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Sami Parliament
Team briefing/ Nordic indigenous TK&IP Conference of NMR 2021
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Teams @ 10.00 – 12.00 (9-11), Friday 16 April, 2021

Agenda

1. Introduction

A short recap of the last meeting was made for new participants. New members of the team, Anna Sinkevich, Daphne Zografos-Johnsson, Jerker Rydén, Christina Haetta and Riitta Heinämaa introduced themselves. Suvi King from the Sámi archives in Finland presented her team and said that the archive has been running some 10 years and that the issues they have encountered are very similar to the ones discussed in this team. New materials proposed by the Sami Parliament in Norway was added to the [portal of dialogue](#).

Finland

Anna Vuopala, Ministry of Education

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Juha Heinonen, Sámi Archives
Suvi King, Sámi Archives

A summary of the briefings would also be added to the portal. Absent: Inka Saara Arttijeff, Riitta Orti-Berg and Magne Svineng. Representatives of the ICC (Inuit Circumpolar Council) will be contacted for the next meeting (which will need to take into consideration time difference).

2. Save the date - leaflets

The draft leaflets on the Conference were shortly discussed at the meeting. Terms such as “regional” ja “TK vs. TCE” were discussed as there is a chance of confusion. Some also noted that depending on the target groups of the conference (it is wide) there would be a need to include more concrete information i.e. background and examples on need for protection of TK and TCEs. This information is important especially if the terms like TK and TCE are not familiar. It was noted that categorizations under IP treaties are difficult as indigenous peoples have a more holistic view of their culture. This will be considered. The leaflets will be sent to the team members that may distribute them to their own networks. It is still clear that the description does not aim to leave anything outside.

3. Draft Program of the Conference

The conference is a physical event as a priority. It is of course impossible to say whether a physical event is possible to organize due to the pandemic situation. Around mid June a decision is made concerning the summer months, so it will be followed.

The only comments received from the draft outline for program was from the Norwegian Sami Parliament. Those referred to the need to present the outcome of the pre-study on Sami intangible cultural heritage (IMKAS) in the conference. It was put in the program as a place-holder to find its suitable place later on.

The conference would have a high level opening and closing. The president of the Sami Parliament is confirmed and Minister Saarikko is also prepared to have a speech. We are still waiting from minister Thomas Blomqvist and hope to contact soon also the Secretary General of NMC. The members also raised that a very general but practical speech would be good in the beginning of the program.

There should be some clear overriding principles based on recognition and respect of indigenous rights within the field of IP and ICH. This way it would be easy to follow-up with a presentation on why co-operation is needed in the Nordic countries. The key note setting the scene could also be a Sámi or Inuit Artist describing various situations and circumstances where common approaches would be beneficial.

4. Working methods towards the TK&IP Conference 2021

Jukka Liedes from the Finnish Copyright Society presented the intention to form Subteams on various issues. We hope for broad participation and it would be easier to discuss in the Nordic team about a suggestion than a broad range of possibilities. Groups would be formed for the substantive issues, i.e. copyright, trademarks and intangible cultural heritage and these would meet 1-3 times and present their suggestions for a topic and speaker at the conference.

The subgroup would try to engage also other fields than IP and TK/TCEs, academia, artists, TK practitioners, users of TK for instance in the field of tourism, film, tv, archives and libraries. Members pointed out the views of the creative and cultural industries and indigenous businesses

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should also be heard. The idea to combine subgroups into one was presented as well as other solutions. The secretariat of the conference will discuss and come back with an invitation to join the work.

Other levels of work with their own goals to achieve short and long term results were also presented and discussed briefly. The point was made that perhaps the dimension of the political engagement should for now be kept on Nordic level, although it can already now be noted that these topics may rise also in the context of the Finnish Presidency of the Barents and Euro-Arctic Council in 2021-2023. Indigenous issues are part of the bilateral work with Nordic countries and Canada under the "Nordic Bridges" project and the "Arctic Arts Summit", having their event in Yukon next summer.

5. WIPO Workshop

Daphne from WIPO noted that as planned the WIPO workshop will be organised back to back with the conference in Inari. She presented the experiences and format of the previous workshops WIPO have organized in different regions, noting that this workshop is yet to be defined in format to suit the Nordic region. The workshops normally provides opportunity to foster dialogue and exchange of views about the existing IP framework. Normally these workshops do not amount to formal decisions. It is possible that the work of the workshop could be reported at the conference somehow.

Discussion in the team pointed out that it would be important to have concrete outcomes from this work, and to note that Sami already have wide knowledge about IP and therefore this should somehow be taken into consideration in the preparation of the program.

Also, the possibility of creating a booklet about Sami TK and IP as a concrete outcome of the work continues to be an option but has not been confirmed as for the funding. Discussion relating to the program of the workshop will continue with the help of WIPO colleagues and followed up in the next meeting.

6. Next meeting

Next meeting will be on 12 May.