

## MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members and subscribers,

Carol Ibe is our May **'Researcher of the Month'**, and she's dedicated to helping Africans advance their careers. You can read about her work and her motivations [here](#).

There's still time for Cambridge researchers to submit an application to our [Early Career Researcher Travel Fund](#) (deadline 4pm, 15<sup>th</sup> May). If you're a more senior researcher wishing to bring an Early Career Researcher to Cambridge for a specific activity, you are also welcome to apply.

Our [Annual Symposium](#) this year will be a one-day event on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept at Murray Edwards College, Cambridge, focused on drawing together all Initiative Members across the University to share ideas and discuss potential interdisciplinary collaborations. Please save the date; more information will be coming soon.

Please keep sending me information you'd like to share across the network. And finally.... Unless I receive a special request, anything that has been included in previous issues of this newsletter will no longer be included here, but you can find full listings of all relevant opportunities on the Global Food Security Initiative website.

Best wishes, Jacqueline Garget

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## EVENTS IN CAMBRIDGE

**10 May 2017: Antibiotic Apocalypse: Media Gloom or Medical Doom?** 7-8:30pm, Clare College.

**11 May 2017: BHRU Annual Lecture: Tackling Childhood Obesity: Are we doing enough?** 6pm, Howard Lecture Theatre, Downing College. Speaker: Corinna Hawkes, Centre for Food Policy, City University.

**11 May 2017: CambPlants Industrial Talk: Innovations in the micro algae sector.** 1pm, Dept. Plant Sciences Large Lecture Theatre.

**11 May 2017: Conservation Science & Society.** Interactive workshop by UCCRI. **\*Sign up\***. **Part of the Early Career Interdisciplinary Conservation Programme – see all events [here](#).**

**15 May 2017: Exams days are over: Your next Grad Opportunity.** Christine Tacon on how to apply for a 2-year paid graduate scheme in the food and fresh produce industry. 5.30pm, Dept. Plant Sciences Large Lecture Theatre.

**15 May 2017: Café Synthétique: Biomimicry and engineering.** 6pm, Panton Arms.

**16 May 2017: Transfer of Crop Research Knowledge to Small Farmers with emphasis on East Africa.** Includes tour of NIAB's Innovation Farm, Histon. **\*Sign up\***

**16 May 2017: 'After Brexit, UKRI if you want to: a social scientist's field guide to the new research landscape'.** Cambridge ESRC DTC Annual Lecture. Faculty of Law. [Register here](#).

**24 May 2017: Business plan writing & pitching workshop,** 5:30-7:30pm, IfM. Free event for Cambridge postdocs **\*Register in advance\***.

**2-3 June 2017: Putting Dirt in its Place: The Contemporary Politics of Waste.** Alison Richard Building. **\*Register in advance\***.

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**6 June 2017:** Research Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance: Social & Biological Dimensions. Clare College.  
\*Register by 30 May.\*

**8 June 2017:** Speaking about your research to Public Audiences. Training event for PhDs and postdocs.  
10:00am-4:30pm, 17 Mill Lane. \*Sign up\*.

**8 June 2017:** Cambridge Enterprise talk: X01 & Beyond: Fortune Favours the Prepared Mind; Prof Jim Huntington. 6pm-8pm.

**6 Sept 2017:** \*\*Cambridge Global Food Security Annual Symposium\*\* Murray Edwards College.

## OTHER EVENTS

**17 May 2017:** Agri-Tech East: Visit to Produce World to see reed beds. 3-5pm, Peterborough.

**12-30 June 2017:** Johns Hopkins 35<sup>th</sup> Graduate Summer Institute of Epidemiology & Biostatistics. The Graduate Summer Institute offers onsite and online short courses in epidemiology and biostatistics.

**14-15 June 2017:** Cereals 2017. Boothby Graffoe. \*The Cambridge Bioscience Impact Team is providing return coach travel to the event on 14 June to enable Cambridge BBSRC-remit researchers to meet a wide range of companies & researchers from the agri-tech sector. Register by 1<sup>st</sup> June.\*

**28-29 June:** Agri-Tech East: Innovation Hub at Royal Norfolk Show. See the latest advances in agricultural science, technology and engineering.

**4 July 2017:** Automation and Robotics in the AgriFood Sector. Peterborough.

**11 July 2017:** Young Researchers in Crop Sciences 2017 Rothamsted Research.

**3-4 Aug 2017:** 5<sup>th</sup> International Oxford Symposium on Population, Migration & the Environment. Oxford.

**12 Sept 2017:** Next Steps for UK food labelling policy, London.

**21 Sept 2017:** Priorities for UK food security post-Brexit: investment, innovation & regulation. London.

**25-26 Sept 2017:** Reinventing Agriculture to Reduce Dependency on Pesticides. Harper Adams University, Newport.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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

**Dr David Nally** talks about how Malthus is relevant to his research in a new article on Austerity, poverty and food scarcity: a return to the 18<sup>th</sup> century? CAM Magazine.

**Balmford et al:** Why Earth Optimism? *Science*, 2017 Apr.

**Carr et al:** First Report of Cucumber mosaic virus Infecting *Pimpinella brachycarpa* in Korea *Plant Disease*, 2017 Apr.

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**Grant et al:** Genome-wide fitness analyses of foodborne pathogen *Campylobacter jejuni* in *in vitro* and *in vivo* models. *Sci Rep* 2017 Apr.

**Marteau et al:** Impact of bottle size on in-home consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages: a feasibility and acceptability study. *BMC Public Health*, 2017 Apr.

**Sutherland et al:** Invasion Science: A Horizon Scan of Emerging Challenges and Opportunities. *Trends Ecol Evol*, 2017 Apr.

## 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](#).\**

**Cambridge-Africa ALBORADA Research Fund grants** of £1k-£20k for research, travel and training involving pairs of researchers from the University of Cambridge (also NIAB, Sanger Institute) and sub-Saharan African institutions, across all disciplines, to initiate or strengthen research collaborations. **25 June deadline.**

**Innovation Follow-on Fund:** enabling innovation in the UK & developing countries. Call opens 24 May; £1.65m available from NERC to support projects that deliver tangible benefits to end-users, particularly businesses, in the UK or internationally in OECD countries. Open to researchers with current or past NERC funding. **12 July 2017 deadline.**

**BBSRC International Travel Award Scheme (ITAS)** Up to £3,000, no deadline. Aims to help scientists add an international dimension to their BBSRC-funded research by making and establishing new contacts with international counterparts.

**Wellcome Trust Public Engagement Fund** open to great ideas for engaging the public in conversations about health-related science and research. £5,000 - £3 million available, no deadline.

## COMPETITIONS

**On Encounters with Nature & Place:** Cambridge Conservation Initiative prose-writing competition. Submit up to 500 words on your encounters [here](#). **Deadline 11 June 2017, enquiries to [rl469@cam.ac.uk](mailto:rl469@cam.ac.uk).**

**Frontiers of Knowledge Awards 2017: Fundacion BBVA competition, \*Cambridge nominations must be submitted by the Research Strategy Office – [email your nominations](#) by 15 June 2017\*.** €400,000 to recognise basic research and creative work of excellence.

## OTHER NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

**Cambridge Festival of Ideas:** submit an event or activity **by 29 May** for this year's Public Engagement event, running 16-29 Oct 2017. Theme: TRUTH. **You can also [sign up here](#) for a monthly bulletin of Public Engagement opportunities, funding and training.**

**Consultation: Support academic engagement with parliament** by [giving your views](#) on a proposed 'UK Evidence Information Service'.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Cambridge's Bhaskar Vira spoke at the Twelfth Session of the **United Nations Forum on Forests** (Implementation of the UN Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030), available to [view online](#).