



**JOINT ANNUAL BOARD MEETING [ZOOM]
OCTOBER 30, 2020, THE HAGUE**

In connection with the Covid pandemic, the Joint Annual Board Meeting of the ZerOrigIndia Foundation (ZOI) and the International Friends of Zero Association (IFZA) took place online via Zoom on October 30, 2020.

Agenda points discussed at length were, among others:

The year 2020 was one of ongoing preparations to complete the *Monograph on Zero* book project manuscript, including collecting, editing and peer reviewing the over 30 papers from academics across the world, in compliance with the criteria of VU Press. Meanwhile active networking continued and half a dozen additional authors joined the Zero Project.

Regarding the *International Conference-cum-Workshop on Zero* organized in collaboration with Vrije Universiteit (VU), Amsterdam, there was consensus to opt for an online event starting in October 2021 -- rather than a physical event in May, 2021.

On the planned art exhibition by VU Art Curator Wende Wallert, considered by the Board to be an important new development, there was some discussion about the possible complications of visitor restriction should the pandemic persist. Several other exhibitions on the theme of 'zero' are in the offing as well from India, Cambodia and possibly from other countries as well that played a role in the invention and/or transmission of zero over the centuries.

The fundraising campaign was discussed at length as all plans depend on donations / sponsorship. Follow-up action is taking place by all parties concerned in a concerted effort to generate requisite revenue.

Plans were also unfolded for a recurrent online program in the form of a panel discussion involving key figures in the corporate and academic world on issues around the relevant themes pertaining to the significance of zero in contemporary society ('Zero Dialogues'). This format would raise awareness of the Zero Project among the business and academic communities and serve as networking opportunity that may eventually also generate funding.

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