Minutes for Digital Ethnology and Folklore Working Group
Inaugural Meeting
Tuesday 28 (12.30-14.30) (location: KWZ 1.638,
(Kulturwissenschaftliches Zentrum), Heinrich-Düker-Weg 14.)
SIEF, Gottingen Germany

People to add to the working group (see attendance list below also):
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12:30-12:35: Lunch distributed

12:35: Assigned Andrew Peck as notetaker, sign-in sheet passed around. Robert Glenn Howard gives an introduction to the working group.

12:40-12:50: Introductions from each individual present

12:50: Robert Glenn Howard steps down as chair, discusses election of co-chairs, board members, and secretary.

12:55: Discussion of chair responsibilities. Working group decides that chairs are responsible for:
1. Coordinating panels for SIEF 2019
2. Improving online communication, including the DEF Facebook group
3. Scheduling an off-year conference in 2020 (in Europe)

1:00: Working group unanimously votes the following individuals into administrative positions:
        Coppélie Cocq, Co-Chair (retained)
        Fatma Sağır, Co-Chair

Andrew Peck, Secretary
Robert Glenn Howard, Board
Christophe Bareither, Board
Liisi Laineste, Board

1:01: Discussion of SIEF website page. Group decides to find a better social media solution, including setting up an official Facebook page to use for discussions of digital folklore, methodology, and upcoming events. Group suggests promoting this Facebook page via a variety of listservs related to their own fields, nationalities, and universities.

1:02: Working group decides to design an official working group poster for SIEF 2019.

1:03: Since Tartu will host an upcoming Digital Humanities conference in November 2018, Liisi Laineste suggests holding an informal get-together to advertise the SIEF working group.

1:04: Christophe Bareither suggests a digital mechanism (similar to e-seminars) where SIEF DEF members can circulate papers, get feedback, and see the published feedback from others. Members also suggest a website where other materials can be shared, such as lectures and big data & visualization tools.

1:05-1:25: Working group discusses ideas for future panels. Ideas include:
Digitalization and the digital economy
Folklore and politics
Fake news
Virtual Reality
Non-expert knowledge
Affective dimensions of media use (what knowledge is circulated, who uses media?)
Big data, archives, marco-level approaches, digital tools, research automation
Ethics of Digital Ethnography (most popular)

1:25: Meeting opened up to other business. Andrew Peck suggests linking SIEF's DEF working group with the American Folklore Society's New Directions in Folklore (NDiF) section

1:30: No additional business. Robert Howard motions to adjourn. Motion unanimously passes. Meeting is adjourned.