VI BALTIC HERITAGE NETWORK (VIRTUAL) CONFERENCE
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**PROGRAM**

**WEDNESDAY, 15.09.2021 / THURSDAY, 16.09.2021 IN AUSTRALIA**

**14.00-14.30 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)**
**21-21:30 Eastern European Summer Time (EEST)**
**4:00-4:30 Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)**

**Baltic Heritage Network Annual General Meeting**

**14:30-15:45 EDT / 21:30-22:45 EEST / 4:30-5:45 AEST**
**Session 1**
**Chair: Birgit Kibal**

* Piret Noorhani (Baltic Heritage Network), *Opening remarks*
* Anne-Ly Reimaa (Estonian Ministry of Culture), *Estonian diaspora policy – more customer-centric approach in policymaking*
* Kadi Sikka and Aap Tepper (National Archives of Estonia), *Digital expansion in a time of physical distancing: Large-scale digitisation projects at the National Archives of Estonia*
* Sven Lepa (National Archives of Estonia), *Teaching the computer to read: First steps in handwritten text recognition at the National Archives of Estonia*

Q&A

**16:00-17:15 EDT / 23:00-24:15 EEST / 6:00-7:15 AEST**
**Session 2**
**Chair: Piret Noorhani**

* Marin Laak (Estonian Literary Museum), *A game of Ludo: Virtual tours of the Estonian Literary Museum*
* Evita Feldentale (Latvian Occupation Museum), *Improvement of the availability of photo collections within the audiovisual archive of the Museum of the Occupation of Latvia*
* Dalia Cidzikaite (Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania), *The international project “Migration in Art and Science”: Creating a Lithuanian segment of a new thematic collection in Europeana*

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**Session 1**
**Chair: Kristine Bekere**

* Rein Viira (Association of Estonians in Sweden), *How the archive group of the Association of Estonians in Sweden is collecting and describing old photos*
* Piret Noorhani (Museum of Estonians Abroad), *VEMU´s leap into the digital world*
* Inese Kalniṇa (Latvian National Archives), *Latvian exile (diaspora) archive in Münster from the archivist’s point of view*
* Maira Bundža (Western Michigan University), *Latvian collections in major US research libraries: A report from the ASEEES 2020 conference*

Q&A

**15:45-17:15 EDT / 22.45-24:15 EEST /5:45-7:15 AEST**
**Session 2**
**Chair: Piret Noorhani**

* Ave Maria Blithe (Estonian Archives in the US), *Covid restrictions – history repeating itself*
* Kristi Barrow (Estonian Archives in Australia), *Starting a social media program*
* Maie Barrow (Estonian Archives in Australia), *Sharing our archive with the world*
* Ann Tündern-Smith (Canberra & District Historical Society), *Sharing Baltic research with the world by blog*

Q&A