

SIEF 2017 13th Congress, Göttingen, Germany, 26–30 March 2017

Minutes of the SIEF Food Research Working Group Business meeting

Date: 27.03.2017

Place: Göttingen University, Germany

Meeting time: 13.15 –14.15

Participants: Members of the Working Group - Patricia Lysaght, Håkan Jönsson, Maja Godina Golija (Co-Chairs), Ester Bardone (Secretary), Bernhard Tschofen; New Members: Daša Ličen, Anu Kannike, Liisi Laineste, Elisabeth Kosnik, Anja Dekker, Joanna Mroczkowska, Katarzyna Stanczak-Wisłicz, Agata Bachórz, Rebecca Haboucha, Katarzyna Król, Gennar Óli Dagmararson, Ekaterina Protassova, Maria Yelenevskaya, Ann K. Ferrell

Chair: Patricia Lysaght

Minutes: Ester Bardone

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of the SIEF International Ethnological Food Research Working Group conference in Heidelberg. - Patricia Lysaght
2. Review of activities of the Working Group in 2015-2017. - Patricia Lysaght
3. 22nd International Ethnological Food Research Conference, Greece 2018. - Patricia Lysaght
4. Any other business

PROCEEDINGS:

1. Minutes of the 21st SIEF ethnological Food Working Group conference in Heidelberg, Germany, 30 August – 2 September 2016

Patricia Lysaght: Distributes hand-outs of the Working Group last business meeting in Heidelberg on 1.09.2016 and gives a short overview of the decisions made and issues discussed.

2. Review of activities of the Working Group in 2015-2017

Patricia Lysaght: Introduces the publication of the 2014 conference “Food and the Internet” (edited by Violetta Krawczyk-Wasilewska and Patricia Lysaght, Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2015) and gives an overview of the edited proceedings from the Heidelberg conference (2016) “Places of Food Production: Origin, Identity, Imagination”, currently in press. She stresses that publishing conference proceedings has been an important goal of the working group.

3. 22nd International Ethnological Food Research Conference, Greece, 26–29 September 2018

Patricia Lysaght: Introduces the 22nd conference of the Working Group entitled “Tradition and Nutritional Science in the Modern Food Chain” that will be organised in collaboration with Antonia Matalas (Harokopio University, Athens) and Philippos Papadopoulos (Perrotis College, Thessaloniki) and held in Kalamata (Peloponnese), Greece, 26–29 September 2018. The official CFP for the conference will be published shortly.

MajaGodinaGolija: We could explain how we plan the conferences.

Patricia Lysaght: Organisers are usually well prepared and familiar with what has to be done. The topic of the upcoming conference is proposed by the organisers, discussed and agreed, at the preceding conference.

4. Any other business

HåkanJönsson: One issue we could discuss is how to develop communication in the working group? One possibility could be to establish a Facebook group.

Ester Bardone: Several other SIEF working groups have a Facebook group for online exchanges. EASA Food Network has recently established such a group for exchanging information, it is an open group also for non-EASA members. If we agree to establish the Facebook group we have to decide if it is an open group or only for SIEF members.

PatriciaLysaght: The Food research conferences have always had diverse attendance as they are relevant to a variety of disciplines. While they also include non-SIEF members, the number of SIEF members is increasing steadily.

Bernhard Tschofen: SIEF is as strong as many members it has. We have 2 different perspectives here – SIEF as an organisation and the working group. – My question is if the Facebook group is a proper environment for academic exchange?

Ester Bardone: We could use it mainly for quick exchanges, e.g. for asking advice from colleagues or for providing information about an upcoming event that may interest other colleagues. Indeed, it is not good for developing academic discussions.

Further discussion continues about the privacy of personal data (such as e-mail addresses) and how to manage communication among non-SIEF members who could be interested in keeping in touch with the Food Working Group and attending the conferences. An issue was raised if, in order to facilitate communication, an e-mail list could be created with an address that does not display people’s personal e-mails and invite those who have been attending Ethnological Food Research conferences to subscribe. Progress on the matter will be considered again at the next meeting of the Working Group.