

Minutes of the Belief Narrative Network (BNN) Meeting
during the 15th ISFNR Congress in Athens, June 25, 2009, 14.45 p.m.

Chair: Timothy Tangherlini

Secretary of the meeting: Lina Būgienė

The agenda:

1. Elections of the Executive Committee.
 2. Discussion of the Statute of the BNN.
 3. Arrangement of the next meeting of BNN.
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1. The following researchers are elected as members of the BNN Executive Committee (in order of suggestion):

Terry Gunnell (Iceland)
Mare Kõiva (Estonia)
Timothy Tangherlini (USA)
Ülo Valk (Estonia)
Heda Jason (Israel)
Ezekiel Alembe (Kenya)
Desmond Kharmawphlang (India)
Maria Ines Palleiro (Argentina)
Willem de Blécourt (Netherlands/ UK)

2. The Statute project proposed by Heda Jason is discussed, edited and voted for by simple majority. Points that arouse heated discussions include: changing the title of the network from Belief Tales Network (BTNw), as suggested by the initiative group, to the Belief Narratives Network (BNN) – accepted by simple majority, (1 vote against); and definition of the membership as being “free to every member of ISFNR”, etc. The final edition of the Statute is accepted by the majority of the members present (1 abstained).
3. Regarding the possible venue for the next meeting of BNN, Ülo Valk presents an invitation from Alexander Panchenko to organize the BNN Conference in St. Petersburg (Russia) in the middle of May, 2010. The suggestion is discussed and accepted by the majority of votes (2 abstained).