

Food Study Group Annual Review 2010

1. Established: 1994

2. Current Membership Figure: 310

3. SG Expenditure:[to be completed by BSA]

SG Income: [to be completed by BSA]

4. Aim/s of SG: The group aims to encourage the sociological analysis, both theoretical and empirical, of all aspects of food production and consumption and to encourage cross-disciplinary links among researchers and research users in this area.

5. Review of Year: The group welcomed 85 new members over the last 12 months – half of whom were students. Student numbers in this field continue to go from strength to strength which is an encouraging sign for the topic and discipline. Enquiries from new members outside the UK have also increased, partly through promotion of the study group to a number of international networks. Study group members contributed three articles about their research to the newsletter of Community Food and Health (Scotland) and the group continues to represent the academic/research community on that organisation's steering group.

6. Key Activities during year 2010:

Two seminars were organised in London in 2010, featuring presentations on maternal identify and infant feeding (Ellie Lee, University of Kent) and food culture and its application within policy (Tom MacMillan, Food Ethics Council). In addition we organised the 2nd international conference on Food, Society and Public Health. 160 delegates were in attendance at the British Library in July and the conference featured a high profile panel debate on food security and sustainability.

7. Concluding Remarks: After almost 8 years Wendy Wills is standing down as convenor in February 2011. The Group will then be run by Dr Rebecca O'Connell (Institute of Education), Tess Baxter (a postgraduate student) and Dr Andrea Tonner (University of Strathclyde). Andrea will be responsible for running 'SCOFF', the Scottish part of the food study group.

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