

NETWORK NEWS

Greetings from Cambridge!

Over here, we are looking forward to the start of a new academic year and all of the interesting work we plan to do. We hope that you will be part of the many conversations and events that will be taking place.

This Friday marks the beginning of the next season of our Coffee Break Seminars. First up we have Dr Chioma Ngonadi (Archaeology), who will be [discussing](#) how understanding our ancestors' agricultural practices can help improve food security. If you would like to share your work with our community, please contact [Francesca](#) as we still have some slots to fill in November. All of our past, present and future talks are noted on the [Seminars](#) page.

We will be launching a new series on Thursday lunchtimes (Thursday Conversations). The focus this term will be on forgotten crops following the [launch](#) of the Forgotten Crops Society on 2 July. Two or three experts from the University and other organisations will debate the topic from three different angles - climate change, food systems, and nutrition and livelihoods.

A Healthy Eco-systems Group was formed last year as a result of this [event](#). You are welcome to join this multi-disciplinary group by contacting [Francesca](#) for more information.

We are planning an Early Career Researcher event for November - and will send you more details shortly. We also look forward to informing you about 'Processes' in a future newsletter. This is a new project planned in collaboration with the [Centre for Global Knowledge Studies \(gloknos\)](#). The project will combine webinars and podcasts on a series of processes, including 'trait selection in crops and animals' and 'the evolution of food cultures'. Please find our previous collaboration ['Objects'](#).

Finally, we say a fond farewell to [Dr Tina Barsby OBE](#), Director and CEO of NIAB, and a much valued member of our Steering Committee. Tina is retiring

after a long and storied career, and we wish her the happiest of times in this new phase of her life.



'Through the Laboratory Keyhole' takes place today (16 September) at 6 pm GMT. Join us to take an exclusive peek inside laboratories and research facilities at the University of Cambridge.

This on-line event will feature mini-video tours of several experiments and research facilities that are not open to the public. You'll have privileged access to curious corners and unusual aspects of laboratory apparatus and gain insights into what our expert scientists are up to.

Please find the event report [here](#).

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.

15 - 16 September. [MillNETi Symposium: Addressing Iron Deficiency through Millets](#)

Please keep an eye out for [Open Cambridge](#) taking place until **19 September**.

EXTERNAL EVENTS

23 September. [Advances in Breeding for Agriculture – New Tools for New Solutions](#)

28 - 29 September. [World Agri-Tech Innovation Summit 2021](#)

6 October. [Agri-TechExpress with University of Reading: Responsible innovation of autonomous farm robots: what do we need to do?](#)

6 October. [Young Innovators' Forum: British Beet Research Organisation \(BBRO\)](#)

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

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

[European lakes potential hotspots of microplastic pollution.](#) By Jacqueline Garget.

[Blushing plants reveal when fungi are growing in their roots.](#) By Jacqueline Garget.

[How is food insecurity portrayed in UK newspapers?](#) By Amy Yau and Jean Adams.

[British consumers complicit in forty-year 'healthy eating' failure, new study suggests.](#) By Tom Almeroth-Williams.

[New consortium funded to deliver systems research programme to transform urban food system.](#) By CEDAR.

[Event Report. Healthy Eating: What makes it so hard?](#) By Abigail Youngman.

[The UK wastes millions of tonnes of food every year: here's how we can change that.](#) By Yasemin Kor and Christian Reynolds.

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](#).

[Restart the economy around food systems.](#)

[Short Industry Fellowship.](#)