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NETWORK NEWS

In May we were pleased to award travel grants to eleven Early Career Researchers at Cambridge, following a very competitive application process. The funding, provided by the Isaac Newton Trust and Cambridge Global Food Security, will support interdisciplinary networking and sharing of ideas and perspectives relating to global food security. [Read more here.](#)

Last month we joined forces with Dr Matt Davey, in Cambridge's Department of Plant Sciences, to promote [Amazing Algae at the Festival of Plants](#), with support from our EIT Food #AnnualFoodAgenda project, where we also trialled our brand new 3D Virtual Reality videos on sustainable food topics.

Our EIT Food events continue this month with a public talk on 12th June: [Are you Ready for a Food Revolution?](#) (Department of Plant Sciences) where you can hear about trends and developments in the food world from our three experts: Professor Alison Smith (University of Cambridge), Imran Afzal (PepsiCo), and Vaiva Kalnikaite (Dovetailed). Join us afterwards for networking and drinks.

If you're aged 12-37, please also consider volunteering for our **lunchtime focus group** on 27th June to help us develop our 3D virtual reality videos on food-related topics. More below.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE EVENTS

12 June, 4-6pm: [Are you Ready for a Food Revolution?](#) Department of Plant Sciences, Cambridge
Part of our EIT Food #AnnualFoodAgenda project: hear experts from academia, industry and a start-up discuss future food trends, followed by drinks, networking, and a chance to try out our new Virtual Reality videos on Food Sustainability. **All welcome.**

25 June: [IfM Briefing: Innovation for Food Security and Sustainability.](#) How can innovation management strategies be used by food companies and their supply chains to address the issues around food security and sustainability? **The Crystal, London. Book now.**

26 June: [Centre for Science and Policy \(CSaP\) Annual Conference 2019](#), The Royal Society, London.

27 June, 1-2pm: [Lunchtime Focus Group: Future Food in Virtual Reality.](#) Botanic Garden Classroom, Cambridge. Volunteers aged 12-37 required to watch 3D virtual reality videos on food and take a short survey. Lunch provided. Email [Esme Booth](#) for more information.

28 June, 1-2pm: [Challenges and opportunities in developing technology-based approaches to assessing dietary intake.](#) Talk by Prof Clare Collins, Professor of Nutrition and Dietetics at University of Newcastle, Australia. **MRC Epidemiology Unit, IMS, Cambridge Biomedical Campus.**

5-9 July: [Summer School in Applied Human Nutrition & International Summit on Medical Nutrition Education and Research.](#) Madingley Hall.

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6 Sept: [CeBIL Annual Symposium 2019: Legal Innovation to Support the Development of Antimicrobial Drugs](#), Christ's College. Register now.

EXTERNAL EVENTS

20 June, 6:30-8:45pm: [#FOODTALKS: Resilience by design – how to weather climate change](#). Impact Hub King's Cross.

21 June: [UKRI Circular Economy workshop](#), London. To facilitate cross-disciplinary networking, build potential new research collaborations, and identify potential resource flows around which communities could convene and build future funding proposals. Open to researchers across all disciplines, particularly those working across disciplinary fields. **Register by 4pm, 21 May.**

24 June, 5:30-7pm: [Food Thinkers with Bob Doherty](#). What does viewing food as a system and resilience mean for the practice of coherent policy making? Part of the Centre of Food Policy series, London. Register.

5-7 July: [Agri-Hackathon Looking For Smart Thinkers To 'Save The World' In 48 Hours](#), Cambridge. Organised by Agri-Tech East; welcomes all disciplines including software developers, electronics engineers, plant and animal biologists, physicists, farmers, vets, students and industry professionals. **Register.**

8-10 July: [Healthy and Sustainable Diets: synergies and trade-offs](#). Course for PhD students, postdocs, professionals from industry and research centres. **Wageningen, The Netherlands. Register.**

4-5 Sept: [Plants, People, Planet Symposium](#), Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, London.

17 Sept: [Agriculture 101 – an introduction to the sector](#). Will be of interest to researchers keen to forge better links with industry. **Cambridge. Book now.**

15-16 Oct: [World Agri-Tech Innovation Summit](#), London.

19 Nov: [FT Global Food Systems: Paradigm shifts from farm gate to fridge door](#), London.

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

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

[Enemy at the gates: how plant scientists at Cambridge are trying to defend our most important crops from a deadly disease](#). Feature article about Sebastian Schornack's research at the Sainsbury Lab in Cambridge, by Tom Almeroth-Williams and Kathy Grube.

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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](#).

GCRF Global Research Translation Awards. Awards aim to accelerate the delivery of development impact from previous GCRF funded research (by UKRI, Academies or other delivery partners). UK and DAC based research organisations with at least one Principal or Co-Investigator on a GCRF award will be eligible to submit an application for up to £800,000 over 18 months. **Deadline 11 July. (University of Cambridge applicants must follow internal procedures for selection).**

BBSRC/ DEFRA/ NERC/ Scottish Gov: Understanding and countering bacterial plant diseases. Applications for up to £2.5m, for up to 3 years, for projects beginning by 1 May 2020. **Deadline 25 July.**

OECD: Conference sponsorship grants within agriculture, forestry and fisheries research. For organising a conference; funds cover travel for invited speakers and a contribution towards publication of the proceedings. **Deadline 10 Sept.**

***Pre-announcement:* Joint BBSRC-NERC-GCRF Sustainable Enhancement of Agriculture and Aquaculture**. To support the translation of research in Low and Middle Income Countries on the DAC list of ODA recipients in the Sub-Saharan Africa, Southern Asia and South-Eastern Asia regions. Call Opens 9.7.19; **deadline 18 Sept**. A total of £3.4m available, for projects lasting up to 24 months. Those interested are encouraged to contact bbsrcgcrftranslation@bbsrc.ukri.org.