**Application form – Session submission**

**Ninth International Convention on Food and Drink Studies**

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**Please, note :**

* Chairs are not allowed to give a paper in a session they chair.

* The researcher submitting a proposal may chair the resulting session as long as they are not one of the speakers. In this case it is incumbent on them to find a substitute chair but if this is not possible it will be up to the organizers to designate one.

* Sessions will last 90 minutes in all. They should comprise a chair and two papers of 30 minutes each or threepapersof 20 minutes.Papersmay be presented in English or French.

***Session title*** : *Food studies – an approach through citizen engagement and citizen science*

***Session organisers*** : Carmen Soares (University of Coimbra, Portugal); Virginie Amilien (Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway)

***Session presentation*** :

Everyone consumes food, so we all have cultural experiences and histories related to food, which can be shared irrespective of gender, age, disability, ethnicity and nationality. Food consumption is something we all have in common, and food traditions, food heritage and food history are complementary perspectives which can promote community cohesion. Food is thus ideally suited to addressing questions of *citizen engagement and citizen science*, including inclusion of marginal and disadvantaged groups.

Citizen science has been quite popular the last 10 years, often in relation to biodiversity, but also through oral history, ethnography or dialogic democracy. There are , for instance, different types of procedures engaged in dialogic democracy (including focus groups,

surveys, hybrid forum, consensus conferences and other types of deliberative processes). All have in common a close collaboration between researchers and lay people. *Citizen engagement and citizen science*’s main objective is to collect new data and open a dialogue between experts and non-experts on a given subject. The most recurrent types of participants are amateur experts, concerned community members, scientists trained in other fields, and/or school students. This is a research methodology that involves the participation of the general public, or the training of lay people as amateur researchers, who, in a *tandem* process, have an interest in and gain from the a research project.

While thinking food and using food in everyday life, citizens – lay people- , civil society, gastronomic experts, academics, food industries, food producers and heritage institutions are critical actors and relevant stakeholders who all can be part of citizen science.

We are inviting researchers who collect, curate and make available knowledge on food history, food tradition or heritage or food consumption at large by involving direct participation of the community.

**This session addresses to researchers and scholars exploring food though citizen science. This will open towards a common dialogue on the method(s) in use, including their interests, different approaches and protocols, the advantages and difficulties to work that way as well as reflections about how improving citizens’ knowledge and engagement within food traditions, food heritage or food consumption at large.**

**Organisers**

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Carmen Soares is a Full Professor at the University of Coimbra (Faculty of Arts and Humanities). She has developed her research, lecturing and publishing in the areas of Culture, Literature and Classical Languages, History of Ancient Greece, Food History and Cultures, Dietetics History and Food Heritage. She is the  Scientific Coordinator of the Centre for Classical and Humanistic Studies, Director of the PhD in “Food Heritage: Cultures and Identities” (Faculty of Arts and Humanities – University of Coimbra), Chair of the of the European Institute of Food History and Cultures Research Committee and main Director of the journal DIAITA: Food & Heritage.

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**2- Paper**

Title:

*Abstract – 250 words – this abstract is likely to be published online*: