70 Years of UNESCO”. UNESCO Publishing, 2015
* “A History of UNESCO. Global Actions and Impact”. Edited by Poul Duedahl. Palgrave Macmillan, London, 2016
* “Patrimoines mutilés – ces trésors de l’Humanité défigurés par la folie des hommes” Mounir Bouchenaki, Edition Erick Bonnier, 2016

The book presentation session will be opened by the Director-General and followed by short interventions on how the future can be informed by UNESCO’s history.

History resonates with many of UNESCO’s programme priorities. The history of UNESCO is not just an institutional matter. More profoundly, it is also the history of the world within which UNESCO’s ideas and actions emerged and within which they are essential today and for the future.

Place: Room IV

Time: 4 November 2016, 10 am – 11.30 am

10.00 Opening by the Director-General

10.10 “From Ideas to Actions. 70 Years of UNESCO”. UNESCO Publishing, 2015. By Pedro Fernandes Saad, Director of Editora Brasilerira, Brazil, and Cristina Stanca Mustea, editor

10.20 Out of the House: A global perspective of UNESCO’s past. By Poul Duedahl, editor of “A History of UNESCO. Global Actions and Impact”. Palgrave Macmillan, London, 2016

10.30 UNESCO histories – sources and inspiration. By Jens Boel, Chief Archivist

10.40 Agenda 2030 and SDG 4: A holistic view on education for all, inspired by UNESCO’s history. By Aaron Benavot, DIR/ED/GEM

10.50 Histories of world heritage and UNESCO’s role as a laboratory of ideas and coordinator of actions. By Mounir Bouchenaki, author of “Patrimoines mutilés – ces trésors de l’Humanité défigurés par la folie des hommes”, Edition Erick Bonnier, 2016

11.00 Discussion – Q & A

11.25 Closing remarks by the moderator, Vincent Defourny, DIR/ERI/DPI