

## SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members and subscribers,

We now have a new Coordinator for the University of Cambridge's role in [EIT Food](#), the pan-European partnership with a vision to put Europe at the centre of a global revolution in food innovation and production, and in how it is valued by society. Please contact [Dr Mercedes Hernandez-Gomez](#) if you are a University of Cambridge or affiliated researcher interested in getting involved.

Our September [Researcher of the Month](#) is Professor Ian Hodge at Cambridge's Department of Land Economy. He has just been involved in creating a policy brief describing an alternative approach to rural land policy after Brexit, focused on Ecosystem Services, which was recently presented to DEFRA.

[Dr Gita Yadav is also in the spotlight](#) this month. She holds one of the first DBT-Cambridge Lectureships, jointly funded by the University of Cambridge and India's Department of Biotechnology, and is involved in strengthening the Indo-UK strategic partnership in agricultural research.

And finally, our next big events in Cambridge are as part of the University's 2017 [Festival of Ideas](#). These public events in October are open to all, so please come along if you'd like to get involved in a lively debate or two!

Please keep sending me any information you'd like to share across the network.

Best wishes, Jacqueline Garget

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## EVENTS IN CAMBRIDGE

**16-18 Sept: Express your Research with Film.** Intensive 3-day advanced film-making workshop, Cambridge. Cambridge researchers [reserve a place now](#).

**21 Sept: [Social Science Postdoc Research Showcase](#),** new Postdoc Centre@Eddington, North West Cambridge. **Register**

**17 Oct: [GM Food: What's the Problem?](#)** Public event; part of the Festival of Ideas. Dept. Plant Sciences. Cambridge researchers/ students [contact the Coordinator](#) if you'd like to volunteer at this or another of our Festival events.

**20 Oct: [Before the Flood, with expert Q&A](#).** Public film screening; part of the Festival of Ideas. David Attenborough Building.

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**24 Oct:** [What's stopping your diet being more sustainable?](#) Public event; part of the Festival of Ideas. Dept. Plant Sciences.

**14 Nov:** [Food Evolution, with expert panel discussion](#). Public film screening hosted by the Cambridge Food Security Forum. Old Divinity School, St. John's College. **Register**

**14 Nov:** [Unlocking public health challenges of our time](#). Sainsbury Laboratory. **Register**

**5-6 Dec:** [Sensors for Food and Agriculture](#). Churchill College.

**28-29 June 2018: Postcolonial Ecologies in the Global South.** For Cambridge researchers working on the culture/nature interface. **Please contact [Charles Pigott](#) by 31 Oct to discuss your interest in this event.**

## OTHER EVENTS

**13 Sept: Food Security public lecture**, 5.15pm, The Royal Society, London. **This event will be live streamed - [register](#).**

**21 Sept: [Venturefest East, Newmarket](#).** Brings together innovators, entrepreneurs and investors to make things happen.

**27 Sept, London/ 2 Oct, Manchester/ 3 Oct, Edinburgh: [UK-China Collaboration to Tackle Antimicrobial Resistance](#)** – Information and Partnering Events.

**Oct – Nov: [Horizon 2020 UK Information and Brokerage Events](#),** various locations. With nearly €80 billion of funding available over 7 years (2014 to 2020) this is the biggest single opportunity to access European funding. The next round of funding calls (2018-2020) covering Excellent Science, Industrial Leadership and Societal Challenges, is coming up soon.

**2-3 Oct: [International Congress on Organic Farming](#),** London. Keynote speech by Peter Leggo, University of Cambridge.

**2-4 Oct: [10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Agriculture & Horticulture](#),** London.

**22 Nov: [Turning Data into Decisions in AgriFood](#),** London.

**29 Nov – 2 Dec: [3<sup>rd</sup> Valuing Nature Business Impact School \(BIS3\)](#),** Edinburgh. To provide early career researchers with insights into producing research with business impact. **Fully-funded places available – apply by 9am on 9 Oct.**

**7 Nov: [REAP Conference 2017](#).** (part of [Agri-Tech week](#), 6-10 Nov). Hinxton.

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21-23 Nov: [Food Matters Live](#), London.

28-30 Nov: [Sustainable Intensification 2017](#) Rothamsted Research, Harpenden.

7-8 Dec: [Oxford Symposium on Population, Migration and Climate Change](#). St Hugh's College, Oxford. Early registration by 16 Oct.

1 Feb 2018: [Priorities for the UK food and farming industry: policy, competitiveness and new markets](#). London. A Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum event.

5-9 March 2018: [Raise your game by developing mathematical modelling skills](#). Loch Lomond. 9 fully-funded places available.

5-7 March, 2018: [11<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Plant Biotechnology & Agriculture](#). Paris.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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

Penney, TL; Adams, J et al: [Utilization of Away-From-Home Food Establishments, Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension Dietary Pattern, and Obesity](#). *Am J Prev Med* 2017, Aug.

Harrison EM et al: [Genomic surveillance reveals low prevalence of livestock-associated methicillin-resistance Staphylococcus aureus in the East of England](#). *Sci Rep* 2017, Aug.

Rossi, O; Maskell, D.J; Grant A.J; Restif O. et al: [Within-host spatiotemporal dynamics of systemic Salmonella infection during and after antimicrobial treatment](#). *J Antimicrob. Chem* 2017, Aug.

Adams, J. et al: [Frequency of eating home cooked meals and potential benefits for diet and health](#) *Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act* 2017, Aug.

Carr, J.P. et al: [Manipulation of induced resistance to viruses](#). *Curr Opin Virol* 2017, Aug.

Adams, J; Unwin, N. et al: [Trends in beverage prices following the introduction of a tax on sugar-sweetened beverages in Barbados](#). *Prev Med* 2017.

*Also of interest:*

Public Health England has published a new [Health Profile for England 2017](#).

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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

The UK's **Global Food Security Programme (hosted by BBSRC)** has launched a new resource listing interdisciplinary research calls relevant to food security [here](#).

All current RCUK UK-India Funding opportunities are listed [here](#).

**\*Restricted call: [EPSRC Prosperity Partnerships](#):** Invites applications to support existing, strategic, research-based partnerships between business and universities. **Interested businesses to contact EPSRC to discuss plans by 29 Sept. Cambridge researchers must [respond](#) to this internal call by 6 Oct.**

**[ESRC Global Challenge Research Fund](#):** pre-announcement of calls in areas including 'transitions towards sustainable and inclusive societies. Interdisciplinary perspectives from within and beyond the social sciences are sought. Total budget of £16m will be available, call opening Oct/ Nov.

***\*[Restricted Call Information for Cambridge Researchers](#): The University of Cambridge runs an internal selection process for calls where the number of applications per institution is limited. [Contact](#) the Initiative Coordinator for further details on this process for any specific call.***

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

**[BBC/ AHRC New Generation Thinkers Scheme](#)** aims to develop a new generation of academics who can bring the best of university research and ideas to a broad audience by working with the media. Deadline 12 Oct.

The UK's **[Global Food Security Programme](#)** has launched a **[new blog](#)**, offering a platform for the community to share their thoughts and experience on the food security challenge. Email [web@foodsecurity.ac.uk](mailto:web@foodsecurity.ac.uk) if you have a topic you would like to blog about.

The **[Royal Society of Biology](#)** is running various training courses, from presentation skills to laboratory leadership to persuasive scientific report writing.

Sign up for the **[Zero Waste Kitchen Challenge](#)**, organised by Cambridge Sustainable Food.