

NETWORK NEWS

We're almost at the end of an eventful year, and embracing change at every turn. First, a big thank you to those who answered our short survey. One of the actions we are taking, which was strengthened by the survey results, is changing our website to be a more informative presence for our community. Thus, you will notice changes taking place over the next few months in terms of how information is arranged and presented - and we hope you love the new darker blue shade as much as we do!



A lot has happened since August, with the [opening](#) of the new [Crop Science Centre](#) in October being one of the most exciting events. The Centre combines diverse skills and research to focus on translational research in crops with real world impact. We look forward to working with the Centre.

Going back to our promise of strengthening our community, we are planning a series of early career researcher (ECR) focused events in the next couple of months. These will provide our ECRs with opportunities to network, collaborate and present their work. We are quite aware that currently planning for the next stage of an ECR career is more complex than usual, thus the forthcoming event will also address how previous doctoral students made the personal and professional decisions that helped them to progress to postdoctoral positions and beyond. We'll soon send out more information on

this event, which will take place on 30th November, from 2.30pm – 5pm GMT, followed by a Zoom happy hour.



We have started the autumn season of our [Coffee Break](#) talks, and we urge you to attend as many as you can. Please contact [Francesca](#) if you would like to present your work. Thus far we have enjoyed talks from PhD student [Charlotte Milbank](#), [Dr Lili Jia](#), and [Professor Martin Jones](#).

For those who haven't read it yet, we [interviewed](#) PhD student Bright Jaato on his research and how it relates to improving food security. Bright also reflected over how COVID-19 has impacted his research, and provided current and prospective PhD candidates with advice on how to approach and sustain a PhD. Also, for more perspectives on being a scientist, take a look at [Interview series: Stories Behind the Science!](#) EIT Food's [#AnnualFoodAgenda](#) project has been running an interview series that explores what makes a scientist.

As always, we ask that that you inform us of any change in status so that we can update our mailing list and website.

LISTINGS

INTERNAL EVENTS

12 October – 23 November. [Rescaling the Metabolic: Food, Technology, Ecology \[2020-21\].](#)

11 November. [Engaged Researcher Online Training: An Introduction to Public and Patient Involvement and Engagement \(PPI/E\).](#)

12 November. [Understanding inclusive public engagement & science communication.](#)

19 – 20 November. [Algal Biotechnology 2020 – Techniques and Opportunities for the Sustainable Bioeconomy.](#) Registration closes 6 November.

EXTERNAL EVENTS

October 2020 - March 2021. [Plant Health Summit for Future Leaders.](#)

30 October. [Food Systems Handbook Roundtable.](#)

30 October. [Closing the gaps in restoration science, policy and practice.](#)

1 - 10 November. [The International Conference on Digital Technologies for Sustainable Crop Production.](#)

2 - 4 November. [Symposium: 'Dutch Agriculture, European Policies and Global Food System Transitions'.](#)

3 November. [GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEMS.](#) Mobilising investment in net zero projects and products in a post-pandemic world

5 November. [Food systems resilience in the aftermath of covid-19 – Should the future of food be global or local?](#)

5 November. [Community landscape stewardship - building economic and environmental sustainability.](#)

9 November. [Euglena International Network \(EIN\) Inaugural Meeting.](#)

10 November. [REAP Conference 2020. From micro-scape to landscape - innovating at the frontier.](#)

10 - 12 November. [34th EFFoST International Conference.](#) Bridging high-tech, food-tech and health: Consumer-oriented innovations.

20 - 26 November. [Invitation to Warsaw 2020 MAKEit Fruit & Veg MAKEathon.](#)

26 November. [Oceans Justice: Lessons from Trade-offs in the Implementation of UN Sustainable Development Goal 14 in the Seychelles.](#)

1 – 2 December. [The Future of Food Conference 2020.](#)

14 – 15 December. [Indoor Farming & Agri-Tech Innovation Summit 2020.](#)

28 - 29 April 2021. [New Food Conference.](#)

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

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

[Can healthy ecosystems prevent pandemics?](#) Involving IRC member **Charlotte Milbank.**

[Rampant destruction of forests 'will unleash more pandemics'.](#) Involving IRC member **James Wood.**

[Beyond the pandemic: Rethink the menu and how much it costs.](#) Involving IRC member **Jean Adams.**

[Beyond the pandemic: Learn from the survival of the fittest firms.](#) Involving IRC member **Jag Srai.**

[The World Food Programme Won the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize. Here's How the Pandemic Has Made Its Work Even More Essential.](#) Involving IRC member **Jag Srai.**

[Farmer led regenerative agriculture for Africa.](#) Institute for Global Prosperity.

Journal articles

[Removing understory vegetation in oil palm agroforestry reduces ground-foraging ant abundance but not species richness.](#) Basic and Applied Ecology. November 2020. Involving IRC member **Amelia Hood**.

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](#).

[Daniel Turnberg Travel Fellowships.](#) Applications opening end of October.

[The Trinity Challenge:](#) A chance to develop your data-driven ideas to develop practical actions to contribute to a world better protected from future health emergencies. **Application deadlines of 8 November and 30 January 2021.**

Internal University of Cambridge: Flexible Talent Mobility Account (FTMA). **Application deadline 30 November.** For more details please contact bioscienceimpactteam@admin.cam.ac.uk. FTMA informational webinar on Wednesday 4th November at 1.00pm – register with bioscienceimpactteam@admin.cam.ac.uk

[Health Systems Research Initiative \(HSRI\) Call 8 Research Grant – outline stage.](#) This call welcomes multidisciplinary, collaborative and multi-country/multi-site applications that address a clearly defined challenge faced by health systems. **Application deadline: 19 January 2021.**

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

[Enterprise TECH.](#) An extra-curricular programme with lectures, workshops, supervisions and a team project that investigates the commercialisation potential of an early-stage or emerging technology. **Applications currently being accepted.**

The Greenhouse: bi-weekly reading group exploring key texts in plant and crop histories, as well as hearing from guest speakers as part of the From Collection

to Cultivation project. All are welcome - e-mail hps-cultivation@lists.cam.ac.uk for information on how to join.

29 October: Reading and discussion led by [Dr Jessica J. Lee](#), on 'Gaps in Translation: On Taiwan's Plants, Language and Literature', based on her recent book *Two Trees Make a Forest*.

12 November: Elaine Gan, '[An Unintended Race: Miracle Rice and the Green Revolution](#)', *Environmental Philosophy* 14, no. 1 (2017): 61–81.

Hetherington, Kregg, '[Agribiopolitics: The Health of Plants and Humans in the Age of Monocrops](#)', *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 38, no. 4 (August 2020): 682–98.

26 November: Presentation by [Dr Katie Dow \(Cambridge\)](#): 'Seed-Saving in London: Slow Ethnography in Times of Crisis'.