

SIEF WG on Archives

Meeting on April 16th, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration (main venue), Aula 5, at 13:00 – 15:00:

Present: 15 people

Chairing: Ave Goršič and Maryna Chernyavska

Minutes: Ave Goršič

The presence of the WG at the SIEF congress in Santiago de Compostela:

Panel and discussion: Arch01. Participatory archives in a transforming world [SIEF Working Group on Archives] [P+R]. 15 April, 9:00, Aula 7. Convenors Sanita Reinsone, Ave Goršič.

Workshop-panel: Arch02. Keeping track of your field data [SIEF Working Group on Archives] [P/W]. 16 April, 11:15, Aula 6. Convenors Maryna Chernyavska, Kelly Fitzgerald.

Ask the Archivist! poster for the WG poster session (design Sanita Reinsone).

Agenda:

1) The American Folklore Society (AFS) Archives & Libraries Section **2018 Brenda McCallum Prize** for the volume *“Visions and Traditions – Knowledge Productions and Tradition Archives”*, editors Audun Kjus, Rita Treija, Susanne Österlund-Pötzsch, Lauri Harvilahti, Cliona O'Carroll, Fredrik Skott.

Maryna explains the McCallum Prize backgrounds. Discussion of possible attendees on the invitation of the AFS conference (Cliona, Audun as editors, possibly Maryna).

Maryna is explaining the AFS and possible future collaborations, all ideas are welcome.

2) Overview of recent events and conferences and introduce new ones. **The next interim conference of the WG “Archives, access and ethics” will be held in Amsterdam in October 21–23, 2020, organized by Theo Meder.**

Ideas are welcome for a WG interim conference in 2022.

4) Collaboration with AFS Archives & Libraries Section, regarding their annual conference in 16-19 October 2019 in Baltimore and especially in **Tulsa, Oklahoma in 14-17 October 2020** with a POSSIBLE focus on archiving.

WG members are invited to attend Oklahoma conference. **Collaboration and ideas from WG members are welcome for the 2020 AFS conference.** Please forward your ideas to avegorsic@folklore.ee. The WG could provide e.g. professional seminar, short 5-10 minutes presentations, regional presentations, posters etc.

3) Collaboration with ICA-SUV.

Maryna – in Zagreb there was an idea to form a new group in ICA, devoted to tradition archives. In Lauri Harvilahti's lead, a proposal was put through. Maryna introduces ICA as such. It was suggested by the ICA that cultural and tradition archives join the ICA Section on University and Research Institution Archives (SUV). Maryna was elected to the board.

Questions from the SUV to us: how do we see our engagement with SUV, our possible collaboration? Our aim as WG and the wider folklore archives network would be raising awareness of folklore archives.

It is mentioned in discussion that another subgroup was formed in ICA-SUV on scientific archives (natural sciences). They organised 2 workshops and drafted their terms of reference.

Question to ourselves: Would we like to draft such a document? The 2017 conference of ICA-SUV “Cultural Heritage Materials in University, Research and Folklore Archives” was in Riga, which brought together many very different archivists and folklore researchers, and benefits of this are mentioned among the WG members.

It is suggested to perhaps make another joint conference with the SUV. It is also suggested to address the typology of archives discussion at conferences and try to enlarge the vision on what folklore archives are about.

Terms of reference would be helpful saying who we are, uploaded as a document on our and ICA-SUV webpage. Maryna offered to do a draft, network will help to write. Folklorists have achieved a lot in digitalization and dissemination; there is lot to learn from each other.

Maryna: ICA-SUV is better in being sustainable and thinking long-term.

Someone could be present from SUV for Amsterdam conference.

The WG members decide to act on:

1)document, e.g. terms of reference

2)joint event with ICA-SUV

5) Anybody can take part in the archival network, but to appear on the SIEF WG homepage list, one has to be a paying SIEF member. **Those who cannot be paying SIEF members can still participate fully in the network’s work and WG’s interim conferences or in any conferences/seminars etc organised by the regional groups of the archives’ network.**

New members can apply though the board members.

As decided at the interim conference in Vilnius, October 2018, Sanita Reinsone set up a separate webpage **traditionarchives.org** to faster promote the network’s work. However, SIEF WG sub-page will remain and the WG will also continue its work and functions within a larger organisation. We ask for further volunteers to make up a group maintaining the webpage’s different sections, which is fairly little work yearly.

In discussion Emese Ilyefalvi proposed to send in a list of Hungarian archives to be added to the archives’ list and map; Simon, Sanita and Ave are editors of different sections.

It is suggested to create a visually engaging logo and put it on both webpages (SIEF WG page and traditionarchives page).

It is reminded to put also AFS logo on our page, as suggested in Zagreb meeting, and arrange our logo to be added to their webpage.

7) Ave gives an overview of SIEF WG chairs meeting on Sunday, where the SIEF board offered help to the WGs and invited to propose ideas. The Board invites the WG’s to keep their web-pages accurate and up-to-date. SIEF and possibly Nomad-IT help is available for WG interim conferences.

An idea was proposed to create sub-accounts for working groups to help with direct funding, the idea will be discussed in the Board.

The funds for WGs could also include helping with publications or buying out a number of copies of publications.

SIEF Board has started with filming promotional clips on each WG. Ideas are welcome from the WG members for a 5-minute promotional film on the Archives WG, and provide with additional material to be included in the film.

Also, with any kind of such filming, the board could help.

7) Current board is re-elected, Emese Ilyefalvi and Tom Fogel are additional new members with Tom taking over secretarial duties and Emese assisting when necessary.

8) Susanne introduces the Svenska Litteratursällskapet I Finland's and Suomen Kirjallisuuden Seura's invite for a seminar/tour/meeting during the Helsinki congress 2021.

Mari promotes the 7th Estonian digital humanities conference in 2019, flyers are distributed.

Mari and Theo will also have digital folkloristics panel in Utrecht in July.

9) Meeting adjourned.