

Region I North America and Western Europe

Netherlands



Relevant projects or initiatives

A biennial Congress is attended by over 900 people. Working groups in archives, heritage and cultural property and other ICH related areas hold biennial convenings. Members publish extensively about a variety of heritage topics, provide policy advice to governments, engage in safeguarding, manage archives and train post-secondary students in courses dealing with heritage issues and practices. A statement on data management in ethnology and folklore provides ethical standards for the storage and sharing of research materials. See also the position paper, "SIEF and UNESCO: Making a Difference" https://www.siefhome.org/downloads/ga/SIEF_GA_2021_SIEF-UNESCO_position_paper.pdf



International Society for Ethnology and Folklore

NGO accredited to provide advisory services to the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

NGO's activity networks and more information



Geographic Coverage of NGO's expertise: Worldwide.

Vision

The voices of communities are heard, honoured and integral to evolving safeguarding processes. Ensure that heritage professionals and scholars are respectful of, collaborate with, and are responsive to communities.

Mission

Facilitate cooperation, convene and produce publications relating to heritage practices and issues from the perspectives of the disciplines of ethnology and folklore.

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Main areas of work related to the Convention



Convening of ethnologists and folklorists, including heritage scholars, practitioners, archivists and museum professionals.



SIEF's members document, research and interpret cultural practices and community life, emphasizing dynamic processual aspects. They engage in research, networking, teaching and training.



Members work in museums, archives, research centres, universities, and related NGOs.



The membership creates best-practice models, toolkits, policy statements and white papers, guidelines for documentation and informed consent, and visionary archiving/data policies.



Members do extensive research on the transformation of cultural practices through tourism and other kinds of heritage programs.

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