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

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CAMBRIDGE-BASED EVENTS


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


27-28 Sept: International Forum on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioeconomy Torino, Italy. Includes satellite event EIT Food meets UNITO.


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)


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.*


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 £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.**