

SIEF Working Group “Place Wisdom”

Business Meeting

SIEF Zagreb 22nd June 2015

15:50-18:50hrs, room A102

Participants

1. Salma Siddique, University of Aberdeen
2. Andrea Benassi, Sapienza University of Rome
3. Zuzanna Bułat-Silva, University of Wrocław
4. Nourit Melcer-Padon, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
5. Patric Laviolette, Tallinn University
6. Angela Firmhofer, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich
7. Vitalija Stepušaitytė, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh
8. Kirstie Jamieson, Edinburgh Napier University
9. Georg Wolfmayr, University of Vienna
10. Anna Eckert, University of Vienna
11. Katriina Siivonen, University of Helsinki (1.8.2015 > University of Turku)
12. Stella Butter, JustusLiebig University, Giessen
13. Ulli Kockel, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh

Minutes

1. Appointment of note-taker for the meeting

Prof. Katriina Siivonen, University of Helsinki, Finland.

2. Report on activities since SIEF Tartu 2013

a. Conferences etc.

Unlike other WGs, the focus of Working Group Place Wisdom has not been on inter-congress conferences but on the development of collaborative research themes. There are currently three of these: “Home” (<http://www.scalesofhome.eu/>) led by Dr Stella Butter (Justus-Liebig-Universität, Giesen, Germany) and Dr Nourit Melcer-Padon (Hebrew University), “Waterscapes” led by Prof. Ullrich Kockel (Heriot-Watt university, Edinburgh), and Sacred Places/Routes, which has been led by Dr. Valentina Bold.

Research team groups have had several meetings and workshops since SIEF conference in Tartu 2013. The team group “Home” met in Mannheim (2014) and Wrocław (2015) with financial support from the local universities and organized conference panels at the conferences ASA 2014 (Edinburgh) and SIEF 2015 (Zagreb). The team group Waterscape organized two workshops in Edinburgh in 2014 and a workshop at SIEF 2015. The team group Sacred Places/Routes didn’t organize meetings.

b. Publications

WG didn’t publish any common publications.

c. Grant applications

Group Waterscape submitted in 2014 a funding application to the Royal Society of Edinburgh, which was unsuccessful. Initiated around a HERA bid in 2015, the team group Sacred Places/Routes is waiting to hear the outcome.

d. Other activities

WG didn't have any other activities.

See attachment for all activities: Biennial Report 2013-15 by Ullrich Kockel, 23 June 2015.

3. Plans for 2015-17

a. Conferences etc.

The team group "Home" has a funding bid for a further meeting (Jerusalem 2016) in progress. All team groups are encouraged to organize panels and /or workshops at the next SIEF conference in Gottingen 2017 and in the next ASA conference in Durham 2016.

b. Publications

The team group Waterscape discussed about a common journal issue in its workshop in Zagreb. A book proposal of the group "Home" is in the evaluation process on Bloomsbury publishing. The team group "Home" will develop in its meetings a plan for a common publication as a book or a journal issue.

c. Grant applications

Team groups Waterscape and Sacred Places/Routes will continue with grant applications for their research tasks.

d. Other activities

WG didn't have plans for any other activities.

4. Review of operation (ref: 2014 Statutes)

a. Mission/vision of the group

Unlike other WGs, the focus of Working Group Place Wisdom has not been on inter-congress conferences but on the development of collaborative research themes.

It was noted that the WG's web entry on the SIEF pages needs up-dating. In that context there will need to be a discussion about the direction of the WG as it is shaped by the development of research proposals, and this needs to be reflected in a revised text. The text will be reflected in an e-mail discussion in autumn 2015 between all of its members, those who were present at the Business Meeting in Zagreb 22nd June 2015 and those who were not present there. The discussion will be initiated by Prof. Ullrich Kockel.

b. Membership

An up-dated membership list can only be supplied following clarification of status of WG members, many of whom may not be interested in SIEF but wanting to collaborate in one or other research project of the WG. WG will continue its work both with WG members and with collaborating network members, who are not members in SIEF.

c. Web presence

WG's web entry on the SIEF pages needs up-dating after it is revised in an e-mail discussion between WG members. Also the revised list of members will be included on the WG's entry on the SIEF web pages.

d. Adjustments needed

Not any.

5. Election of at least two co-chairs and a secretary (who can be one of the co-chairs) for 2015-17

Prof. Ullrich Kockel stepped down as WG coordinator after three terms of office. Dr Stella Butter and Prof. Katriina Siivonen accepted nomination as Co-Chairs, and one of them will take on the role of Secretary.