Dr Jag Srai, Head of the Centre for International Manufacturing, has been appointed as the new Co-Chair of Cambridge Global Food Security. Read about his background, and future plans for the IRC here.

Cambridge’s wide-ranging research in food security is featured in the latest issue of Research Horizons, as part of the University of Cambridge’s research spotlight on the East of England: The £2 billion vegetable and the agricultural future of the East.

Talented students are sought to join the new 4-year programme at the EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Agri-Food Robotics, established by the University of Lincoln in collaboration with the University of Cambridge and the University of East Anglia. Applications are now open for entry in September 2019 (deadline 1 April). Funding is available for UK and EU students.

CAMBRIDGE EVENTS


18 May: Festival of Plants, Cambridge Botanic Garden.

EXTERNAL EVENTS

2 April: Digital Technologies for Improving Productivity in Food Manufacturing, London.

10 April: TAA Visit to Walpole Farm, specialist producer of soft fruit, King’s Lynn.

11 April, 11am: Mapping Complex Agronomic Traits in Autotetraploid Potato. Research Seminar by Dr Lindsey Leach, University of Birmingham. NIAB, Huntingdon Road.

29-30 April: Pig Breeders Round Table, University of Kent.
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23 May, 1:30-5:00 Pollinator: We’ve Got the Power; On-Farm Solutions to Energy Demands. Hethel Innovation.

12-13 June: Cereals: Europe’s Leading Technical Event for the Arable Industry, Lincoln. University of Cambridge staff contact Vibhuti Patel about funding to attend.


PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

*Contact us if you are an Initiative Member and would like support in promoting your new publication.*


Microencapsulated diets to improve growth and survivorship in juvenile European flat oysters. April 2019, Aquaculture, by Cambridge’s David Willer and David Aldridge.

CEDAR contributed to the Food Foundation’s Broken Plate report: Ten vital signs revealing the health of our food system, its impact on our lives and the remedies we must pursue.

Why International Women’s Day is important to the way we think about global food security: a perspective from the Global Challenges Research Fund. Blog by Dr Tahrat Shahid, GCRF Challenge Leader for Food Systems.

New policy brief from the ‘Resilience of the UK Good System in a Global Context’ programme, published 25 Feb

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

*If you are a Cambridge researcher interested in putting together an interdisciplinary application and would like assistance in finding suitable collaborators/coordinating a group meeting, please contact us. *

*University of Cambridge applicants only*: EPSRC IAA Partnership Development Awards (pump-priming funds for new research collaborations) and Knowledge Transfer Fellowships (to transfer expertise linked to EPSRC research between the University and a partner company) Close 12 April.

*University of Cambridge applicants only* CRASSH Research Networks: supports groups of Cambridge graduate students, postdocs, and CTOs/UTOs with a common interdisciplinary research interest for a year of collaborative work – from reading groups to symposia. Annual competition for academic year 2019-2020 now open. Deadline 25 April.
**University of Cambridge applicants only** *Cambridge Infectious Diseases Research Incubator Fund* Grants of £500-£2,000 for early career researchers who wish to explore new cross-discipline research projects/ collaborations. **Deadline 5pm, 26 April.**

*University of Cambridge applicants only* *BBSRC Impact Accelerator Account* pump-prime funding of up to £30,000 for short projects that enable new/ strengthen existing collaborations with industry. **Deadline 4pm, 29 April.**

**NERC: Global Partnerships Seedcorn Fund** for UK environmental science researchers to forge new partnerships and networks with the best international researchers. Max £100,000 per grant for up to two years. **Notification of Intent deadline 15 April.**

**Round 8 of the Agri-Tech Catalyst**: agricultural and food systems innovation in Africa opens in April, with up to £3 million funding from DFID. **Webinars on 5 April** provide support to applicants with projects involving crops, livestock and aquaculture, or food systems and nutrition.

**Cambridge Conservation Initiative Collaborative Fund**, to support innovative, collaborative conservation projects undertaken by CCI partners. **Deadline 1 May.**

**UKRI GCRF: A Combined Food Systems Approach to Scaling Up Interventions to Address the Double Burden of Malnutrition** **Deadline 4pm, 7 May, 2019.** Total requested per proposal should not exceed £1 million.

The British Academy: **Knowledge Frontiers – International Interdisciplinary Research Projects** for projects that engage with questions on the relationship between expertise, public understanding and policy delivery, and highlight the importance of collaboration. Awards up to £50,000, **deadline 15 May.**

**UKRI GCRF: Cultures, behaviours and histories of agriculture, food and nutrition.** **Deadline 16 May.** Small partnership awards up to £50,000; large partnership awards up to £200,000 available.

**OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

29 April: **Impulse Training Programme**. Maxwell Centre, Cambridge. Deadline for applications now **10 April** (bursaries available for Cambridge University applicants).

**Paid internships with the University of Cambridge’s Environment and Energy team**, for current Cambridge students and recent graduates. **Deadline to apply 23 April.**