

**Minutes of the Food Research Working Group Meeting
Aberdeen, Scotland – 4 June 2025
Held at the 17th International SIEF Congress**

1. Board presentation

Welcoming words from the board – Daša Ličen on site, Tanja Kocković Zaborski and Håkan Jönsson via zoom.

2. Recap of the 24th conference of SIEF Food Research Group held in Budapest, Hungary:

- i) 33 of the 44 speakers have submitted their papers,
- ii) with the help of Patricia Lysaght, all the manuscripts were edited by the beginning of May 2025,
- iii) the plan is to publish the conference proceedings in the fall in print and as a free PDF online.

3. SIEF Food Research Conference: Ljubljana, Slovenia, 15–18 September 2026

Daša Ličen presented the next Food Research conference envisaged under the umbrella title “Food Encounters”. The dinner table is not only a place where we exchange daily news, but also where we share some of our most meaningful moments with those we dine with. Beyond the table, however, are countless other interactions that accompany the production, dissemination, and consumption of food. Whether with app-based food couriers or family members whether on a practical level or ideologically, when closely examined, these food-related encounters offer a window into broader questions of sociability, economy, multiculturalism, politics, migration, heritagisation, and, not least, the Anthropocene. The 25th Conference of the SIEF Food Research Group will invite contributors to share their ethnographic findings on food encounters.

The call will be sent out until the end of the year.

4. Election of the Board

The current board's mandate has expired. However, due to the absence of both the Chair and Co-Chair at the meeting, it was proposed to postpone the full board election. Instead, the group agreed to re-elect the current board for a one-year interim term. The next full election will be scheduled to take place during the SIEF Food Research Conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia, in September 2026.

5. Honorary members

As one of the oldest working groups within SIEF, a suggestion was made to establish the institution of *Honorary Membership* to acknowledge individuals who have made significant contributions to the group's development and legacy. The board will prepare a shortlist of potential candidates for consideration and further discussion.

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

- i. Call from Finland by Tajja Kaarlenkaski - Call for papers: Cultural changes of milk and dairy - Workshop at the University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu campus, 9–10 October 2025.

7. No other business.

8. Closure.

Present:

Panu Itkonen

James Deutsch

Bernard Tscnofen

Dario Nardini

Auður Viðarsdóttir

Hanne Pico Larsen

Krysta Dennis

Aniko Bati

Tanja Kocković Zaborski

Håkan Jönsson

Daša Ličen

