

## NETWORK NEWS



Greetings from Cambridge!



The University's Michealmas term has just ended, and over here it's time for woolly jumpers and hot chocolate! Thanks to you, we have had a busy and interesting year, filled with events, conversations and more. We are looking forward to our holidays, and we wish you and yours a peaceful and happy holiday season!

*Image: Christmas lights, Cambridge. Taken by James Appleton*




We held the last of this term's Coffee Break Seminars on 10 December: [Christmas Dinner 2050: will we be eating alternative turkey?](#) The panel

discussed three alternative proteins - algae, seafood and pulses - and issues such as their environmental sustainability, consumption and affordability. The event recording is included in the link. Please contact [Francesca](#) if you would like to present your work at a future seminar. All of our past, present and future talks are noted on the [Seminars](#) page.



Forgotten Crops Society Dialogues  
*Improving nutrition through Forgotten Crops*

**The promises of genomics and genetics in underutilized crops**



**Dr. Rita H. Mumm**

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Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December , 5:00 PM (UTC)  
Moderator: Pr. Moez Amri  
Info: Michel.ghannem@um6p.ma

We held another event in our Forgotten Crops Society Dialogue Series on 1 December, titled '[Forgotten Crops Society Dialogue Series: The promise of genomics and genetics in underutilized crops](#)'. Dr. Rita H. Mumm, Director of Capacity Development and Mobilisation at the African Orphan Crop Consortium (AOCC) and Director of the African Plant Breeding Academy (AfPBA), discussed the 'Promises of genomics and genetics in underutilized crops'. The dialogue was moderated by Professor Moez Amri, a Geneticist and Professor of Plant Breeding at the Agro-Bioscience (AgBS) program at Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P) in Morocco. The event recording is included in the link.



We held our '[Early Career Researcher Workshop: Collaborating on research grant proposals](#)' workshop on 2 December. Our speakers discussed how to

write successful interdisciplinary/collaborative research grant proposals, and provided valuable examples from their own experience. The event recording is included in the link.

## LISTINGS

### INTERNAL EVENTS

Please note that some of our past events were recorded, and the [links](#) have been added to the original event listings.

**Every Friday during term time.** [Coffee Break Seminars](#). A relaxed online learning, networking, and discussion platform for our food security community. Please find information on our previous talks (with links to the speakers' slides and recordings of the events) and forthcoming talks.

### EXTERNAL EVENTS

**12 January.** [Agri-Tech Express with Silal: Farming in extreme environments: Challenges and Opportunities in the UAE](#)

**19 January.** [Agri-Tech Explore Online: A Focus on Nutrition; Supplementing and Fortifying Soils, Crops and Livestock](#)

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

*\*If you are a University of Cambridge researcher interested in putting together an interdisciplinary application and would like assistance in finding suitable collaborators/coordinating a group meeting, please [contact us](#).\**

[Behavioural Experiment with Farmers, European Commission.](#)

[Francis Crick Medal and Lecture, The Royal Society.](#)

[Croonian Medal and Lecture, The Royal Society.](#)

[Mullard Award, The Royal Society.](#)

[Michael Faraday Prize and Lecture, The Royal Society.](#)

[Rosalind Franklin Award and Lecture, The Royal Society.](#)