

Rules of the Folklore Fellows

§1 The Folklore Fellows is an international folkloristic network of researchers, the aim of which is to promote scholarly contacts, publication activities and researcher training. In order to achieve this aim it invites distinguished active researchers from different parts of the world to become members. It further arranges international training courses for researchers and incorporates the editorial board of the Folklore Fellows' Communications series.

§2 The Folklore Fellows is led by the Executive Committee consisting of 5-7 folklorist members of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters. The Executive Committee can invite other distinguished folklorists to act as members in the committee. The editor of the FF Communications is a member of the Executive Committee.

It is the task of the Executive Committee to develop the researcher network by inviting new members and distributing information on its existence and activities. The Executive Committee also participates in the planning of the programmes for the international Folklore Fellows researcher training courses financed out of separate funds by appointing a member to their Organizing Committee.

The Executive Committee is led by the chair person and vice chair person who are elected by the Executive Committee for a period of five years.

§3 The Executive Committee of the Folklore Fellows is supported by the Folklore Fellows Advisory Committee. It is Advisory Committee's task to prepare proposals for new members, to assist in the planning of the research training courses, and to distribute information on the publishing potential afforded by the FFC series. The Advisory Committee may have at most 10 foreign research members in addition to the members of the Executive Committee, and its chair person is the chair person of the Executive Committee. The members of the Advisory Committee are nominated by the Executive Committee for a period of five years, and a person can act as a member of the Advisory Committee no longer than two periods.

§4 The FF Communications series has an editor nominated by the Executive Committee and an Editorial Board consisting of six prominent folklorists, two of whom shall be outside Europe and North America.

The task of the Editorial board is to support the editor in various phases of the publication process, in particular by suggesting peer reviewers to the manuscripts. The members of the Editorial Board are nominated by the Executive Committee by the suggestion of the editor of FFC for a period of five years, and a person can act as a member of the Editorial Board no longer than two periods.

§5 The Folklore Fellows researcher network has (1) an unlimited number of honorary members, (2) a maximum of 100 full members and (3) an unlimited number of associate members. Honorary members are invited from among eminent folklorists whose scholarly contribution has during a long period of time been internationally and/or nationally important. Distinguished active researchers from different parts of the world are invited by the Folklore Fellows' Executive Committee to become full members on the advice of the Advisory Committee. One quarter of the full members must be from outside Europe and North America.

The Executive Committee may invite associate members from among e.g. junior and senior folklorists attending the researcher training courses, or representatives of closely-related disciplines whose participation would help to achieve the functional goals of the researcher network through contacts with research, teaching and archive establishments in different parts of the world.

Member contacts are maintained by means of digital newsletters giving information on publications appearing in the FFC series and forthcoming researcher training courses.

§6 The Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee is in February of each year. Pressing matters may be voted on between Annual Meetings, either at a physical meeting or electronically. An Annual Meeting may be postponed owing to exceptional circumstances by a decision of the Executive Committee. The meetings of the Advisory Committee are organized in connection with large international folklorist conferences, preferably ISFNR, or, alternatively, electronically.

§7 These rules are ratified by the Executive Committee. Amendments may be made by the unanimous decision of the Executive Committee.