

NETWORK NEWS

Greetings from Cambridge!

We can hardly believe it's already the middle of the year!

We hosted our ['Plastic in the Food Chain: Can we do without it?'](#) event on 27th May, an event which brought together experts on recycling, sustainable consumption, public health, materials, the plastics industry, and food retail for a wide-ranging discussion of plastic in the food chain and whether its usefulness outweighs its dangers. Please find the event recording as well.

Our ['Food for Thought Panel Talk. Healthy eating: what makes it so hard?'](#) was held on 21st June. The panel looked at topics such as governmental responsibility, the roles of motivation and genetics, and the cost of food. Please find the event recording as well.

Please note the upcoming ['Early Career Researcher. Open Innovation Forum: Delivering a Sustainable Food System'](#) on 6th - 7th July. Early Career Researchers are particularly encouraged to participate in this event as it will give them the chance to connect with the private sector and upscale the results of their work. If you are interested please contact [Francesca](#) so that she can discuss your proposal with the Forum leader.

Our members with profiles on our website have been sent emails requesting accuracy checks. We thank those who have replied, and gratefully anticipate any last replies.

Have you heard of Meet Cambridge, the conference and event bureau funded by the Colleges and the University of Cambridge? Having used their excellent services before, we would like to give them some much needed promotion. Meet Cambridge's services include practical help and resources to demonstrate the advantages of Cambridge, assistance with submitting formal bids, fully escorted site visits and hospitality for key decision-makers, and help with sourcing professional conference organisers or digital conference organisers. Please find more information at www.meet-cambridge.com

We have an extra special [Coffee Break Seminar](#) planned for this Friday! It will feature the launch of the Forgotten Crops Society, founded by Cambridge Global Food Security, University Mohamed VI (Morocco), the Crop Trust, OCP North America, and the National Museum of Ethnology of Osaka (Japan).

We wish you a restful holiday break, and will send out the next newsletter at the end of August.

If you have any news to share for the next newsletter, please email Karen Hlaba at klh67@cam.ac.uk

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.

Please keep an eye out for [Open Cambridge](#) events in September.

28 June - 9 July. [Festival of Wellbeing](#).

30 June. [TAA 8th Annual East Anglia Seminar: Securing Crops Today to Feed Tomorrow](#).

7-13 July. [African Yam Bean MAKEathon](#). The AYB MAKEathon is a unique open innovation event of stimulating webinars, ideation with participants from around the world, business model building and remote prototyping. We are inviting talented enthusiasts from different backgrounds and disciplines to help improve the livelihood of farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa and address the climate change impact together. **Register for the AYB MAKEathon by 30th of June 2021.** Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Places are limited, so apply early to avoid disappointment.

EXTERNAL EVENTS

29 June. [Africa's future food & nutrition security: Impacts under different climate, trade and policy scenarios.](#)

29 June. [Food Thinkers: Fishery Contributions to Food and Nutrition Security under a Changing Climate.](#)

30 June. [Symposium: Soil at Risk.](#)

30 June. [Aquaculture: Can it sustainably feed the world?](#)

1 July. [The future of feed: a WWF roadmap to accelerate insect protein in UK feeds.](#)

9 July. [Ask the Author: True cost accounting for food - new metrics for the 21st century.](#)

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

**[Contact us](#) if you are an IRC member and would like support in promoting your new publication.*

[Putting plants under the microscope.](#) By Kathy Grube.

[Improving food allergen management in food manufacturing: An incentive-based approach.](#) By Dr Lili Jia.

[As a nation, we have a bad relationship with food. Yes, I mean all of us.](#) By Rose Stokes. Involving Dolly Theis.

[Giles Yeo: 'Let's consider the type of food we eat, not fixate on calories'.](#) By David Cox. Involving Dr Giles Yeo.

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](#).

New researcher prize. 6 August.

Leadership in Outreach and Engagement. 6 August.

HORIZON-CL6-2021-GOVERNANCE-01 — innovative governance,
environmental observations and digital solutions in support of the green deal.
6 October.