

## History

A decision to found "World Association for Vedic Studies" was taken in the concluding session on October 6, 1996 of the "International Conference on Indus Sarasvati Age and Ancient India" held in Atlanta, October 4-6, 1996. Professor BhuDev Sharma was the session chair and Professor Subhash Kak the session recorder. The conference was attended by over 300 participants from all over the world - USA, India, Nepal, Caribbean, Belgium, UK, Canada, Italy, Netherlands, Mauritius, Mexico, Austria, and Surinam.

A Steering Committee of following persons was formed to prepare "Articles of Incorporation" and to get the society incorporated:

- Professor BhuDev Sharma (New Orleans, LA), Convener
- Professor Shiva G. Bajpai (Los Angeles, CA)
- Dr. Deen B. Chandora (Atlanta, GA)
- Professor Subhash Kak (Baton Rouge, LA)
- Dr. David Frawley (Santa Fe, NM)

The "World Association for Vedic Studies" was incorporated by Professor BhuDev Sharma in the state of Louisiana on January 23, 1997. The Internal Revenue Service of USA determined through their letter of August 13, 1998, that WAVES is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3). Society has the assigned "Employer Identification Number" 72-1350935.

### Some who served WAVES before:

Some of the persons who have served on the Board of Directors or have held an office on the Governing Council of WAVES include:

- Professor Jyotpaul Chaudhuri (Arizona State University, Tempe)
- Professor Klaus Klostermaier (Uni. Of Manitoba, Canada)
- Professor Subhash Kak (LSU, Baton Rouge), Robert Arnett (Columbus, GA)
- Mrs. Kamlesh Kapur (NY), Dr. Shyam N. Shukla (Gremont, CA)
- Dr. Richard Thompson (Alachua, FL), Professor Satish C. Bhatnagar (Las Vegas, NV)
- Dr. Deborah Davis (Lansing, MI). Dr. Joseph Warren (Lansing, MI)
- PadmaKant Khambati (Houston, TX)
- Professor Onkar P. Dwivedi (Guelph, ON, Canada)
- Professor Ravi Kulkarni (New York, NY), Professor B. B. Lal (New Delhi, India)
- Professor T.R.N. Rao (Lafayette, LA)
- Professor Rama Nath Sharma (Honolulu, HI)
- Dr. Amresh Das (New Orleans, LA).