

## JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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

**Programme is now online:** the meeting will focus on generating practical solutions to key challenges within global food security. We have some fantastic speakers lined up to talk about challenges in India and Africa, aiming to inspire ideas for solutions that can be implemented at local level to drive change.

**Registration is now open:** this will be an interdisciplinary and highly interactive meeting, Join us and contribute your views and expertise!

**Call for abstracts is now open:** the meeting will include **flash presentations and posters from Early Career Researchers on the three themes of the event:** Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sustainable Agriculture; Food Supply Chains and Trade; Gender, Nutrition and Policy. Please send your name, title of proposed talk or poster, and short summary (max. 100 words) to [coordinator@globalfood.cam.ac.uk](mailto:coordinator@globalfood.cam.ac.uk)

**CAMBRIDGE-BASED EVENTS**

**23 Jan:** [Climate resilience through science, practice, and public participation.](#) 5pm – 6pm, David Attenborough Building. Talk by Prof Merelender, UC Berkeley.

**30 Jan: \*University of Cambridge staff only\*:** [EIT Food Workshop](#), Department of Plant Sciences, 3:00-4:30pm. Learn more about the programme and how to apply for funding this year for research, communications, education or business creation projects relating to improving nutrition and making the food system more resource-efficient, transparent and trusted. [Please let us know ASAP if you plan to attend.](#)

**2 Feb:** [From Farm to Fork: the role of 'One Health in Food Systems'](#), Wolfson College. Hosted by Cambridge University One Health Society.

**20 Feb:** [Is the nutrition in our crops declining?](#) 5pm-6pm, David Attenborough Building. Talk by James Wong, botanist, science writer and broadcaster.

**11-24 March 2019:** [Cambridge Science Festival](#) Booking for Festival events opens at 11am on Monday, 11 February. There are hundreds of free public events across Cambridge, including our own:

**12 March 2019:** [I'm a Confused Consumer, Get me Out of Here!](#)

**15 March 2019:** [GM Crops, Getting to the Root of the Issues](#)

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

**16 March 2019:** [Millets for the Millions: Switching to Small Grains for Sustainable Farming](#)

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19 March 2019: [Objects, Carriers of Knowledge](#)

If you are interested in volunteering to help at any of these events, please [contact us](#).

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

10-11 May 2019: [Cooking Identities and Tasting Memories: The Heritage of Food](#). McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research. Submit abstracts by 27 Jan 2019.

15 May 2019: [What can Agriculture offer to Biodiversity Conservation?](#) David Attenborough Building.

## EVENTS OUTSIDE CAMBRIDGE

6, 13 and 20 Feb: [Our Digital Revolution](#) Our Digital Revolution, Brunel Public Lecture Series 2019. Dr Manoj Dora will speak on Innovations in food-related technologies and their potential to ensure a sustainable and food secured society (6 Feb, 18:30-20:00)

5-7 March: [Workshop – Sustainable Intensification and Valuing Nature in Dialogue: enabling researchers to work across environment and farming policy interests](#). Birmingham, for early career researchers. **Apply by 10am, 28 Jan**

6 March: [Climate change and agriculture – all you need to know in a day](#). London.

8 March: Workshop – [Cultures and Histories of Agriculture, Food, and Nutrition, UKRI GCRF Collective Programme](#), London. Open to all researchers regardless of disciplinary background; this is a networking opportunity to find collaborators, discuss key challenges and find out about the funding call, part of the new GCRF *Food Systems* challenge portfolio (see FUNDING section of this newsletter).

12 March: [Robotics and Artificial Intelligence Showcase, Manchester](#)

## PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

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

[From ecological opportunism to multi-cropping: Mapping food globalisation in prehistory](#) Feb 2019, *Quat Sci Revs*. Involved IRC members **Harriet Hunt, Diane Lister, Martin Jones**.

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Study led by **Jean Adams** (Centre for Diet and Activity Research) shows that [removing sweets and crisps from supermarket checkouts is linked to a dramatic fall in unhealthy snack purchases.](#)

[Improving our diets: more freedom or more control?](#) Listen to the recording of this public panel discussion involving public health and policy experts, on the University of Cambridge MRC Epidemiology Unit's new podcast, *The Confidence Interval*.

## 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.

AHDB Research: [Monitoring the development of resistance in wheat and barley pathogens to foliar fungicides](#). Deadline 8pm, 4 Feb.

EPSRC [Internet of Food Things Network Plus: call for pilot projects 2019](#). Aims to stimulate interdisciplinary research into the digital transformation of the food production and supply chain through new technologies like IoT, AI, blockchain. Up to £40k per project. **Deadline 15 Feb.**

MRC/GCRF: [Understanding the mechanistic links between nutrition and non-communicable diseases in low and middle-income countries](#). Opens 28 Jan, deadline 28 March.

**\*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](#), and opens on 15 Feb 2019. i) **Intention to Submit deadline 15 March;** ii) **Proposal submission deadline 30 April.**

UKRI has announced its new [GCRF Collective Programme](#), which will consist of a series of calls to be launched in 2019. The calls are designed to enhance the overall impact across the six strategic GCRF Challenge portfolios in global health, education, sustainable cities, food systems, conflict and displacement, and resilience. Calls will include **Food Systems**:

- GCRF Cultures and histories of agriculture, food, and nutrition
- GCRF A combined Food Systems approach to developing interventions to address the Double Burden of Malnutrition

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## DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**Become a Leader in the Transformation of the Food System: [EIT Food Innovator Fellowship](#).**

Postdocs apply for this one-year, fully-funded challenge by the **deadline: 15 Feb.**

[Join an exclusive community](#) on LinkedIn for R&D experts in the agri-food sector, managed by the EIT Food Regional Innovation Scheme team.

**MOOC: [Feeding a Hungry Planet: Agriculture, Nutrition and Sustainability](#).** Enrol now for this 7 week course led by Rothamsted Research and partners, which starts 11 Feb.