

**Meeting of the SIEF Working Group Historical Approaches in Cultural Analysis,  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 at the 12<sup>th</sup> SIEF-Conference in Zagreb, 6pm-7pm**

**Item 1 Agenda of the meeting**

Michaela Fenske presents the agenda of the meeting: Item 1 Presentation of the agenda by the chair, Item 2 Self-Presentation of the 25 visitors of the meeting, Item 3 Report of the work of the past two years, Item 4 Election of the Chairs for the next period until the Conference in 2017 in Göttingen, Item 5 Further plans. The topics were distributed by email several weeks before, so that members were informed before the meeting in Zagreb. The agenda is unanimously accepted.

**Item 2 Self-Presentation of the 25 visitors of the meeting**

Flashlight of the visitors of the meeting (name, institute, interest).

**Item 3 Report of the chair**

**(1) Communication and Networking**

Michaela reports that the categories "news" and mailinglist, suggested by the group members at their last meeting in Tartu, have been installed, due to the kind assistance of Nomadit (thanks to wonderful Eli and Rohan!). The category "news" allows the members to announce their activities concerning their work in the field of historical approaches, including calls for papers, conference reports, new publications, job announcements etc. The mailinglist supports these functions and should also allow a closer communication between the members. This will also facilitate the search for international partners for members intending to apply for funding from European funding organizations. EVERY MEMBER IS INVITED to use these functions of the website and announce everything of importance for the topics of the group.

**(2) Panel "Culinary Heritage" in Collaboration with the Working Group on Food Research**

As decided at the last meeting of the group in Zagreb, Hanna Snellman and Michaela have organized a panel for the conference in Zagreb. Since the general topic of the conference deals with food culture, our working group invited the SIEF working group on Food Research (chaired by Patricia Lysaght) to organize a panel together. The collaboration was very successful, and the panel titled "Culinary Heritage as Islands of Wellbeing" was held on the first conference day, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Food1. After a brief introduction from the organizers, eight colleagues, some of them young scholars, presented in three sessions their researches and demonstrated how culinary heritage is used in time and space to reflect ideas of a better life.

**Item 4 Election of the chairs for the next period until the SIEF-conference in 2017**

Since Michaela will run for the position of a chair one more time, Hanna Snellman chairs this item. Hanna thanks Michaela for her work during the past period.

To start the election Hanna asks whether anybody of the group is interested to run for the office of chair. Pauliina Latvala is interested of being the second chair. Beside Michaela and Pauliina nobody else announces interest of running for the office of chair for this working group for the next period. Since nobody voted for a secret election, Hanna asked the attendants whether they elect Michaela and Pauliina as chairs for the working group. Both Michaela and Pauliina are unanimously elected.

#### Item 5 Further Plans

##### (1) Plans to enforce the working group

The group discusses the aim to strengthen its objectives by gaining more members, becoming more popular etc. Unfortunately until now the group was not strong enough to hold meetings and conferences in between the SIEF-conferences. One possibility could be to bring conference interests in other contexts together with a meeting of the working group. In such cases the power of the group may also serve to support applications for funds etc. The members decide to reflect more about how their conference and workshop plans or their other plans may profit from the support of the working group and vice versa.

The proposal to make the group more popular with a facebook profile is discussed controversially. Since some members are not willing to support facebook the group agrees to look for other possibilities (such as academia.edu etc.)

##### (2) Teaching platform

The proposal to pick up the topic of the last panel of the working group, organized for the conference in Tartu, about teaching historical approaches by establishing a new section on the groups' website dealing with teaching is accepted. The website could also include sources and texts, as course-curricula, or publications on teaching historical approaches within the anthropological disciplines. Pauliina and Michaela promise to elaborate this teaching platform with the help of Nomadit. After its installation the members of the working group will have the possibility to upload their texts.

##### (3) Panel for the SIEF-conference in Göttingen

The group will propose at least one panel at the SIEF conference in 2017 in Göttingen. After the announcement of the topic of the conference by the SIEF board the chairs will send a proposal to the members, hoping also for further proposals from the members.

Minutes by: Michaela Fenske

Place, Date, Signature:

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