

General Assembly of the ISFNR

June 27, 2013, Vilnius

Meeting begins 3:00 pm

Attending

80 members of the ISFNR (see list of participants, attachment 1) and 4 non-members, including the following members of the Executive Board:

Cristina Bacchilega (CB), vice-president North-America, chairperson membership committee

Mehri Bagheri (MB), vice-president Asia

Donald Haase (DH), member

Lauri Harvilahti (LH), vice-president Europe

Fumiko Mamiya (FM), member

Ulrich Marzolph (UM), president

Sadhana Naithani (SN), member

Maria Ines Palleiro (MIP), vice-president South-America

Marilena Papachristophorou (MP), treasurer

Ülo Valk (UV), chairperson of the vice-presidents

and Johanna Ella (JE), secretary

Agenda

1. Reports
 - 1.1. President
 - 1.2. Treasurer
 - 1.3. Announcement of deceased members
 - 1.4. Chairperson of the membership committee
 - 1.5. Committees
2. Elections
3. Membership Issues
4. Legalizing the Status of the ISFNR
5. ISFNR Journal
6. Next Congress/Conferences
7. Election Honorary Members

1. Reports

1.1. President (UM)

ISFNR activities 2009-2013

Presentation of the permanent ISFNR web page at <http://www.isfnr.org>

ISFNR Interim Conference in Shillong, India, February 2011; see *Fabula* 52,3-4 (2011) 308-311

ISFNR Symposium Göttingen, Germany, June 2012; see *Fabula* 54,1-2 (2013) 110-112

Narrating (Hi-)Stories: Storytelling in/about West-Africa, Accra, Ghana (co-organized by the ISFNR) Oct 2012 see <http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/tagungsberichte/id=4659>

The Role of Theory in Folkloristics and Comparative Religion, in honour of Lauri Honko, Turku, August 2013 (co-organized by the ISFNR)

1.2. Treasurer (MP)

Current holdings of the ISFNR 4947,27 € (German savings account to the name of UM)

Expenses for Vilnius about 1,200 €

Income in Vilnius: Membership fees to be collected by the organizers (total about 2,000 €)

210 members have paid their membership fees until June 2013.

Details see attachment 2

1.3. Announcement of deceased members (UM):

Jón Hnefill Aðalsteinsson	1927-2010
Ezekiel B. Alembi	1960-2010
Brynjulf Alver	1924-2009
Maja Boškovič-Stulli	1922-2012
Thomas Geider	1953-2010
Dagmar Klímová	1926-2012
Rüdiger Schott	1927-2012

1.4. Chairperson of the membership committee (CB)

The society has 736 members.

81 new members since the Athens conference 2009

Membership application procedure will be discussed

1.5. Committees

- Belief Narrative Network (UV)
- Folktales and the Internet (Theo Meder)
- Charms, Charmed and Charming (Jonathan Roper)

2. Elections

UM explains the changes in the EC and outlines his plans for his next periods of office, if he is elected

- FM resigns from her post as a member of the EC
- MP resigns from her post as treasurer, but wishes to remain as a member of the EC
- Vice-president for Africa still vacant, various options discussed
- CB becomes “member”, while DH becomes vice-president for North-America
- All other members of the EC opt to stay in office for another period

Lee Haring is invited to guide the GA through the election process. He suggests to confirm the board as proposed. Election is made by pronouncing “yes” or “no”. The amount of “yes” votes surpasses the amount of “no” votes. He declares the new board as elected.

After the election: Pihla Siim, Tartu, agrees to be the new treasurer

3. Membership Issues

UM presents the plans of the EC to introduce new membership fees as follows

- 25 € annually for full membership
- 15 € annually for reduced membership. This will be made available to (a) students; (b) unemployed or retired; (c) on special application by those who feel they cannot afford a full membership fee for various reasons; application

to be approved annually by the president in accordance with the treasurer and the chairperson of the membership committee

- 00 € for honorary members is current practice (specified by UM for the GA: Honorary members will not be reminded to pay their dues; donations are welcome)

ISFNR members will be encouraged to pay their fees in advance until the next GA (= 75 €)

Benefits for members:

- access to the membership network (membership roster; mailing list to be installed, occasional short programmatic statements by the honorary members); technical details of membership network to be discussed with IT specialist in Göttingen
- reduced membership fee for congresses and other meetings of the ISFNR
- voting on all matters brought before the GA and being eligible for office
- special deal with Wayne State UP for “Narrative Culture”
- The GA votes on the suggestion: 1 no, 3 abstentions

4. Legalizing the Status of the ISFNR

UM is authorized to register the ISFNR as an NGO in Germany. This will involve the advice of an attorney and, most probably, changes to the statutes. Details to be discussed in communication with the EC and, if necessary, by email with the members

Galit Hasan-Rokem requests to assure that even when the NGO is located in Germany, the president can be everywhere in the world.

5. ISFNR Journal

DH presents the journal “Narrative Culture”, newly edited by UM and Regina Bendix. Following an intense discussion, the new journal is accepted as “an organ of the ISFNR”. While the position of “Fabula” in respect to the ISFNR needs to be clarified, “Fabula” is to remain “an organ of the ISFNR”. There are no obligations of the society towards the journal(s) or vice versa.

The GA votes on the suggestion: 2 no, 2 abstentions

Mare Kõiva suggests the Estonian journal “Folklore. An Electronic Journal of Folklore” also to be affiliated to the ISFNR.

6. Next Congress/conference

Tim Lloyd, Executive Director of the American Folklore Society, presents the invitation for a joint conference AFS/ISFNR in Miami, Florida, 18-22 October 2016 (see attachment 3). After an intense discussion, the invitation is gladly accepted. The organizers are asked to assist the participation of European, Asian and African participants, particularly as for visa problems, travel funds, and affordable accommodation.

The GA votes on the invitation: 3 no, 15 abstentions

Özkul Cobanoglu presents an invitation for an interim conference to be held in Ankara in 2015. The Ankara meeting is to be connected to a symposium of the Belief Narrative Network in Georgia, to which Bela Mosia invited.

The GA approved the Ankara invitation with great majority. Since the meeting in Georgia is organized at the discretion of the BNN, the GA took notice with approval.

7. New honorary members are elected:

- Don Ben Amos
- Violeta Krawczyk-Wasilewska
- Torunn Selberg

Meeting closed 05:40 pm

Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report

	Income	Source	Outcome	Expense
	3470,00	Previous treasurer 12/2009	356,34	Web site
	2545,00	Membership fees 12/2009 - 6/2013	743,00	Board members travel expenses
			51,00	Bank transactions
			3,69	Post expenses
Total	6015,00		1154,03	

Balance 15 June 2013

4860,97

86,30

Account ISFNR in Germany	3839,67	7/3/2013
	1050,00	13/6/2013
Total	4889,67	
Account ISFNR in Greece	57,60	13/6/2013

Grand total

4947,27

86,30 surplus

Attachment 2:

Members of the ISFNR attending the General Assembly

27. June 2013

1. Anttonen, Veikko
2. Arvidsson, Alf
3. Asplund-Ingemark
4. CamillaBacchilega, Cristina
5. Bacchilega, Cristina
6. Bagheri, Mehri
7. Bar-Itzhak, Haya
8. Ben-Amos, Dan
9. Bender, Mark
10. Bhattacharjee, Kishore
11. Borgohain, Monalisa
12. Bottigheimer, Ruth B.
13. Bregenhøj, Carsten
14. Briggs, Charles
15. Bugiene, Lina
16. Chirom, Rajketan Singh,
17. Cobanoglu, Özkul
18. Conrad, Jo Ann
19. DeBasu, Sharmishta
20. Duggan, Anne
21. Gudmundsdóttir, Adalheidur
22. Gunnell, Terry
23. Gustavsson Anders
24. Gwyndaf, Robin
25. Haase, Donald
26. Hakamies, Pekka
27. Haring, Lee
28. Harvilahti, Lauri
29. Hasan-Rokem, Galit
30. Heimo, Anne
31. Jaago, Tiiu
32. Järv, Risto
33. Järvinen, Irma-Riita
34. Kaivola-Bregenhøj, Annikki
35. Kalita, Dilip Kumar
36. Klein, Barbro
37. Kõiva, Mare
38. Krawczyk-Wasilewska, Violetta
39. Larsen, Hanne Pico
40. Lau, Kimerbley
41. Lindow, John
42. Ljungström, Åsa
43. Lloyd, Timothy
44. Mamiya, Fumiko
45. Marzolph, Ulrich
46. Mayanglambam, Sadananada Singh
47. Meder, Theo

48. Medhi, Mrinal
49. Meitei, M. Mani
50. Mencej, Mirjam
51. Metsvahi, Merili
52. Mills, Margaret A.
53. Mosia, Bela
54. Naithani, Sadhana
55. Noguchi, Yoshiko
56. Ó Giolláin, Diarmuid
57. Oring, Elliott
58. Oriol, Carme
59. Pakalns, Guntis
60. Palleiro, Maria Inés
61. Papachristophorou, Marilena
62. Panchenko, Alexander
63. Passalis, Haralampos
64. Pöysä, Jyrki
65. Racénaite, Radvile
66. Roper, Jonathan
67. Samper Prunera, Emili
68. Sanatombi Singha, Soram
69. Schmitt, Christoph
70. Selberg, Torunn
71. Shojaei Kawan, Christine
72. Siim, Pihla
73. Slekonyte, Jurate
74. Slyomovics, Susan
75. Vakimo, Sinikka
76. Valk, Ülo
77. Västriik, Ergo-Hart
78. Vaz da Silva, Francisco
79. Williams, Fionnuala Carson
80. Yelenevskaya, Maria

Non members: 4

Attachment 3:

**PROPOSAL for an International Society for Folk Narrative Research-
American Folklore Society Joint Conference**

June 2013

Date and place:

Tuesday-Saturday, 18-22 October 2016, Hyatt Regency, Miami, Florida

Miami International Airport:

the second-largest number of daily international flights of any US airport, including daily non-stop flights from 38 cities in Latin America and 14 cities in Europe (on all major Latin American national airlines and most major European national airlines)

Registration fees

(€ prices are based on the 13 June 2013 exchange rate):

ISFNR and AFS Members:

Regular Members: € 116 / \$155

Independent, New Professional or Retired Members: €83 / \$110

Low Income (less than €18.800 / \$25.000) or Student Members: €45 / \$60

Non-Members:

Non-Member: €158 / \$210

Non-Member Student: € 90 / \$120

Nightly hotel room rates:

Single or double rooms: € 125 / \$167, plus tax

Student rooms: €74 / \$99, plus tax

Program and arrangements:

ISFNR and AFS members may submit proposals for individual presentations and organized sessions, which will be reviewed by a program committee, composed of members of both societies.

Insofar as possible, we will integrate ISFNR and AFS member participation in conference sessions.

ISFNR and AFS will also be able to schedule any necessary society-specific events (board meetings, annual business meetings, social events etc.)

AFS will serve as the secretariat for the conference, and will be responsible for all local arrangements.