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.


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.


2-4 Oct: **10th International Conference on Agriculture & Horticulture,** London.

22 Nov: **Turning Data into Decisions in AgriFood,** London.

29 Nov – 2 Dec: **3rd 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.


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


**RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

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


*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.