

Minutes WG meeting

Göttingen, Tuesday 28 March 2017, Mensa of the University in Göttingen

This WG meeting was organized during the SIEF Congress in Göttingen “Ways of dwelling: crisis, craft, creativity”

Before an official WG meeting, those members of a Board of WG who were present in Göttingen met to discuss briefly the most important issues and agenda of WG meeting

WG Board meeting gathered: István Povedák, Clara Saraiva, Anna Niedźwiedź, Peter Jan Margry

WG meeting opened to anybody interested in the WG’s activities started around 1.30 PM:

Present:

Board members: István Povedák, Clara Saraiva, Anna Niedźwiedź, Peter Jan Margry (Marion Bowman not present as she could not arrive to Göttingen)

and 20 people

1.

István Povedák (chair of WG) opened the meeting:

- Presentation of the agenda
- Brief summary of the last 2 years of WG activities and a general info about the WG and its members
- Making an attendance list and encouraging new members to enlist

2.

Board elections and voting:

- presentation of proposed new WG Board members and the Board structure (two co-chairs, a secretary, members). Information about Marion Bowman stepping down from the Board (she is not present during the SIEF congress in Göttingen and has numerous duties at her university that keeps her too busy to get involved into WG Board).

Election and voting:

- Candidature of Thorsten Wettich for a secretary
- Candidature of Clara Saraiva for a member
- Candidature of Peter Jan Margry for a member
- Candidature of Anna Niedźwiedź for a co-chair

- Candidature of István Povedák for a co-chair

All Board members were elected unanimously.

3.

Information and discussion about the WG conference in 2018:

- Possible places for a future conference briefly presented and discussed (Ljubljana, Jerusalem, Siena)
- Siena pointed as a place to organize the 2018 conference
- Fabio Mugnaini presented possibilities in Siena, suggested timing: end of September/beginning of October 2018, support from the university in Siena, possibility to encourage some scientific societies (anthropological associations) to cooperate, accommodation and conference facilities etc.
- Discussion about possible topic: brain-stormy discussion brought few general topic suggestions (e.g. religion-migration-family; topic related to death/dying, maybe death and migration; a topic combining religion(s) and politics; religion as a source of intolerance and tension but also a source of dialogue and peace building processes)
- It was agreed that within next months the WG Board together with the local organizer (Fabio Mugnaini, Siena) will discuss possible topics and make a conference proposal; WG members were encouraged to contact the Board via e-mail with their suggestions and draft proposals.

4.

Publications of WG

- General discussion about publications. The Board members: Clara Saraiva and Peter Jan Margry are in charge for publications and our WG series initiated with Lit Verlag
- Information about the first volume published by Lit Verlag: *Experiencing Religion: New approaches to personal religiosity*, Clara Saraiva, Peter Jan Margry, Lionel Obadia, Kinga Povedák, José Mapril (eds.), 2016 (this is a post-Warsaw volume)
- Information about the second volume under preparation with papers collected after the Lisbon 2011 congress, some papers from 2012 Szeged conference and 2013 Lisbon conferences. Problems with making a consistent volume. Selection of papers (only high quality papers accepted, peer-review publication)
- Discussion about possible Zagreb 2015 volume and Amsterdam 2016 volume

5.

WG Facebook funpage and WG website:

- Proposal to send relevant information to István Povedák and Thorsten Wettich so it can be published on FB and WG website

6.

Open questions and discussion:

- Can we be present as a WG on academia.edu? follow other members in case they have their accounts on academia.edu
- Information about SIEF members not present in Göttingen
- Information about WG panels during the congress (there are two WG Ethnology of Religion panels)

7.

Closing of the meeting