

Minutes of the ISFNR Belief Narrative Network (BNN) Meeting

during the ISFNR Vilnius 2013, June 26, 2010, 17.30 p.m.

Chair: Ülo Valk

Secretary of the meeting: Ergo-Hart Västrik

Participants: Greg Alles, Camilla Asplund Ingemark, Marion Bowman, Eva Þórdís Ebenzersdóttir, Pasi Enges, Terry Gunnell, Anders Gustavsson, Robin Gwyndaf, Kirsi Hänninen, Reet Hiimäe, Marja-Liisa Keinänen, Kristel Kivari, Mare Kõiva, Kaarina Koski, Judit Kis-Halas, Júlíana Þóra Magnúsdóttir, Mirjam Mencej, Merili Metsvahi, Art Leete, Maria Ines Palheiro, Alexander Panchenko, Sadananda Singh Mayanglambam, Ülo Valk, Ergo-Hart Västrik.

1. Election of the chairperson of the meeting and the secretary: Maria Ines Palheiro suggested Ülo Valk to be the chair person and Ülo agreed; Ergo-Hart Västrik volunteered to write the minutes of the meeting.

2. Ülo Valk gave a short overview about the history of BNN network. It was launched in Athens 25.06.2009. Initial board members of the BNN were – Ezekiel Alembi, Willem de Blécourt (chairman of the board), Terry Gunnell, Desmond Kharmawplang, Maria Ines Palheiro, Mare Kõiva, Timothy Tangherlini, Ülo Valk. Later additional board members were nominated: Irma-Riitta Järvinen and Alexander Panchenko.

Conferences and symposia of the BNN were held in St. Petersburg (2010), Shillong (2011), Novi Sad (2012) and Imphal (2012). Willem de Blécourt has been the key person who has communicated with members and put together the programmes of the BNN events.

Problems with homepage. There is not enough information about the events of the BNN in ISFNR homepage.

Ülo Valk read the “BNN rules” that informs that the chairman of the network should communicate with members and ISFNR executive committee.

3. Elections of the new members of the board. From the earlier set of members Willem de Blécourt, Terry Gunnell, Desmond Kharmawplang, Maria Ines Palheiro, Mare Kõiva, Ülo Valk and Alexander Panchenko were eager to continue. New suggested members were: Mirjam Mencej, Kaarina Koski, Anders Gustavsson and Marion Bowman who got the support from the other members of the BNN.

4. Discussion about the further plans of the BNN.

Willem de Blécourt has suggested to compile bibliography on studies on belief narratives. There was a suggestion to have BNN meeting in Göttingen.

Robert Gwyndaf suggested to have joint meeting with ISFNR committee on charms and charmers.

Ülo Valk suggested that there should be BNN symposium in regular ISFNR congress in Miami 2016 and also within the interim congress in Turkey.

Terry Gunnell suggested that the BNN events should be concentrated on clearly defined topics that would result later on special issues of journals.

Mare Kõiva is ready to set up the BNN homepage that is linked to the ISFNR homepage.

Mrjam Mencej suggested that the homepage should contain members' bibliographies on studies on belief narratives.

Alexander Panchenko suggested that there should be also short CV-s of the members including their research interests.

Maria Ines Palleiro suggested to have a conference in Tartu.

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