SIEF WG on Archives’ meeting, Vilnius 19.10.2018.
SIEF WG on Archives’ interim conference in co-op with the Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore and the Nordic-Baltic Tradition Archives Network
Conference: ‘History, Memory and Archives: Sensitive Issues’, 17-19 October, 2018

present: around 15 members and conference guests
memo: Sanita Reinsone, Ave Gorsič

Ave: Introductory words.

Congress in Santiago de Compostela
Santiago de Compostela will be the place for the next SIEF conference; an interim conference of the WG will be held in Amsterdam, organized by Theo Meder.

Future of the Archive’s network
Proposes are made to Swedish colleagues to take over the Nordic-Baltic network and look for the funding from the Nordic Culture point.
Verdy concept: to show how to work digitally; how to link the folklore archives also digitally.
Fredrik Skott acknowledges that it is a good idea.
Ave reminds that SIEF congress is approaching. 14 proposals had been submitted to Ave’s and Sanita’s WG panel. Maryna and Kelly lead a workshop.
Susanne proposes to ask organizers to put SIEF WG on Archives panels on separate days.

Conference in Amsterdam
Time – October 2020.

SIEF WG
Jyrki Pöysä’s questions on outreach of the WG on Archives to include new members. He invites to Joensuu event on archives and collecting.
Lauri reminds that members of the WG do not have to belong to any particular archive.
Discussion on the mailing list: to appear on a website, one should be a member of SIEF; mailing lists do not have such a provision. The wider archives’ network mailing list has over 100 entries, encompasses researchers around the world. More needs to be done, to include further members and promote the archival networking.

Jyrki: there is a growing need for a discussion of the archives outside the archives.

Sanita introduces COST Actions as a possible way how to continue networking.

Audun: asks about the list and map of tradition archives on SIEF sub-page. Notices that the map displays mainly archives from the Nordic and Baltic countries and reminds that this should be more global.
Susanne: mentions the AFS conference and their Archives & Libraries section. We could approach them, to contribute to the map.

Lauri: North American folklore archives could be interested in the cooperation. They are creating the database of folklore archives in the USA. Lauri can be in contact with Asian archives as well.

In discussion it is decided that the WG will set up a separate webpage to faster promote the network’s work. SIEF sub-page will remain and the WG will also continue its work and functions within a larger organisation.
Furthermore, it needs still to be explained that anybody can be part of the archival network, but to appear on the SIEF WG homepage, one has to be a paying SIEF member. Those who cannot/do not want to be paying members can still participate in the network’s work and WG’s interim conferences or in any conferences/seminars etc organised by the archives’ network.

Meeting adjourned.