

## SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

**Network News**

**Dr Uta Paszkowski** is fascinated by communication between plants and fungi. She is this month's featured researcher, from Cambridge's Department of Plant Sciences. [Find out here](#) how her work could help increase crop yields in a sustainable way.

A team of early career researchers involving Cambridge's **Dr Tarra Penney** and **Dr James Reynolds** won a [Policy Lab award](#) this summer to synthesise evidence on upstream interventions for health and sustainability. Their success followed participation in a three-day policy workshop to understand the global food system, hosted by the UK's cross-government Global Food Security programme.

**Professor Martin Jones** appeared on [BBC Radio Cambridgeshire's Lunchtime Live](#) programme to talk about the Cambridge Global Food Security initiative (from 20mins – 45 mins in).

If members have information they'd like to share: workshops, talks or anything else of relevance to the wider network, please send it to [coordinator@globalfood.cam.ac.uk](mailto:coordinator@globalfood.cam.ac.uk)

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**CAMBRIDGE-BASED EVENTS**

**26 Sept:** [Future of food and drinks: product, process & beyond](#) Dept. Chemical Engineering & Biotechnology, Cambridge

**15-28 Oct:** [The University's 2018 Festival of Ideas](#) focuses on fueling the public's interest in and involvement in the arts, humanities and social sciences in an inspiring way. \***Booking opens 11am, 24 Sept, 2018.** \* Food security-related events are:

- 16 Oct:** [From simple to high-tech: technologies that improve lives](#)
- 18 Oct:** [Present but not accounted for: women in Indian agriculture](#)
- 20 Oct:** [Extreme eating: fasting and feasting in early modern Europe 1500-1800](#)
- 23 Oct:** [Food supply in an uncertain future](#)
- 23 Oct:** [Improving our diets: more freedom or more control?](#)

**16 Nov:** [Cambridge Infectious Diseases Annual Meeting of Minds](#). Cambridge researchers contact the [CID Coordinator](#) if you are interested in presenting your research.

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## WORLDWIDE EVENTS

**26 Sept:** [Horizon 2020 Information & Brokerage Event: Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture, Blue Growth & the Bioeconomy.](#) Learn about funding opportunities available. **London.**

**27- 28 Sept:** [International Forum on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioeconomy](#) Torino, Italy. Includes satellite event **EIT Food meets UNITO.**

**9 Oct:** [Innovations in Ag-chem – new chemistries for improved crop management.](#) Rothamsted Research, Harpenden.

**12 Oct:** [Naturals in Food: Facts, Myths, Perceptions.](#) Burlington House, London. A Royal Society of Chemistry Food Group meeting.

**16-17 Oct:** [World Agri-Tech Innovation Summit,](#) London.

**21-23 Oct:** [Cereals and Grains 2018,](#) London. AACCI Annual international meeting.

**30 Oct:** [Translational Nutrition: From Research to Real Life.](#) An Institute for Food Nutrition and Health showcase event, **University of Reading.**

**19 Nov 2018:** BBSRC/ STFC/NERC/DBT [UK-India agricultural data – partnership building workshop.](#) UK researchers **express interest by 18 Sept** to participate in a workshop in India. Call for joint UK-India proposals will open in late Sept; total of £4m available (individual grants up to £300k)

**20-22 Nov 2018:** [Food Matters Live.](#) London ExCel.

**13 Dec 2018:** [Priorities for the UK food & drink industry.](#) A Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar. **London.**

*Events listed in previous newsletters are detailed on our [website](#).*

## PUBLICATIONS

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

[Sociodemographic characteristics and frequency of consuming home-cooked meals and meals from out-of-home sources: cross-sectional analysis of a population-based cohort study.](#) *Public Health Nutr* 2018 Aug. Involving Cambridge's **Jean Adams.**

[Carbon Storage and Land-Use Strategies in Agricultural Landscapes across Three Continents.](#) *Curr Biol* 2018 Aug. Involving Cambridge's **Andrew Balmford.**

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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](#).\**

**BBSRC: Agri-systems research to enhance livelihoods in developing countries.** Deadline 19 Sept.

**[University of Cambridge Applicants only]: BBSRC Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) Pump-prime project funding.** For 3 month projects of up to £15,000 that enable new connections with industry or strengthen existing collaborations. **Deadline 10am 28 Sept.**

**GCRF Global Engagement Networks.** Proposals invited for community building networks focused around research challenges in the six GCRF Challenge portfolios, which include Food Systems. Up to £150,000 per network available. **Outline applications due 11 Oct, 4pm.**

**Productive and sustainable crop and ruminant agricultural systems** Apply for a share up to £20m (grants up to £2m for productivity solutions, up to £5m for supply chain solutions) from UKRI's Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund for innovation projects; projects must be business-led. **Deadline 24 Oct. [Watch a recording of the competition briefing here.](#)**

**Agri-Tech Catalyst round 7: agriculture and food systems innovation.** UK businesses and research organisations can apply for a share of up to £3m from DFID for projects with partners in eligible African countries. **Deadline 21 Nov, 12pm.**

**UKRO Brexit factsheet** - the UK Government has published updated information for UK applicants to Horizon 2020.

*All open funding calls are detailed on our [website](#).*

### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**8 Oct: Cambridge Enterprise Consultancy 101 workshop** for University of Cambridge academics and researchers. 9:30-1:30pm. **Register.**

### PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

**[University of Cambridge Applicants only]: 2018 Public Engagement Starter Fund.** Apply for a small grant of £500-£1,500 to undertake innovative, research-focused public engagement activities. **Deadline 28 Sept.**