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The Ritual Year Working Group

About Us

Based on the general topic of ritual activities, customs and festive celebrations throughout the yearly calendric cycle, The Ritual Year WG was established on 29 April 2004, at the 8th SIEF congress in Marseille. Initiated by Emily Lyle, the inaugural meeting was held on 11 July 2004, at the Department of Celtic and Scottish Studies, University of Edinburgh.

Many conferences, projects and publications have been the direct result of our WG, which has, over the years, maintained warm, personal friendships among its members.

In recent years, the working group has shared its accomplishments by creating a newsletter, a virtual library and an active webpage.

The Ritual Year Working Group is always open to new members and invites them to contact us.

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Since the outburst of the Covid-19 pandemic we have invested considerable time and energy keeping in touch with our members, maintaining our usual, scientific activities, and imposing order on the new rhythm of life. Our 2020 conference had to be postponed, but this did not stop us from getting together in the virtual realm. This is how The Ritual Year Seasonal Webinar Series got started. We have had five virtual meetings, dedicated either to particular calendric celebration (such as Christmas, Epiphany, Midsummer), and to other topics.

https://www.siefhome.org/wg/ry/seasonal_webinars.shtml

Publications



Together we have published twelve conference proceedings in our WG series, *Yearbook of the SIEF WG The Ritual Year* (ISSN 2228-1347), and numerous other publications reuniting papers presented during the RY panels at SIEF congresses.

Conferences and Panels

The working group has held thirteen conferences:

- 2005 - First Annual Conference of the SIEF WG on The Ritual Year, Msida, Malta;
- 2006 - The Ritual Year and Ritual Diversity, Gothenburg, Sweden (2006);
- 2007 - Ritual Year and History, Strážnice, Czech Republic;
- 2008 - Ritual Year and Gender, Cork, Ireland;
- 2009 - The Power of the Mask, Kaunas, Lithuania;
- 2010 - The Inner and the Outer, Tallinn, Estonia (2010);
- 2011 - Performer, Performance, Researcher. Co-Designing Heritage, Co-Designing Performance, Ljubljana, Slovenia;
- 2012 - Migrations, Plovdiv, Bulgaria;
- 2013 - Politics, Feasts, Festivals, Szeged, Hungary;
- 2014 - Magic in Rituals and Rituals in Magic, Innsbruck, Austria;
- 2015 - Traditions and Transformation, Kazan, Russia;
- 2016 - Regulating Customs, Findhorn, Scotland, UK;
- 2018 - City Rituals, Bucharest, Romania.

In addition to our conferences, the WG has organized panels during each SIEF congress.

