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NETWORK NEWS

Dr Jag Srai, Head of the Centre for International Manufacturing, has been appointed as the **new Co-Chair of Cambridge Global Food Security**. [Read about his background, and future plans for the IRC here.](#)

Cambridge's wide-ranging research in food security is featured in the latest issue of *Research Horizons*, as part of the University of Cambridge's research spotlight on the East of England: [The £2 billion vegetable and the agricultural future of the East.](#)

Talented students are sought to join the new 4-year programme at the [EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Agri-Food Robotics](#), established by the University of Lincoln in collaboration with the University of Cambridge and the University of East Anglia. **Applications are now open for entry in September 2019 (deadline 1 April). Funding is available for UK and EU students.**

CAMBRIDGE EVENTS

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

24 April: [Cambridge Science and Policy Forum 2019](#), Old Divinity School.

26 April: [Mapping the Energy Transition](#): CUEN Energy Conference 2019, Cambridge Judge Business School.

18 May: [Festival of Plants](#). Cambridge Botanic Garden.

EXTERNAL EVENTS

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

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

11 April, 11am: **Mapping Complex Agronomic Traits in Autotetraploid Potato**. Research Seminar by Dr Lindsey Leach, University of Birmingham. NIAB, Huntingdon Road.

29-30 April: [Pig Breeders Round Table](#), University of Kent.

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3 May: [UK Agriculture Policy – Sustainability in post-Brexit Britain](#), Leicester.

23 May, 1:30-5:00 [Pollinator: We've Got the Power; On-Farm Solutions to Energy Demands](#). Hethel Innovation.

12-13 June: [Cereals: Europe's Leading Technical Event for the Arable Industry](#). Lincoln. University of Cambridge staff contact [Vibhuti Patel](#) about funding to attend.

19-20 Nov: [Food Matters Live](#), ExCeL, London.

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

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

[Support for, and perceived effectiveness of, the UK soft drinks industry levy among UK adults: cross-sectional analysis of the International Food Policy Study](#). March 2019, *BMJ Open*, involving Cambridge's Tarra Penney and Jean Adams.

[Microencapsulated diets to improve growth and survivorship in juvenile European flat oysters](#). April 2019, *Aquaculture*, by Cambridge's David Willer and David Aldridge.

CEDAR contributed to the Food Foundation's [Broken Plate report: Ten vital signs revealing the health of our food system, its impact on our lives and the remedies we must pursue](#).

[Why International Women's Day is important to the way we think about global food security: a perspective from the Global Challenges Research Fund](#). Blog by Dr Tahrat Shahid, GCRF Challenge Leader for Food Systems.

[New policy brief](#) from the 'Resilience of the UK Good System in a Global Context' programme, published 25 Feb

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 applicants only: EPSRC IAA [Partnership Development Awards](#) (pump-priming funds for new research collaborations) and [Knowledge Transfer Fellowships](#) (to transfer expertise linked to EPSRC research between the University and a partner company) **Close 12 April**.

University of Cambridge applicants only [CRASSH Research Networks](#): supports groups of Cambridge graduate students, postdocs, and CTOs/UTOs with a common interdisciplinary research interest for a year of collaborative work – from reading groups to symposia. Annual competition for academic year 2019-2020 now open. **Deadline 25 April**.

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University of Cambridge applicants only [Cambridge Infectious Diseases Research Incubator Fund](#) Grants of £500-£2,000 for early career researchers who wish to explore new cross-discipline research projects/ collaborations. **Deadline 5pm, 26 April.**

University of Cambridge applicants only [BBSRC Impact Accelerator Account](#) pump-prime funding of up to £30,000 for short projects that enable new/ strengthen existing collaborations with industry. **Deadline 4pm, 29 April.**

[NERC: Global Partnerships Seedcorn Fund](#) for UK environmental science researchers to forge new partnerships and networks with the best international researchers. Max £100,000 per grant for up to two years. **Notification of Intent deadline 15 April.**

[Round 8 of the Agri-Tech Catalyst: agricultural and food systems innovation in Africa](#) opens in April, with up to £3 million funding from DFID. **Webinars on 5 April** provide support to applicants with projects involving crops, livestock and aquaculture, or food systems and nutrition.

[Cambridge Conservation Initiative Collaborative Fund.](#) to support innovative, collaborative conservation projects undertaken by CCI partners. **Deadline 1 May.**

UKRI GCRF: [A Combined Food Systems Approach to Scaling Up Interventions to Address the Double Burden of Malnutrition](#) **Deadline 4pm, 7 May, 2019.** Total requested per proposal should not exceed £1 million.

The British Academy: [Knowledge Frontiers – International Interdisciplinary Research Projects](#) for projects that engage with questions on the relationship between expertise, public understanding and policy delivery, and highlight the importance of collaboration. Awards up to £50,000, **deadline 15 May.**

UKRI GCRF: [Cultures, behaviours and histories of agriculture, food and nutrition.](#) **Deadline 16 May.** Small partnership awards up to £50,000; large partnership awards up to £200,000 available.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

29 April: [Impulse Training Programme.](#) Maxwell Centre, Cambridge. **Deadline for applications now 10 April** (bursaries available for Cambridge University applicants).

[Paid internships with the University of Cambridge's Environment and Energy team,](#) for current Cambridge students and recent graduates. **Deadline to apply 23 April.**