

# TRACKING THE RITUAL YEAR (2004-2019)

## FIFTEEN YEARS OF WORKING GROUP ACTIVITY

Based on the general topic of ritual activities, customs and festive celebrations throughout the yearly calendric cycle, the SIEF working group on The Ritual Year was established on 29 April 2004, at the 8th SIEF congress in Marseille.

- Initiated by Emily Lyle, the inaugural meeting was held on 11 July 2004, at the Department of Celtic and Scottish Studies, University of Edinburgh.
- The working group has organized thirteen conferences and published eleven volumes in its collection, "The Ritual Year Working Group's Yearbook" ISSN 2228-1347, ISBN (paper) 978-9949-544-54-7.
- Many conferences, projects and publications have been the direct result of the working group, which has, over the years, maintained warm, personal friendships among its members.
- In the past three years, the working group has shared its accomplishments by creating the virtual Ritual Year Newsletter, a virtual library and an active webpage.
- The Ritual Year Working Group welcomes new members and invites them to contact us.



**HONORARY CHAIR: EMILY LYLE (UK)**

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**FORMER CHAIR: TERRY GUNNEL (ICELAND)**

**2011** 7th RY Conference 10-13 November 2011 "Researchers, Performance, Researcher, Co-Designing Heritage, Co-Designing Performance" Institute of Slovenian Ethnology SRC SASA, Ljubljana, Slovenia

**2012** 8th RY Conference 26-29 June 2012 "Migrations" The Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum (BAS) & Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

**2013** 9th RY Conference 14-16 March 2013 "Politics, Feasts, Festivals" Dept. of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Szeged & The Bálint Sándor Institute for the Study of Religion, Szeged, Hungary

**2014** 10th RY Conference 25-28 September 2014 "Magic in Rituals and Rituals in Magic" Institute for History and European Ethnology, University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria

**2015** 11th RY Conference 4-7 June 2015 "Traditions and Transformation" Kazan Federal University, Kazan (Volga Region), Russia

**2016** 12th RY Conference 8-12 January 2016 "Regulating Customs" Elphinstone Institute, University of Aberdeen, Findhorn, Scotland, U.K.

**2018** 13th RY Conference 7-9 November 2018 "City Rituals" Institute of Sociology, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania



**2004** Established 29 Apr 2004 at 8th SIEF Congress in Marseille. Inaugural Meeting held 11 July 2003, Dept. of Celtic & Scottish Studies, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, U.K.

**2005** 1st RY Conference 20-24 March 2005 Dept. of Maltese, University of Malta & Junior College Msida, Msida, Malta

**2006** 2nd RY Conference 7-11 June 2006 "The Ritual Year and Ritual Diversity" Institute for Dialectology, Onomastics and Folklore Research, Gothenburg, Sweden

**2007** 3rd RY Conference 25-29 May 2007 "Ritual Year and History" Narodni Ustav Lidove Kultury, Strážnice, Czech Republic

**2008** 4th RY Conference 22-26 June 2008 "Ritual Year and Gender" Folklore and Ethnology Department, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland

**2009** 5th RY Conference 2-6 July 2009 "The Power of the Mask" Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania

**2010** 6th RY Conference 4-7 June 2010 "The Inner and the Outer" Estonian Literary Museum, Folklore Archive, Tallinn, Estonia

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