

**Ministry of Education and Culture  
Sami Parliament  
Team briefing/ Nordic indigenous TK&IP Conference of NMR 2021  
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## YHDESSÄ – TILLSAMMANS

Suomen puheenjohtajuus 2021 Pohjoismaiden ministerineuvostossa  
Finlands ordförandeskap 2021 i Nordiska ministerrådet

**Teams @ 14.00 – 16.00 (1-3 pm CET), Tuesday 7 September, 2021**

### Agenda

#### **1. State of Play**

A short summary of meetings so far was held and in particular on the content of the meeting in June, where it was established that a core element of the program would be the work done under the program of the Sámi Parliamentary Council, and more specifically based on the IMKÁS Study. The study had been distributed to the team and put on the Dialogue portal in Norwegian and English (shorter summary). Two new members of the team presented themselves, Julia and Nuura, who both have started as interns at the ministry and will assist in organizing the conference. The agenda focused on the establishment of the technical form of the conference and the draft program will now gradually be finalized. The secretariat would start contacting speakers and confirming details of the program (independently). A short re-cap on the subgroups was also included in the agenda.

#### **Finland**

Anna Vuopala, Marjaana Seppinen, Nuura Naboulsi, Julia Hallberg, Riitta Heinämaa/ Ministry of Education and Culture  
Stiina Löytömäki/ Ministry of Economy and Employment  
Leena Marsio/ Finnish Heritage Agency  
Marjo Aalto-Setälä/PRH, Patent and Registration Office  
Jukka Liedes, the Copyright Society of Finland

Eva Englund/Nordic Council of Ministers, Secretariat, Culture, Sami issues

#### **Sweden**

Martin Berger/ PRS, Patent and Registration Office

#### **Norway**

Silja Somby and Jon Petter Gintal/ Sami Parliament (Samediggi)  
Jostein Sandvik/ Patentstyret  
Maria Jongers/ Ministry of Culture

#### **Experts**

Tuomas Mattila/ University of Helsinki  
Jerker Rydén / National Library of Sweden  
Suvi King / Sámi Archives

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Anna reminded of the benefits of following the [Dialogue portal](#) to stay up to date on the development of the program and get access to various new studies and other content as well as the written briefings of the Team meetings.

The draft leaflets on “Save the date” to the Conference would be now transformed to invitations, in Finnish Swedish, English and in three Sámi languages (North, Inari and Skolt Sámi). Everyone in the Team is encouraged to distribute it in each respective relevant network.

#### 2. Conference details, covid-19 restrictions impact

The form of the conference would be physical and planned for 150 guests. The auditorium at Sajos building in Inari holds maximum 250 so this would allow for some social distance. Still it would be important to use digital technology to allow for a hybrid form should anyone of the speakers need to stay home. The conference would be streamed to the audience at distance and they would also be given the opportunity to contribute via online connection. Based on preliminary views, some speakers would not likely be able to travel to Inari. Suvi King from Sami Archives mentioned that Sajos has an excellent technical team and that we can reassure ourselves that everything will go well.

The WIPO TK workshop was originally planned for 8-10<sup>th</sup> November back to back with the Conference. Anna mentioned that there had been discussions of postponing it to the spring of -22. This was partly due to covid-19 restrictions and partly because the benefits of the event would be more concrete after the conference, given that they would draw from the outcomes of the conference. There will be separate contacts with the colleagues at the Ministry of Culture in Norway about co-operation in organizing the workshop. No comments except nods were expressed by members and the issue would be revisited at AOB.

#### 3. Findings from the subgroups

Jukka described shortly the discussions in the IP subgroup where discussions on copyright and related rights and trademarks was held on May 25 and June 1. The discussions were captured in the joint narrative. Jukka said that the aim is to have 1-2 more subgroups before the Conference. Leena Marsio mentioned that there was one subgroup in June, and another is planned for September and yet another for October. There will also be a webinar organized in the days before the Conference.

#### 4. The new draft version of the program

The Team discussed the latest draft of the program. The Conference would have a Sámi moderator or host. After reflecting on some choices, Pirita Näkkäläjärvi was considered the first option to contact. She has a wide experience in these matters, speaks North Sámi and English fluently and works now as Chair of the Culture Committee of the Sami Parliament in Finland.

The beginning would include opening words by the new Minister of Science and Culture in Finland, Antti Kurvinen together with Tuomas Aslak Juuso, the president of the Sámi Parliament and the two other presidents of the Sámi Parliaments in Sweden and Norway, respectively.

A joint keynote would be given by three Sámi and/or Greenland artists/practitioner of traditional livelihoods representing Finland, Sweden and Norway.

Another proposed amendment was the presentation of the Finnish Presidency initiative on increased Nordic co-operation in this field – and a hope to carry on the topic to the next Presidency. This intervention could also entail a summary of the discussions at the Nordic Team.

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Minister for Nordic co-operation and Equality Thomas Blomqvist and Paula Lehtomäki, Secretary General of the NMC will be sending a video greeting.

As the point of view of the Conference will be the indigenous, a suggestion from Tuomas Aslak Juuso had been to invite Mattias Åhrén to have a key note on the rights of indigenous peoples, in particular on the right of self-determination. It was noted by some experts, that there could be a risk of going beyond the scope of this conference with such topics, but by narrowing down the focus particularly to the theme of cultural heritage this could be avoided. There are active discussions in for instance Sweden relating to the rights of the Sámi, and it would be important to note that level of discussions in participating countries vary.

Introductions to the panel discussion would be delivered by Rune Fjellheim and Christina Haetta/ Saami Council as first choices of speakers. The number of panelists would be 5-6, to allow for dialogue between experts in Sámi culture, Greenland inuit culture, and IP experts. Overall, the number of speakers might present a challenge considering the relatively tight schedule.

#### **5. Any other business**

It was confirmed that the WIPO TK workshop would be postponed to allow for detailed exchange of views on it also in the Nordic Copyright team planned to take place during weeks 41-42.

#### **6. Next meeting**

Next meeting will be on 13<sup>th</sup> October, as there was an overlapping ALAI event for the pre-scheduled meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September.