

## December 2019

Welcome to the last Future Food newsletter of 2019. Inside you'll find details of our upcoming briefing, recent stories, and opportunities.



#### Future Food briefing

Join us on Monday December 16th from 8.45am until 3pm for our biannual Future Food briefing event.

A17, Plant Sciences, Sutton Bonington campus

Tell us you are attending



# Join us for Total Food 2020

Book your place at the Total Food 2020 conference, April 15-17 at The East Midlands Conference Centre.

#### Stories from Future Food

<u>Sharing is caring amongst some plant species.</u> A new paper, published in *Nature Communications*, shows how plant species might share pre-adapted genes to save another species from extinction.

A new project, funded by GCRF, makes use of big data mining and machine learning to improve the detection and treatment of cholera in Bangladesh.

Some of the Future Food team were recently at the University of Nottingham Malaysia campus. While there they visited <u>smallholder oil palm plantations</u> to find out more about farming practices.

<u>We interviewed the Nottingham Good Food Partnership</u> to discover more about their work, and their hopes for the future of food in the city of Nottingham.

We have introduced the public to chocolate made from <u>our cocoa project</u> at events in <u>London</u> and <u>Nottingham</u>.

Congratulations to Prof Malcolm Bennett on <u>being amongst the world's most highly cited</u> researchers in 2019!

Read about the experiences of being a UoN - Rothamsted PhD student in <u>a series of reflective posts</u> from our first cohort of students.

#### **Food Tales**

Join us in the new year for two Food Tales events.





### Upcoming talks, conferences and seminars

Call for sessions: Food Geographies Working Group invites proposals for the RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 1-4 September 2020. Session proposals due 6 January 2020.

REAMIT: Improving Resource Efficiency of Agribusiness supply chains by Minimizing waste using Big data and IoT sensors January 9 2020, Nottingham

Novel foods in the UK: innovation, safety, and the evolving regulatory landscape 16

January 2020, London.

<u>eauc conference: CLIMATE 2020</u> June 23-24 2020, University of Bath. Deadline for submissions: January 31 2020.

Register to attend the <u>7th EurOMA Sustainable Operations and Supply Chain Forum</u> 10-12 February 2020, Nottingham.

International Conference on Vertical Farming: Smart Green Growth\_7-8 April 2020,
Nottingham. Register your interest for updates.

<u>Cultivating Connections: exploring entry points into sustainable food</u> 27-30 May 2020, Athens, Georgia, USA. <u>Abstracts due 31 January 2020</u>.



Congratulations to Poonam Mehra who has successfully won a prestigious Long
Term EMBO Fellowship to work in Prof Malcolm Bennett's lab (2020-2022).
Poonam's fellowship project is titled: **Xero-Branching**: **Discovering how plant**roots adapt to reduced water availability.



We have <u>funding</u>
<u>opportunities</u> available for
researchers working across the food
system, from soil to waste, and all inbetween! Open to academics across
all faculties and disciplines.

To tell us your news, share conference registrations or abstract opportunities, as well as any food-related reading please email:

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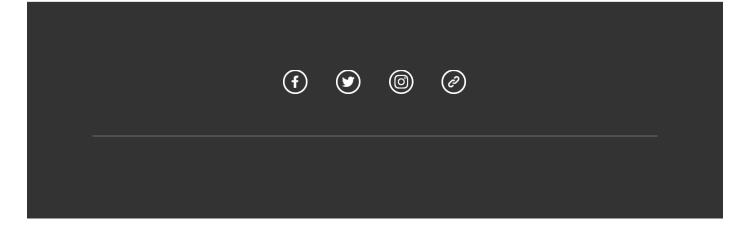












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