

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES IN THE WORLD AND IN ESTONIA

15 FEBRUARY 2019
ESTONIAN WRITER'S UNION
HARJU 1, TALLINN, ESTONIA

- 11.00 **Opening**
*Anne-Ly Reimaa, Head of International Relations on Integration Issues,
Ministry of Culture*
- 11.10 **2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages and Estonia's experience as
a member of the Steering Committee**
*Karmen Laus - Director of Division for International Organizations, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs*
- 11.30 **Indigenous languages and dialects in Estonia**
*Karl Pajusalu - Professor of Estonian Dialectology and History of the Estonian
Language, University of Tartu*
- 12.30 **Panel discussion.** (Moderator Meelis Kompus, Ministry of Culture. Participants
include Piret Kärtner / Ministry of Education and Research; Eino Pedanik/
Ministry of Culture; Kadi Raudalainen/ NPO Fenno-Ugria; Oliver Loode/NPO
Uralic Centre for Indigenous Peoples.)

As the IYIL 2019 coincides with the Estonian Language Year announced by the
Ministry of Education and Research, the panel will explore how the different
activities planned will support and reinforce each other at national and at
international level (with a focus on Finno-Ugric context).
- 13.30 Poetry reading by Contra, a poet writing in Võro dialect spoken in South-
Estonia.
- 14.00 Open discussion.