

**PART 2: THE REQUEST FORMAT**

**FORM ICH-09**

| <b>Request by a Non-Governmental Organization to be Accredited to Provide Advisory Services to the Committee</b>  |
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| <p><b>1. Name of the organization:</b></p> <p>Société International d'Ethnologie et de Folklore / International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF)</p>   |
| <p><b>2. Address of the organization:</b></p> <p>PO Box 94264<br/>1090 GG Amsterdam<br/>The Netherlands<br/>phone: 0031204628500<br/>fax: 0031204628555<br/>website: www.siefhome.org<br/>email: sief@meertens.knaw.nl</p>  |
| <p><b>3. Country or countries in which the organization is active:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> national</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> international (please specify: )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> worldwide</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Africa</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Arab States</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Asia &amp; the Pacific</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Europe &amp; North America</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Latin America &amp; the Caribbean</li></ul> <p>Please list the primary country(ies) where it is active:<br/>Nearly all European countries</p> |
| <p><b>4. Date of its founding or approximate duration of its existence:</b></p> <p>1964 (founding of the organisation in Athens)</p>  |

## 5. Objectives of the organization:

*Not to exceed 350 words*

SIEF is an international scholarly organization founded in 1964. The major purpose of our organization is to facilitate cooperation among scholars working within European Ethnology, Folklore Studies and adjoining fields. Membership is open to interested scholars and students. The membership support our efforts to build stronger networks among individuals and institutions in our fields, to enlarge the scope of our web-based services, and to plan and carry out scholarly meetings. Within the larger and looser framework of SIEF, a number of special interest sections have taken shape over the past decades. They hold their own congresses and workshops, and in some instances publish their own proceedings. □□ SIEF has organized large congresses in three to five year intervals. The most recent congress with the theme "Transcending 'European Heritages'" was held in Londonderry in June 2008. The next big congress is planned for 2011 in Lisbon. As SIEF hopes to contribute to improve contact and collaboration among scholars, we hope also to initiate a number of smaller workshops designed specifically for more intensive encounters on themes relevant to a rapidly transforming world. □□ In addition, SIEF seeks to serve like minded scholars through information offered on its web page. We would like to offer links to research institutions (at universities or in the public domain).

Moreover SIEF draws scholars who in daily practice work closely together with the communities of ICH in the various domains of the convention and give thus form to an intensive interaction between academia and the ICH practices (and practitioners) of daily live

## 6. The organization's activities in the field of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage

### 6.a. Domain(s) in which the organization is active:

- oral traditions and expressions
  - performing arts
  - social practices, rituals and festive events
  - knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
  - traditional craftsmanship
  - other domains - please specify:  
scientific reflection on these domains

**6.b. Primary safeguarding activities in which the organization is involved:**

- identification, documentation, research (including inventory-making)
- preservation, protection
- promotion, enhancement
- transmission, formal or non-formal education
- revitalization
- other safeguarding measures - please specify:

**6.c. Description of the organization's activities:**

*Not to exceed 750 words*

SIEF is an international scholarly organization, set up to facilitate cooperation among scholars working within European Ethnology, Folklore Studies and adjoining fields and to stimulate research and documentation on these fields. This is done via the International congresses which are organised each three years, usually in collaboration with other relevant organisations and institutions. Within SIEF nine special scholarly working groups have been set up to deal with a specific fields; one of the latest is the Working Group on Cultural Heritage and Property (chair Kristin Kuutma). SIEF stimulates and facilitates smaller conferences and symposia during the intervals of the three-yearly congresses. SIEF and/or it's working groups bring out publications and proceedings and also yearly newsletters for the membership. A public elaborate website is maintained for everyone interested in ethnology, folklore and cultural heritage. SIEF maintains professional and functional relations with other relevant organisations such as the American Folklore Society (AFS), the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) etc.

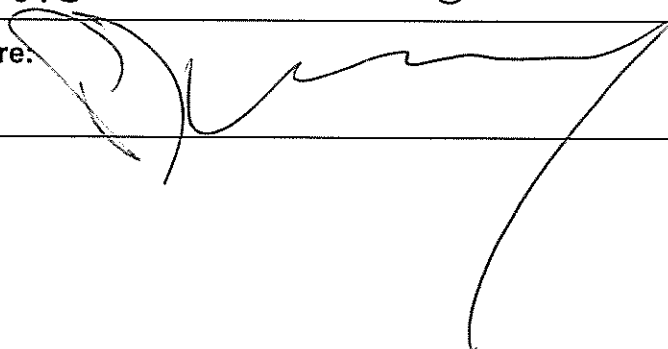
**7. Its experiences cooperating with communities, groups and intangible cultural heritage practitioners:**

*Not to exceed 350 words*

The membership has a great expertise in working with and communicating with communities, groups and practitioners, due to their profound engagement in fieldwork that entails sensitive interaction with people and their culture. The variety in experience is great due to the fact that it's members are from nearly all European countries and also because they are organized in nine different SIEF working groups each dealing with (a) specific aspect(s) of Intangible Cultural Heritage. Apart from the international perspective of SIEF, the individual and board members do also perform, from the research or documentation perspective, pluriform networks on local, regional or national levels with regard to Intangible Cultural Heritage.

**8. Documentation of the operational capacities of the organization:**

*Please substantiate the operational capacities of the organization with appropriate documentation, as described in paragraph 94 of the Operational Directives.*

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| <b>8.a. Membership and personnel</b><br><i>Please submit supporting documents.</i>  |
| <b>8.b. Recognized legal personality</b><br><i>Please submit supporting documents..</i>   |
| <b>8.c. Duration of existence and activities</b><br><i>Please submit supporting documents.</i>  |
| <b>9. Contact person for correspondence:</b><br>Peter Jan Margry, PO Box 94264 - 1090 GG Amsterdam The Netherlands<br>Executive Vice-President SIEF<br>peter.jan.margry@meertens.knaw.nl or sief@meertens.knaw.nl |
| <b>10. Signature:</b><br>PJ Margry  20/8/08.   |

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### **8 Operational capacities:**

see the latest SIEF News letters online or in the attached PDF's

<http://www.siefhome.org/images/PDF/sief-news%20november%202007.pdf>

[http://www.siefhome.org/images/PDF/sief-news\\_october\\_2006.pdf](http://www.siefhome.org/images/PDF/sief-news_october_2006.pdf)

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### **8a Membership and personnel**

At SIEF's last general assembly (Derry, June 18, 2008) the following members were elected to the Executive Board:

**Ullrich Kockel , UK (1st term, President)**

**Peter Jan Margry, The Netherlands (2nd term, Executive Vice-President)**

**Birgitta Svensson, Sweden (1st term, Vice-President)**

**Arne Bugge Amundsen, Norway (1st term)**

**Marjetka Golež Kaučič, Slovenia (2nd term)**

**Valdimar Hafstein, Iceland (1st term)**

**Kristin Kuutma, Estonia (1st term)**

**Dorothy Noyes, USA (1st term)**

**Cristina Sánchez-Carretero, Spain (1st term)**

**Maria Clara Ferreira de Almeida Saraiva, Portugal (1st term)**

**Bernhard Tschofen, Germany (1st term)**

**Hetty Garcia (Assistant Secretariat), The Netherlands**

The personnel of SIEF itself (secretariat) consists of the exec. Vice President Margry, assistant Garcia, and webmaster Van der Peet.

**The amount of individual members exceeds now 350 persons, representing the major research institutions (universities national academies, (folklore) museums etc. throughout Europe and some in the USA.**

**Most of the members take also part in one (or more) of the nine scholarly Working Groups (see below).**

## WORKING GROUPS

**1. Ethnology of Religion** □ Prof. dr. Ulrika Wolf-Knuts □ Domkyrkotorget 3 □ FIN-20500 ÅBO

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**6. Food Research** □ Prof.Dr. Patricia Lysaght □ UCD Delargy Centre for Irish Folklore and the National Folklore Collection, □ University College Dublin, Newman Building □ Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland □ □ E-mail: [patricia.lysaght@ucd.ie](mailto:patricia.lysaght@ucd.ie) □ □ □

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## 8b Legal documents

## **BYLAWS OF SIEF**

### **Société Internationale d'Ethnologie et de Folklore International Society for Ethnology and Folklore Internationale Gesellschaft für Ethnologie und Folklore**

Voted at the 7th SIEF congress, Budapest April 27, 2001.

Amended at the 8th SIEF congress, Marseille April 29, 2004.

Amended at the 9th SIEF Congress, Derry, June, 18, 2008.

#### **Preamble**

SIEF, the International Society for Ethnology and Folklore, founded in Athens on September 8th, 1964 was the successor to the Commission Internationale des Arts et Traditions Populaires (CIAP), an international scientific organisation, which owed its origin to the Congrès International des Arts Populaires held in Prague in 1928 under the auspices of the League of Nations.

**Art 1:** SIEF is a scientific society whose objectives are to develop scholarly work in the field of European ethnology and folklore, to promote publication in the field, to stimulate co-operation among its scholars and scientific organisations, and to contribute to the advancement of knowledge.

**Art 2:** The official seat of the Society shall be the office of the current Secretariat.

**Art 3:** The official languages of the Society are English, French and German.

**Art 4:** The fiscal year shall run from January 1st to December 31st.

**Art 5:** The Society shall be composed of individual members.

**Art 6:** Any person qualified by his/her scholarly work in the field of European ethnology and/or folklore may become an individual member of the Society. Application for membership shall be sent to the current secretariat. The names of new members shall be published on the SIEF's website.

**Art 7:** The membership fees are decided by the General Assembly. They should be paid by general members as well as by all participating members of SIEF Working Groups. The fee must be paid no later than 1st of March every year to the SIEF secretariat. Working Groups shall submit lists of its members to the secretariat.

**Art 8:** The organisational bodies of the Society shall include: (a) the General Assembly, (b) the Executive Board, (c) scholarly Working Groups. The office-holders of the Society shall be the President, an Executive Vice-President, a Vice-President, and 6-9 Board members at large who constitute together the Executive Board. All office-holders of the Society shall be elected by the General Assembly.

**Art 9:** The General Assembly shall meet in connection with each congress of the Society. All members present may vote. The duties of the General Assembly shall be: (1) to elect for the period until the next General Assembly the President, the Vice-Presidents, and the members of the Executive Board, (2) to approve the accounts of the financial position of the Society (3) to give advice on time, place and topic of the next congress, (4) to set new membership fees, (5) to amend the bylaws, (6) to decide any other matter laid before it by the president and/or the Executive Board.

**Art 10:** Elections at the General Assembly will be held by show of hands, except as indicated below. Nominations for any office-holders of the Society, proposed and seconded by members of the Society and with the consent of the person nominated, should be received in written form by the Presidency at least 48 hours before the General Assembly convenes. Nominations for the other members of the Executive Board, proposed and seconded by members and with confirmed consent of the person nominated, may also be made from the floor. The voting for the Presidency and the Vice-Presidency shall be by secret ballot.

**Art 11:** The Executive Board consists of the President, the Executive Vice-president, the Vice-president, the 6-9 members elected by the General Assembly. All Board members, including the President and the Vice-President are bound to a maximum of two terms. The Executive Vice-President, charged with secretarial affairs, can serve for more than two terms in the same position. One term is considered to be the period from one congress to the next. The 6-9 elected members should represent different regions of Europe as well as different schools and traditions of European ethnology. At least one of the members should be on the Board or presidency of one of SIEF's Working Groups. The Executive Board is the main organisational body of the Society. In between the congresses, the Board is responsible for the whole - administrative and scholarly - activity of the Society. The Executive Board shall prepare the meetings of the General Assembly and report about its activities to the Assembly.

**Art 12:** Scholarly Working Groups shall be established to foster special areas and fields of European ethnology and folklore. Every member of the Society can suggest to establish new Working Groups, seconded by at least five (5) other members of the Society. The Executive Board may decide to create scholarly Working Groups to undertake special tasks or to investigate certain problems connected with furthering the field of European ethnology and folklore.

**Art 13:** Each Working Group appoints a member as a liaison person with the SIEF Board. Each Working Group must have a recognisable structure with a Board, regulations, periodical assemblies, yearly reports to the Board, a membership list and keep their records, which have to be submitted to the SIEF secretariat when they cease activities. If a Working Group is approved the new Working Group members will become paying members of SIEF. Members who have not paid during two years will be expelled.

**Art 14:** The President represents the Society and shall be responsible - together with the Vice-Presidents - for the scholarly profile and activity of the Society. He or she is also responsible for convening meetings of the Executive Board and the General Assembly.

**Art 15:** The Executive Board may decide on a division of responsibilities for its two Vice-presidents. The Vice-Presidents are responsible for the functioning of the secretariat, the website and SIEF publication endeavours.

**Art 16:** If a Board member has reason to step down from office during his/her term, the Board may appoint a new interim member in his or her stead who then may stand for election at the next membership meeting.

**Art 17:** The congress of the Society should be held at least every three years. The organisation of the congress shall be entrusted to a local organising committee consisting of local members, the president, vice-presidents and 1-2 members of the executive board, as well as the secretariat of the Society.

**Art 18:** Amendments of the bylaws shall be decided upon by simple majority of the General



Assembly. Proposals must be made by at least five members of the Society and submitted to the President at least six (6) months before the next meeting of the General Assembly. Any proposals for modification of the bylaws should be published on the SIEF website before the meeting of the Assembly.

**Art 19:** The Society may be dissolved at the request of a two-thirds majority of the members of the Society. In that case such assets as there may be are to be placed at the disposal of an international scholarly society of similar character.

**Art 20:** These new Bylaws are effective as of June 18, 2008.

## 8c Duration

### SIEF CONGRESSES, ASSEMBLIES AND CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

**9th Congress: Derry / Londonderry (UK), 16-20 June 2008** □ Theme: 'Liberating the Ethnological Imagination'. □ [www.ulster.ac.uk/sief2008](http://www.ulster.ac.uk/sief2008) □ □ **8th Congress: Marseille, 26 - 30 April 2004** □ Theme: 'Among Others. Conflict and Encounters in Europe and the Mediterranean'. □ Publication: **Online document available** (PDF, 1.4Mb) □ □ **7th Congress: Budapest, 23 - 28 April 2001** □ Theme: 'Times, Places, Passages'. □ New President: Prof. Dr. Regina Bendix (Göttingen, Germany), until 2008. □ □ Publication: Attila Paládi-Kovács (ed.). Times Places Passages. Ethnological approaches in the New Millennium. Budapest: Akadémiai Kiadó, 2004 (738 pp.) [selected papers] □ □ **6th Congress: Amsterdam, 20 - 25 April 1998** □ Theme: 'Roots and Rituals. Managing Ethnicity'. Publications: Katriina Siivonen, 'Ethnicity in Amsterdam. 6th Conference of the SIEF, 20-25 April 1998'. Ethnologia Scandinavica 1999, pp. 125-128. □ Regina Bendix & Herman Roodenburg, Managing ethnicity. Perspectives from folklore studies, history and anthropology. Amsterdam: Het Spinhuis, 2000 (205 pp.) [texts plenary lectures]. □ Ton Dekker e.a. (eds), Roots & Rituals. The construction of ethnic identities. Amsterdam: Het Spinhuis, 2000 (808 pp.) [selected papers] □ □ **5th Congress: Vienna, 12 - 16 September 1994** □ Theme: 'Ethnisierung von Kultur(en)'. □ □ Publication: Renée Valeri, '5th International SIEF Congress in Vienna, September 12-16 1994'. Ethnologia Scandinavica 1995, pp. 135-37. □ □ **4th Congress: Bergen, 19 - 23 June 1990** □ Theme: 'Tradition and Modernisation'. □ New President: Prof. Dr. Konrad Köstlin (Germany), until 2001. □ □ Publications: Nils-Arvid Bringéus, 'Thoughts at the end of the conference'. Newsletter Nordic Institute of Folklore 3/4 (1990) pp. 16-22. □ Martii Junnonaho, '4th SIEF congress'. Newsletter Nordic Institute of Folklore 3/4 (1990) pp. 13-15 □ Birgitta Svensson, 'Tradition and Modernisation. Fourth congress of SIEF, 19-23 June, 1990, Bergen, Norway'. Ethnologia Scandinavica 1991, pp. 149-152. □ Ueli Gyr, 'Volkskunde zwischen Tradition und Modernisierung. Rückblicke auf den 4. Internationalen Kongress der SIEF'. schweizerischen Archiv für Volkskunde 87 (1991) pp. 1-4. □ □ **3rd Congress: Zürich, 8 - 12 April 1987** □ Theme: 'The Life cycle'. □ New President: Prof. Dr. Reimund Kvideland (Bergen, Norway), until 1990. □ □ Publications: Gullan Gerward, 'The Life Cycle. SIEF's Third Congress, april 8-12, 1987, Zürich, Switzerland'. Ethnologia Scandinavica 1987, pp. 157-161. □ J. van Haver, 'SIEF-congres in Zürich'. Volkskunde 88 (1987) p. 226-227. □ 'Al III-lea congres al Societatii Internationale de Etnologie si Folclor'. Revista de etnografie si folclor 33 (1988) pp. 116-119. □ □ **2nd Congress: Suzdal (USSR), 30 September - 6 October 1982** □ Theme: none. □ New President: Prof. Dr. Nils-Arvid Bringéus (Sweden), until 1987. □ □ Publications: Nils-Arvid Bringéus, 'The Second Congress of the International Society for European Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF) in Suzdal, USSR'. Ethnologia Scandinavica 1982, pp. 149-50. □ Alexander Fenton, 'The Second Congress of the International Society for European Ethnology and Folklore. 30 September - 6 October 1982'. Ethnologia Europaea vol. XIII, 2, pp. 237-238. □ □ **1st Congress: Paris, 24 - 28 August 1971** □ Theme: Ethnologie européenne. □ New President: Prof. Dr. Pop (Romania), until 1982 □ □ Publication: 'Premier Congrès International d'Ethnologie Européenne', Bulletin linguistique et ethnologique de l'institut Grand-Ducal de Luxembourg fasc. 18, 1972, pp. 87-99. Actes du premier congrès international d'ethnologie européenne. Paris - août 1971 (SIEF). Paris: Editions G.-P. Maisonneuve et Larose, 1973. □ □ **Establishing SIEF: Athens, September 1964** □ The transformation of CIAP into SIEF and 1st General Assembly; no congress organized. □ First President: Prof. Dr. Karel C. Peeters (Antwerp, Belgium), until 1971; secretary-general: Roger Pinon (Liège, Belgium)