

**An update on the Cambridge Global Food Security Symposium 2019: Generating Practical Solutions for India and Africa Clare College, Cambridge, 8-9 April:**

- **Call for abstracts closes on 1st March:** Early Career Researchers please send your name, title of proposed flash talk or poster, and short summary (max. 100 words) to **Rose Eichenberger**.
- **Registration closes 19th March:** this will be an interdisciplinary and highly interactive meeting. Join us and contribute your views and expertise.

Recently featured on **ITV News**, the EPSRC has awarded £6.6m to create the world's first **Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) for Agri-Food Robotics** at the University of Lincoln, UK, in collaboration with the University of Cambridge and the University of East Anglia. This will see a massive influx of high-level robotics expertise at a vital time for the agri-food industry.

## CAMBRIDGE EVENTS

11-24 March 2019: [Cambridge Science Festival](#)

Most Festival events require advance booking via the [Festival website](#). Hundreds of free public events across Cambridge, including many relating to food security:

12 March: [I'm a Confused Consumer, Get me Out of Here!](#) Speakers: Prof Theresa Marteau, Dr Jag Srai, and Dr David Good. (Part of the EIT Food #AnnualFoodAgenda project)

12 March: [Solving the Nitrogen Problem in Agriculture for Sustainable Food Production](#).  
Speaker: Dr Giles Oldroyd

15 March: [GM Crops, Getting to the Root of the Issues](#). Speakers: Dr Inanna Hamati-Ataya & Dr Matthew Holmes.

15 March: [Gene Eating: the Truth About Diets](#). Speaker: Dr Giles Yeo

16 March 2019: [Plant and Life Sciences Marquee](#)

16 March 2019: [Millets for the Millions: Switching to Small Grains for Sustainable Farming](#)  
Speakers: Prof Martin Jones, Dr Shreya Sinha. (Part of the EIT Food #AnnualFoodAgenda project)

19 March 2019: [Objects, Carriers of Knowledge](#). Join our 'object'-focused conversations and help generate new ideas for creative solutions to the complex challenge of food security for all.

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**14 March:** [Come and learn how NPL helps Agritech companies to grow.](#) Maxwell Centre, Cambridge.

**15-17 March 2019:** [Innovation in Food Security Venture Creation Weekend.](#) Judge Business School. A limited number of free tickets are available from Cambridge's School of Biological Sciences on a first-come first-served basis. [Register online](#); you will be refunded after attending the event.

**8-9 April 2019:** [Cambridge Global Food Security Symposium 2019: Generating Practical Solutions for India and Africa](#) Clare College, Cambridge.

## EXTERNAL EVENTS

**8 March:** [GCRF Workshop for Cultures, Behaviours and Histories of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition call](#) (call opening in Feb). Wellcome Trust, London.

**19 March:** [Bringing the Outside In: Innovating for Controlled Environment Agriculture.](#) Rothamsted Research, Harpenden.

**22 March:** [Briefing and consortia building event for Round 8 of the Agri-Tech Catalyst, Birmingham;](#) also online webinars **5 April**. Up to £3m DFID funding available; projects must work on agri-tech and food chain innovations with partners in eligible African countries. Funding call will open in April.

**23 March:** [Veterinary Public Health Association & AGV Spring Conference 2019. A new world: breaking down barriers and building resilient vets.](#) Gloucester.

**26 March and 28 March:** **UK Agri-Tech Centres Showcase:** Key decision makers and end users from across the Agri-Food supply chain can find out more about the capabilities of the UK's Agri-Tech Centres at two individual events focused on either the [Plants and Crops](#) (26th March) or [Livestock](#) (28th March) sectors. **Morpeth.**

**2 April:** [Digital Technologies for Improving Productivity in Food Manufacturing,](#) London.

**8-10 April:** [2019 6th International Conference on Food Security and Nutrition.](#) Barcelona.

**10 April:** [TAA Visit to Walpole Farm, specialist producer of soft fruit.](#) King's Lynn.

**11 April:** [AgriFood Charities Partnership \(AFCP\) 2019 Student Forum.](#) University of Reading.

**11 April:** [Farming for a Plant-Strong Future.](#) London.

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**25 April:** [Swarm Robotics – the agri-workforce of the future?](#) Future Business Centre, Cambridge. Free for Agri-Tech East members (the University of Cambridge is a member).

**28 June – 13 July:** [EIT Food Entrepreneurial Summer School: Food Innovation Lab.](#) Zurich. Co-run by the University of Cambridge. **Apply by 15 March.**

## PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

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

[Double Burden of Malnutrition \(DBM\) and Anaemia under the Same Roof: A Bangladesh Perspective.](#) Jan 2019, *Med Sci*. Involving Cambridge's **Nick Mascie-Taylor**.

[Opening the dialogue: Research networks between high- and low-income countries further understanding of global agro-climatic challenges,](#) Feb 2019, *Plants People Planet*, co-written by Cambridge's **Stephanie Smith**.

[Impact of proximity of healthier versus less healthy foods on intake: a lab- based experiment.](#) Feb 2019, *Appetite*. Involving IRC members **Gareth Hollands** and **Theresa Marteau**.

[Feasibility of working with a wholesale supplier to co-design and test acceptability of an intervention to promote smaller portions.](#) Feb 2019, *BMJ Open*. Involving IRC member **Jean Adams**.

[Integrated farm management for sustainable agriculture: Lessons for knowledge exchange and policy.](#) Feb 2019, *Land Use Policy*. Involving IRC member **Bill Sutherland**.

## 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 internal support\*** [for Preparation of Large Cross-School Research Funding Bids](#). A central Administered Fund has been established to enable the preparation of large collaborative bids. Up to £10k available.

**\*University of Cambridge members only\*** [EIT Food Call for Proposals](#) for activities in 2020. EIT Food's vision is to put Europe at the centre of a global revolution in food innovation and production, and in how it is valued by society. Funds can help in accelerating the economic and/or societal impact of your research. **Guidelines for this year's funding round are now available.** Submission is via [EIT Food Plaza](#). i) **Intention to Submit deadline 15 March;** ii) **Proposal submission deadline 30 April.**

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**UKRI GCRF/ BBSRC/ ESRC/ MRC: [A Combined Food Systems Approach to Scaling Up Interventions to Address the Double Burden of Malnutrition](#) Deadline 4pm, 7 May, 2019.** The primary aim of this opportunity is to invite applications for new research that builds upon and scales up existing UK Official Development Assistance (ODA) investments in food systems, to maximise the potential for impact in addressing the double burden of malnutrition. Total requested per proposal should not exceed £1 million.

**OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

**New Zealand Delegation opportunity, 12-15 June:** British High Commission in NZ are seeking UK businesses & research institutions to participate in a government-supported delegation at [New Zealand's National Agricultural Fielddays 2019](#). Solutions for farming ruminants, water and soil quality maintenance, and sustainability monitoring are of interest. **Contact [Kate Calcott](#).**

**[EIT Food Frontrunners:](#) Become a Leader in the Transformation of the Food System.** Networking, training, mentoring, coaching, learning facilitation for early career researchers. **Apply now, deadline 3<sup>rd</sup> March.** As a partner organisation, applicants from the University of Cambridge receive a 50% discount.

The \$600,000 [Zayed Sustainability Prize](#) (ZSP) is awaiting applications from innovative organisations operating in the field of renewable energy, food, water, health and from schools who teach children about the importance of sustainability. **Deadline 30 May.**