# CAFÉ meeting at the SIEF conference in Santiago de Compostela.

When gathering in Turku last spring, we decided to use the opportunity to meet at conferences where members of the CAFÉ network attend. These five members attended the SIEF conference and were able to meet on Tuesday 16th at 13-14.30 :

Helena Ruotsala

Kristin Schram

Tatiana Argounova-Low

Nuccio Mazzullo

Tóta Árnadóttir

We had limited time, but managed to go through these points on the agenda:

1. Introduction and catching up.
2. Grants to support research for the group.
3. Organizing a field school on archival work.
4. Agreeing next meeting, conference or event.

Ad1) Some of the members have not met before and for some this was the first meeting they attended, so we briefly went through what the background and aims of the network are. None of us who attended is directly involved in any CAFÉ related activities at the moment (grant applications etc.) but there were several ideas for possible collaborations. We noted the email by Tom Miller regarding the ECREA radio Research Conference in Sienna in September, and discussed the grant application on Radio and minority languages. Nuccio might be able to get involved with that project from a Saami perspective, he is looking into it.

Ad 2) Kristinn has some experience with applying for Nordic grants and had a suggestion that we apply for a specific reserve for workshops and/or travel funds for Nordic members (this does not exclude the participation of others, of course.) He brought our attention to the NOS-HS - The Joint Committee for Nordic research councils.

Some ideas for NOS-HS workshop topics:

Folklore archives and ethnography

Circumpolar post-human folklore - in archives and ethnography

Reception and use of online folklore archives

Comparative review of archival material looking for shared and disparate elements across the arctic.

Kristinn took on the task of preparing an application before the deadline (it is by the end of May) and will get in touch with the network to see who wants to sign it.

Nuccio mentioned the Finnish academy; he will also try to circulate a suggested project to the network. Nuccio also mentioned that Stephan Dudeck, one of our CAFE members is currently looking for grants for an urgent project of documenting a “bear dance “ in Siberia, and that maybe the network could contribute to find funds for such a project, however it would probably be best if Stephan sent some sort of enquiry through the network. Kristinn has been working with bears in other ways; perhaps there is some way to combine different angles in one project, even if they are far apart.

Ad3) Everyone agreed that a field school could be a good idea, but the challenge is funding.

The North2north scheme was mentioned as an obvious resource, but even though there were several ideas for field schools none of us at this meeting has the time to take it on under the current circumstances. Helena mentioned that The Archives of History, Culture and Arts Studies, University of Turku are willing to participate in an archive studies workshop if this idea is realized.

Ad4) As we come from very varied fields there are not that many obvious meeting places in the nearest future, but these were mentioned as possible locations where some of our members might attend and could get together:

Rovaniemi 2019 (June 3rd - 5th): Arctic Arts Summit 2019

Hilversum, Netherlands (Sept/Oct. 2019) IASA - 50th Annual Conference

Baltimore 2019 (Oct 16th -19th) Annual meeting in American Folklore Society

Reykjavík 2020 : 35th Nordic Ethnology and Folklore Conference

Vienna 2020 (August 16th –21.8th)  : Finno-Ugric congress in, Congressus XIII Internationalis Fenno-Ugristarum CIFU XIII, (Some symposiums have Nordic or Siberian themes. More info here: <https://cifu13.univie.ac.at/programme/symposia/> )

Helsinki 2021 (June 21th 24th)  SIEF (Helena as already discussed plans for some artic panels together with Hanna Snellman)

Other suggestions are welcome.

Another perhaps more realistic option is to try to set up a skype meeting within the next 6 months, just to keep in touch. We will try to gather a list of skype contact details, so that we are able to organise such a meeting next fall (could be by the end of October).