

## **SIEF2017 13th Congress: Göttingen, Germany**

**26-30 March 2017**

**WG on Archives meeting, Monday, 27 March**

Chair: Lauri

Secretary: Ave

Board members present: Maryna, Theo

17 members altogether

### **Meeting starts at 13.17**

Lauri opens the meeting.

### **Presenting round, introductions.**

**Infos:** Electing the board. Lauri stepping down. Explanation of statutes. Interim meetings, papers in SIEF, Zagreb and Göttingen. Report on first 4 years period for new WGs, which Lauri sent to the SIEF board. Report will be on our home page.

Lauri: A few words from Maryna as ICA-SUV member.

Maryna: There were hopes to establish a new section, we were proposed to join SUV section. At the Liverpool meeting I was asked, how do we see our collaboration? We were hoping to raise awareness about folklore archives as research institution archives in the broader archival community, that was the main goal.

Lauri – Next step is August ICA-SUV conference on tradition archives, Riga.

Rita – Conference is closed for proposals, but some have not heard about it. Rita will contact for additional papers-places. Different regions are presented.

Lauri – Some of the sections are very auto centric, it's good to hear about the diversity.

Peter Jan – What about collaboration with ICA-SUV?

Maryna – Yes, they are interested, expanding their membership, including folklore archivists.

Lauri – New archival standards are being developed, we want a word in. Maryna – There is big interest, but no new members from us in ICA. ICA institutional membership is expensive, 200 euros (per year). ICA's focus is on governmental archives.

Call for ideas to all, how to participate with ICA-SUV work?

Peter Jan – SIEF WG on Archives could be an associate member.

Explanation: There is an institutional membership category for “National or International Professional Association (category B)”, which costs 50-600 euro depending on the income of the association. We could look into that option.

Individual membership is 30 euros a year.

Lauri: Any comments on that?

Lauri: General discussion on research and publishing activities?

Audun: „Visions and Traditions...“ should have been ready for SIEF, but we did not manage. Last SIEF brought many good papers, it is nearly finished, will be published in a few months, before summer. Publisher is Folklore Fellows Communications. Some 20 papers on digital and historical perspectives.

Lauri lists editorial members of the issue.

General: New board should discuss new publication on new papers.

Peter Jan: Is a series planned or publishing in local way?

Lauri: In this case we made an agreement with FFC. It has a very long tradition.

For knowledge: ICA-SUV conference organisers are interested in publishing the papers of the August conference.

Rita: There is the idea of publishing papers in *Letonica*, handpicked papers.

Maryna – ICA journal *Comma* invited SUV to produce a thematic issue, but it is not a peer-reviewed journal.

*Letonica* is indexed [Scopus, ERIH PLUS, EBSCO].

New board members' election – two chairs needed, Ave has promised to continue as secretary. Maryna, Kelly and Theo would like to continue. Lauri is retired, will not continue.

Question: Is anybody joining?

Audun: cannot join, bad situation.

Rita proposes Sanita. Susanne has no mandate to join the board.

Sanita is elected to the board.

During the new board meeting, the members will choose the chairs among themselves.

### **End discussion:**

Theo: inviting to his paper on electronic database, new plans for harvester, different databases simultaneously.

Lauri introduces next day's panel.

Susanne – excellent line-up, new worlds opening up.

Peter Jan – why is WG only Nordic? Answers: No, we have more members from South Europe (Greece, Portugal) and elsewhere as well.

Ave forwards greetings from Simon Poole, who could not be in Göttingen and Evangelos Karamanes, who is attending another WG meeting.

Cliona cannot attend, sends regards.

Mari gives information on Estonia's conference in September, deadline for abstracts is April 7.

Audun: What about the status of the map of archives project, presenting?

Ave gives an overview on the situation and activities, Lauri has sent a mail about launching the project officially. New board has to ask SIEF board again about the launch of mapping archives.

Lauri thanks Audun and NBTA network for initiatives, and KKN financing. One reason why NBTA are so well represented in Göttingen. Audun as main initiator of that network.

Ave talks about NBTA meeting in Tartu – plans to make workshops and archival introductions open to all conference participants in September's conference.

Maryna-Lauri: Nothing has happened with AFS and WG exchanging information about each other. Maryna hopes to contact AFS people on this. New board will exchange information with AFS.

Lauri thanks everybody. Hopes to continue in some form. Applause.

Meeting closes at 14.01.

**On Wednesday, March 29**, the new board of the WG on Archives present in Göttingen (Maryna, Theo, Sanita and Ave) gathered for a short meeting to elect two chairs. Given the situation and burdens at work, Ave and Maryna will continue as co-chairs with Ave also continuing secretarial tasks.