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FIRST DIGITAL PUBLICATION OF
PROF. A. R. NIEMI'S 1911–1912 LITHUANIAN
FIELD RECORDINGS — 300+ SONGS FEATURING
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From Archives to Life:

Lithuanian–Finnish Cultural Exchange Inspired by Professor A. R. Niemi

Programme

- 9.30-10.00 Coffee
- 10.00–10.15 **Welcome and opening remarks.** *Kati Mikkola, PhD, Secretary General of the Finnish Literature Society, prof. Hannu Niemi*
- 10.15–10.30 **Lithuania's Unique Folk Music Traditions on Phonograms in the Archives of the Finnish Literature Society.** *Risto Blomster, Senior Archivist PhD, Finnish Literature Society*
- 10.30-10.45 **Digital Publication of A. R. Niemi's Audio Recordings and Manuscripts of Lithuanian Folk Songs.** *Aušra Žičkienė, Senior Researcher, PhD, Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore*
- 10.45-11.00 **Building Bridges between Finland and Lithuania: The Scholarly Friendship of a Folklorist and a Priest.** *Vilma Daugirdaitė, Senior Researcher, PhD, and Jurgita Ūsaitytė, Senior Researcher, PhD, Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore*
- 11.00-11.15 **Echoes of Lithuania: Folklore, Memory, and Identity in A. R. Niemi's Work.** *Greta Petruškevičienė, Acting Head of the Department of Folklore Archives, PhD, Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore*
- 11.15-11.30 **Verses and methods. Reflections on A. R. Niemi as a pioneering scholar of Kalevala-metre poetry.** *Prof. Niina Hämäläinen, PhD, executive director of the Kalevala Society*
- 11.30-11.50 **Discussion**
- 11.50-12.00 **Closing remarks.** *Edvilas Raudonikis, Ambassador of Lithuania*

November 12, 2025

10:00 – 12:00

Finnish Literature Society (SKS)
Great Hall (2nd floor)
Hallituskatu 1, 00170 Helsinki

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