

MINUTES of the Meeting of the SIEF Ethnology of Religion Working Group held on Monday 18th April 2011 in Lisbon during the SIEF Congress

Present: members of the board (Peter Jan Margry (chair), Marion Bowman, Clara Saraiva, Anna Niedzwiedz (minutes)) and around 10 other participants (members of the group and SIEF members interested in ethnology of religion)

Welcome by the President of the working group, Peter Jan Margry.

The agenda of the meeting as well as the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The issue of organizing a 2012 conference of the working group of the ethnology of religion was discussed. All members present of the WG agreed that there is a need for a conference between two international SIEF congresses (which will be in 2013 in Tartu). Colleagues from the University of Szeged offered to be hosts of the conference and their offer was willingly approved. The provisional date and schedule of the conference was established as follows: first half of September 2012 (probably the second week of September 2012), two-day conference following the format of the conference in Warsaw (2010). It was agreed that a call for papers (open to everybody interested in the topic) should be circulated ahead of the conference and received proposals should be evaluated by a review committee consisting of representatives from the local team and the WG board. The topic of the conference was discussed and it was accepted that the subject should concern transnational dimension of religiosity and issues connected with migrations and religion(s). The (provisional) title is 'Religion on the Move'. It was agreed that introductory concepts and ideas would be circulated among the members of the WG via e-mails and then decided by the board and the local team.

Publication of the papers from the 2010 Warsaw conference was discussed. As it was established during the previous meeting of WG in Warsaw two publications were supposed to emerge after the conference: in a journal *New Ethnography* published by the State Ethnographical Museum in Warsaw, and in a special issue of *Ethnologia Europaea*.

- It was announced that some projects launched by the State Ethnographical Museum in Warsaw did not get financed and Ewa Chomicka – the contact person in Warsaw, who was supposed to monitor the publication - stopped working at the Museum. It was agreed that members of the board would contact Ewa Chomicka and the State Ethnographical Museum to establish if publication in Warsaw is still possible or that another possibility has to be found.

- Peter Jan Margry related the complications connected with the publication of chosen papers in the *Ethnologia Europaea* special issue on personal religiosity. It was announced that the proposed papers are still not submitted by their authors. The concern was expressed connected with a delay as well as the topics of proposed essays (which should focus on personal religiosity and personal religious experience). After a discussion it was accepted that it would be possible to extend the final deadline for the authors (till July/August as the special issue of EE is scheduled as the second number in 2012). If at least 6 papers go through reviews and are accepted the special issue would be still possible to be published. If it appears to be impossible it was proposed to consider preparing a separate publication (in a book format).

The issue of the publication based on the proceedings of the 2002 WG conference in Edinburgh was discussed. It was recalled that all articles and papers had been ready to be published but an unexpected problems with a publisher appeared. Marion Bowman declared to contact the editor of the volume (who since then has been retired) and inquire about the publication. It was accepted that the quality of the papers and editorial work done on them should not be squandered.

Basing on the numbers of e-mail addresses the amount of members of the WG Ethnology of Religion is approx. 65. Incorrect e-mail addresses were asked to be corrected.

Closure of the meeting.

