# Digital Ethnology and Folklore (DEF) Working Group Meeting (SIEF 2023 - Brno)

Date, 8.6.2023, Brno CZ

1. Preamble
   1. Greet attendees
   2. Call meeting to order
   3. Outline of meeting
      1. Introductions
      2. DEF at SIEF 2023 and current initiatives
      3. Election of New Leadership
      4. Discussion of future plans
2. Introduction to the working group

Founded in 2015 (Zagreb)

Dedicated to thinking about the role of technology and media (especially the Internet) on the people and material we research as well as on our own research methods.

* What happens when offline folklore goes online?
* What new forms of folklore are emerging online?
* How does online communication affect even offline forms of folklore?

Fairly young working group, looking at ways to expand our membership and engage in outreach, so thank you all for joining us today.

We have a Facebook group if you want to follow us

Mailing list, subscribe at the SIEF website under WGs

1. Recent activities:
   1. DEF panel at 8th DH Estonia “Variation and change in digital folk practices” link (talks available: <https://dh.org.ee/events/dhe2022/programme/>
2. Introductions from the board
   1. Coppélie Cocq, Chair
      1. Professor in Sámi Studies and Digital Humanities, University of Umeå
      2. Research: Digital ethnography, ethics, indigenous studies
   2. Ines Matres, Secretary
      1. European ethnology, University of Helsinki, Finland
      2. Research: Digital cultural heritage, education
   3. Liisi Laineste, Board
      1. University of Tartu / Estonian Literary Museum, Estonia
      2. Research: Folklore and ethnic humor, contemporary uses and developments in humor through digital communication.
   4. Christoph Bareither, Board (not present)
   5. Robert Glenn Howard, Board (not present)
   6. Christian Ritter, Board (not present, stepping down)
3. Round of introductions, attendees

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* 1. Banić Grubišić, University of Belgrade, Digital environmental groups, popular culture, internet folk
  2. Christian Liliequist, Umeå University, standup comedy, online humor
  3. Mabrouck Boutagouga, University of Batna, anthropology and computer science
  4. Anastasiya Fiadotava, Estonian Literary Museum, humor, memes
  5. Kristofer Hansson, Malmö University, health and digital
  6. Katalin Vargha, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, proverbs, digital humor
  7. Ida Tolgesbakk, Norwegian museum of cultural history, digital fieldwork
  8. Evelina Liliequist, Umeå University, queer orientation in social media, digital ethnography methods, ethics of research
  9. Trausti Dagsson, The Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies, folklore, data analysis
  10. Sascha Rönne, Kiel University, all digital
  11. Stuart Dunn, Kings College, DH, GiS Landscapes and digital technology
  12. Ernestina Alvarez Corona, University College London, DH, empathy and documentary practices and body
  13. Pedro Antunes, Universidad Nova de Lisboa, digital recovery endangered language,
  14. Vinzenzo Scamardella, University of Marseille, Facebook history, digital anthropology, devotion and religion
  15. Mari Raju, University of Estonia, music, digital folklore

1. DEF Panels at SIEF 2023
   1. 8.6. Heroes and villains in the global digital space, chairs: Coppélie Cocq + Liisi Laineste (6 papers)
   2. 9.6. Precarious topics, precarious researchers Chairs: Evelina Liliequist + Rob Howard (3 papers)
2. Poster session: Yes
3. Elections
   1. Leadership
      1. Continuing: Coppélie Cocq
      2. Andrew stepped down as co-chair,
   2. Board members retiring:
      1. Inés Matres: stepping down as secretary
      2. Andrew Peck stepping down as Co-Chair
   3. Voting new leadership and new board members: Liisi Laineste (Co-Chair); Evelina Liliequest as board member, Mabrouck Boutagouga as board member and Katalin Vargha for secretary.
      1. Votes: All in favour
   4. **The board of DEF working group (2023-2025): Coppélie Cocq, Liisi Laineste (Chairs), Katalin Vargha (secretary), Rob Howard, Christoph Bareither, Evelina Lilequist, Mabrouck Boutagouga**
4. Ongoing initiatives and planning for the future
   1. Inter-year meeting

(Most working groups hold smaller meetings (~30 people) in the years between SIEF meetings)

Funding available through SIEF   
No concrete plans or suggestions were discussed at the meeting. All members of the working groups are encouraged to contact the chairs and discuss ideas for organising a smaller event in 2024.

* 1. Promotion of DEF (and SIEF) at other conferences:
     1. Conference: Digital Humanities Nordic and Baltic, Tartu, March 2024 (Liisi)
  2. Topics of Interest for panels at SIEF 2025
     1. Reflexivity, activism and political topics and politically active research participants (Evelina)
     2. Relation to AI, conclusions? Training? AI ethics (Coppélie)
     3. Digital folklore data archive (Ana Banic)

1. Training opportunities at the institutions of members:
   1. Humlab Umeå (Coppélie) diverse online/hybrid courses for PhD students (Cultural heritage in the digital age, Digital Research, Open science and Data management)

<https://www.umu.se/en/humlab/education/postgraduate-studies/> )

* 1. Digital ethnology workshop series with Christine Hine Humlab Talk: Exploring the silences of smart care 14.9.2023
  2. Conference 11-13 December Humlab Umeå University,
  3. https://carpentries.org/ (Data science for human sciences, in Tunisia) (Mabrouck)
  4. Kings College DH, hybrid courses https://kingsdh.net (Stuart Dunn)
  5. Digital Humanities Hackathon Helsinki, May 2024 (Inés)

1. Open Meeting to other business
   1. Mailing list, self-subscription and unsuscription
   2. Board members to update any changes to their emails for the website to secretariat ([sief@meertens.knaw.nl](mailto:sief@meertens.knaw.nl))
2. Meeting was adjourned at 19:55

Minutes: Ines