

## **Food Study Group Annual Review 2012/13**

**Established:** 1994

**2. Current Membership Figure:** 344

**3. SG Expenditure: SG Income:** Closing Balance: £ Nil 31/012/2012 following subsidization of the July 2012 conference.

**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 36 new members over the last 12 months, 18 of whom are known to be students.

### **6. Key Activities during year 2012/13:**

Three seminars were held in London: February 2013 'Food for thought: Some tensions between sociology and health promotion in relation to obesity', Rosaline Barbour, Professor of Health Care, Faculty of Health & Social Care, The Open University, UK; November 2012 'The Mouth' - Barry Gibson, Senior Lecturer in Medical Sociology, University of Sheffield, UK; May 2012 'Continuity and Change: Aspects of the Food Environment across the Life Course', Sheila Peace, John Percival, Faculty of Health & Social Care, The Open University; Martin Maguire, Colette Nicolle, Russ Marshall and Ruth Sims, Loughborough University Design School, UK. SCOFF activities also included two seminars held at the University of Strathclyde: November 2012 'The role of community and regional food networks in strengthening food security', Dr Rehema White University of St Andrews and March 2012 'Location, location, location! Where we eat and its effect upon health outcomes', Prof Anne Ellaway, MRC Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow.

In July 2012 the group also hosted the 3rd BSA Food Study Group Conference: FOOD & SOCIETY conference at The British Library Conference Centre, London, UK. Plenary speakers were Jan Poppendieck, Professor of Sociology, Hunter College, City University of New York - 'Fighting Hunger with Public Food Assistance: a Friendly Critique' and Alan Warde, Professor of Sociology, University of Manchester and Jane and Aatos Erkkö Visiting Professor in Studies on Contemporary Society at the Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies - 'Changing Eating Habits'. Karen Throsby, Department of Sociology, University of Warwick, gave a talk at the drinks reception: 'Dreaming of jelly babies': English Channel swimming and the challenges and comforts of food.

**7. Concluding Remarks:** The Group is currently being run by Dr Rebecca O'Connell (Institute of Education), Tess Baxter (Southampton) and Dr Andrea Tonner (University of Strathclyde). Andrea is responsible for running 'SCOFF', the Scottish part of the food study group. Tess Baxter is stepping down in April 2013 and Hannah Lambie-Mumford (University of Sheffield) will take over as co-convenor.

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