

SIEF2023
Working Group on Archives
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2023

Agenda

1. Approval of agenda
2. Introductions

3. Co-chairs' report

- Folklore Archives webinars

In 2021 and in reaction to the pandemic we launched a webinar series with SAMLA. 10 webinars (divided to 3 main subjects) are already uploaded to the WG [YouTube channel](#).

We welcome suggestions for subjects and topics for the next round of chapters.

- Joint conference with ICA-SUV

A week ago, we held a conference in University College Dublin hosted by Kelly Fitzgerald, with about 80 participants.

- Websites

The group has two websites:

The Group's page on the [SIEF platform](#) (with a list of members)

[Tradition Archives](#) (with resources such as a global mapping of tradition archives represented in the group)

And a YouTube Channel (webinars)

- Membership

It is agreed that the membership list on the SIEF page of the WGoA needs to be updated and reorganized following some sort of logic.

4. WGoA at SIEF 2023

- Supported sessions: The WG supported two sessions in the present conference.
- Poster: the WG displayed a poster at the SIEF2023 poster session, demonstrating a decade of activity, sharing the achievements of the group.

5. SIEF WGoA 2024 conference

Rita Grīnvalde shared that the next WG conference will take place in Riga at the end of October jointly with the annual Krišjānis Barons' conference, and will be dedicated to the history of folklore archives.

6. SIEF grants

Two years ago, SIEF started supporting WG projects. Most funds are used for the WG conferences in between. We used it for the webinars. Another CfA will be published soon, the funding is 800 EU per group. Inclusivity is viewed as an important criterium for this round of project applications. Supporting scholars with no academic position or scholars from impoverished regions is also encouraged.

7. Elections

Sanita Reinsone and Theo Meder have stepped down

Two new members joined the board: Line Førre Grønstad (Line.Gronstad@uib.no), University of Bergen Library, Department of Special Collections, The Queer Archive; and Rita Grīnvalde (rita.grinvalde@lulfmi.lv), the Head of the ALF, Archive of Latvian Folklore, Riga.