

Meeting of the WG on Historical Approaches in Cultural Analysis

14th SIEF congress in Santiago de Compostela Monday 15th April 13:00-15:00

22 Participants

Members (14)

Burkhard Pöttler
Hande A. Birkalan-Gedik
Ingrid Slavec Gradišnik
Anna Caroline Haubold
Konrad Kuhn
Susanne Österlund-Pötzsch
Ave Goršič
Alf Arvidsson
Evy Johanne Håland
Dani Schrire
Olga Levitan
Katre Kikas
Karina Taruškaitė
Pauliina Latvala-Harvilahti

Guests (8)

Michael Hamilton
Sabine Kienitz
Magdalena Puchberger
Jiří Woitsch
Grit Wesser
Carlo Trombino
Mari Sarv
Janika Oras

1. Agenda of the meeting:

Pauliina introduces herself and Katre, and gives greetings on behalf of co-chair Michaela Fenske who could not join us. Pauliina proposes as contents of the meeting following topics: (1) Welcome; (2) Introducing members and guests; (3) Reports from the chairs and secretary: Current issues; (4) Election of the chairs and secretary; (5) Discussion and future plans; (6) Closing.

2. Introducing members and guests

All the participants introduce themselves.

3. Reports from the chairs and secretary: Current issues

WG has now 59 members, the list can be found <https://www.siefhome.org/wg/haca/index.shtml>

Before the Santiago de Compostela congress we had 52 members. During the congress we got 7 new members:

Anna Caroline Haubold (caroline.haubold@web.de)

Kaisa Langer (kaisa.langer@gmail.com)

Karina Taruškaitė (karina@taruskaite@vdu.lt)

Carlo Trombino (carlo.trombino@unipa.it)

Sabine Kienitz (Sabine.Kienitz@uni-hamburg.de)

Magdalena Puchberger (magdalena.puchberger@volkskundemuseum.at)

Jiří Woitsch (jiri.woitsch@post.cz)

Panels. The working-group has organized three panels for the Congress in Santiago de Compostela. 1. Kuhn, Konrad and Puchberger, Magdalena "Tracking Knowledge. On the history of changing disciplinary identities after 1945"; 2. Birkalan-Gedik, Hande A. and Gradišnik, Ingrid Slavec "Tracing/Tracking/Transforming Histories of Ethnology/Folklore: Toward Critical Methodologies" 3. Kikas, Katre and Latvala-Harvilahti, Pauliina "Tracking changes on the margins of texts and written culture". In Addition, WG presented its' poster at the SIEF symposium.

Meeting in Tartu 2018. Katre Kikas gives overview of the meeting of the WG in Tartu. The conference "Historical Approaches in Contemporary Research Field: Making Connections" took place 29-31 August 2018 in Estonian Literary Museum. It was organized by SIEF working group of Historical Approaches in Cultural Analysis, Department of Estonian and Comparative Folklore of the University of Tartu, Department of Folkloristics of Estonian Literary Museum, Centre of Excellence in Estonian Studies and Academic Folklore Society. There were 15 papers; plenary lectures were given by Marta Kurkowska-Budzan, Anna Kuismin and Merili Metsvahi.

Meeting of the SIEF Working Group leaders. Pauliina gives overview of the meeting of the working group leaders in Santiago de Compostela.

1. There is a possibility to use SIEF's bank account to collect the participation fee of the working-group related events.
2. It was discussed that the SIEF board tries to find ways to support financially the editing process (language checking?) of the publications of working groups.
3. SIEF board is trying to find possibilities to support financially the events organized by working groups between symposiums.

Pauliina asks if other members have something to share about the last two years. Networking?
Publications?

Olga Levitan introduces shortly her project on performing archives, where researches are investigating documents together with artists. And a new source publication "What do you think about Shylock?" in Mnemozina. Documents and Facts from the Russian Theatre History. Moscow: Artist. Director. Theatre. 2019. (Correspondence between the board of the Hebrew theatre Habima and two Russian theatre directors, Aleksei Diki and Michael Chekhov).

Susanna Österlund-Pötzsch introduces a book *Visions and Traditions. Knowledge Production and Tradition Archives*. Eds. Lauri Harvilahti, Audun Kjus, Cliona O'Carroll Susanna Österlund-Pötzsch, Fredrik Skott and Rita Treija. Folklore Fellows' Communications 315. Porvoo: The Finnish Academy of Sciences and Letters. The book won The Brenda McCallum Prize 2018 (the prize was awarded by Archives & Libraries Section of the American Folklore Society).

4. Election of the chairs and secretary

Pauliina announces that both she (chairing period of 4 years) and Michaela (chairing period of 6 years) will move away from chairing and thus opens floor to possible candidates for co-chairs and secretary to introduce themselves. Candidates for the position of co-chairs:

Konrad Kuhn (University of Innsbruck)

Katre Kikas (Estonian Literary Museum)

Candidates for the position of secretary: Anna Caroline Haubold (University of Tartu)

Pauliina organizes an open ballot, candidates are unanimously elected. So new chairs of the WG are:

Katre Kikas: katreki@folklore.ee

Konrad Kuhn: Konrad.Kuhn@uibk.ac.at

Secretary:

Anna Caroline Haubold: caroline.haubold@web.de

5. Discussion and future plans

Pauliina opens the floor for the future plans of the working-group.

Konrad Kuhn in planning to organize a meeting of the WG in Innsbruck in 2020 (possibly in June or September). The topic is still not decided.

Susanna Österlund-Pötzsch: Society of Swedish Literature in Finland and Finnish Literary Society are planning an informal event for the WG during SIEF 2021 congress in Helsinki.

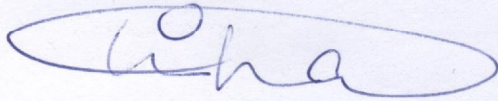
Olga Levitan has idea of the seminar in Jerusalem.

Hande A. Birkalan-Gedik, Dani Shrire, Olga Levitan and Marianne Puchberger discuss the purpose of different comparative histories of different disciplines in different countries. What should we do with them, what is the function of them? Is it a kind of modelling of future? Is it a way to learn? How do we deal with similarities or differences – what was it that brought about similar processes in different countries? How and where should we (here and now!) situate ourselves amidst those narratives? How to get to the more general level from them.

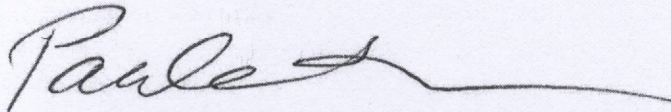
Susanna and Pauliina propose that it could be one of the topics of the next meeting.

6. Closing

Minutes by



Katre Kikas
Co-Chair (New)
Tarto, April 30th, 2019



Pauliina Latvala-Harvilahti
Co-Chair (until Santiago de Compostela)
Helsinki, April 30th, 2019