

**Minutes of the of Food Research Working Group,
25th conference of the SIEF International Ethnological Food Research Working Group,
Ljubljana, Gosposka Hall September 17, 2026, 16.30-17.30**

Participants: James Deutsch, Aniko Bati, Tanja Kocković Zaborski, Håkan Jönsson, Olga Orlić, Ana Banić, Lucy Long, James Farrer, Bernard Tschofen

1. Welcoming words from the board – Håkan Jönsson and Tanja Kocković Zaborski
2. Election of the SIEF Food Research Working Group board – chair, co-chair and secretary

New board was elected:

Daša Ličen – chair

Tanja Kocković – co-chair

Wojciech Goszczynski – secretary

Lucy Long, Maria Emanovskaya – board members

As resigning chair, Håkan Jönsson thanked board members and WG members for their collaboration and efforts during his mandate periods.

3. Honorary chair

All agreed that Patricia Lysaght, Em. Professor of European Ethnology and former President of the SIEF International Commission for Ethnological Food Research is awarded title of Honorary chair of SIEF Food Research Working Group.

4. Preparation for SIEF conference in Bolzano, Italy 3-6 August 2027 “Frontiers: hidden, visible, mobile”

Former chair of SIEF Food WG Håkan Jönsson proposed that WG organise one or more panels for upcoming SIEF conference in Bolzano, Italy 3-6 August 2027.

Themes were discussed among the members such as: critical approach to borders of conviviality; hospital, school meals, homeless meals; Mediterranean and Alpine food merger; hidden frontiers small scale ethnographies of big scale food production...

It was agreed that these themes will be discussed further among members via email.

5. Proposal for the 26st conference of the SIEF Food Research Working Group 2028.

Co-chair of SIEF WG, Tanja Kocković Zaborski proposed that the next conference be held in Zagreb in 2028. Organisers: Institute of Ethnology and Folklore, Zagreb and Ethnographic Museum, Zagreb. Date: September 2028. Venue: Ethnographic Museum, Zagreb

Members accepted the proposal and discussed potential themes such as: tangible/intangible with museum collections that presents food production and consumption; hunger and thirst.

It was agreed that these themes will be discussed further among members via email.

6. Information from the members of WG (calls for conferences, books...)

Håkan Jönsson informed that a special issue in Traditiones is planned for publishing some of the many interesting papers from the conference. More info will come from the editors. He also thanked Anikó Bárti and Patricia Lysaght for editing and organising all for the publishing of papers of the last conference held in Budapest.

Olga Orlić informed all that World Anthropological Union WAU is preparing conference in Lisbon 2027, and encouraged all to submit papers in Croatian ethnological papers. Lucy Long informed all that American Folklore Society is also preparing conference in Chicago 2027. James Farrer informed all that Gastronomica – The Journal for Food Studies is a good place to publish, and encouraged all to submit their papers. Maria Emanovskaya informed all about seminar Critical Heritage Studies seminar at Sorbonne Universite.

7. Invitation to join the Food systems transformation network

Håkan Jönsson invited all to participate in work of Network for Food Systems Transformation Research - a connected European food systems science community across disciplines, career stages, and regions, where diverse forms of knowledge come together to enable transformative change [Join the Network For Food Systems Transformation Research - FoSSNet](#)

8. Closing of meeting

Håkan Jönsson closed the meeting and thanked all for their presence.

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Håkan Jönsson, chair of meeting

Tanja Kocković Zaborski, secretary of meeting