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Future Food beacon newsletter

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We are living through extraordinary times. Here at the Future Food Beacon we are trying to keep morale amongst our researchers positive, while we adapt to new ways of working, researching, writing, and contributing.

This is the second newsletter sent during Covid-19.

Future Food (virtual) Cafe



Join us on Wednesdays at 11.30am on [Microsoft teams](#) for a virtual coffee break!
This is a drop-in session, so bring your concerns, ideas, interesting papers, and books to talk about, and catch up with us!

Future Food News

Our blog is being updated with stories related to food and Covid-19, as well as project updates. If you would like to contribute stories, please [email Lexi](#) with your ideas.

Covid-19 related stories:

We've put together [a list of articles on Covid-19 and the food system](#). This is updated weekly.

The University of Nottingham joins the [Covid-19 Genomics UK consortium](#).

We spoke to [Prof Matt Loose and Dr Christopher Moore about the sequencing work](#) they are doing as part of the Covid-19 Genomics UK consortium.

How can food writers help us [understand home and belonging](#) during the pandemic?

[Global food supply chains in times of pandemic](#).

Global trading: the good, the bad and the essential.

The perfect storm: environmentally and socially unsustainable seafood supply chains.

Support for people coping with eating disorders from an East Midlands charity and university researchers.

Other recent stories:

Future Food leadership team member, Prof Malcolm Bennett, has been **elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society.**

A conversation with a plant pathologist on plant health.

Prof Tim Foster talks about the future of food in the May issue of Food and Drink Technology, from page 22.

The mini-traction machine - equipment to help food scientists solve important questions.

The University of Nottingham and Shanghai Jiao Tong University have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding**, focused on deepening collaboration in agriculture and biotech.

Food Shots

We have launched a new video series!



Wondering what to do during lockdown? Dr Tristan Dew has a [new video series](#) explaining the food science behind various food stuffs. First up? Home brewing of course!

Future Food seminar series



Future Food seminar series!

Join us on May 26th at 12pm for a talk from Dr Richard Vytņiorgu: Food, Cultural Inheritance & Belonging

[Via Teams](#)

Upcoming talks, seminars and conferences

Coronavirus: food safety risk? A webinar from IFST. 20 May, 11am.

Empowering smallholder farmer land rights - beyond Covid-19, 21 May, 4pm.

Dublin Gastronomy Symposium, 25-29 May. Online series of talks over several days.

UK research conference on food and poverty, 23-24 June. Call for abstracts on food insecurity since the Covid-19 conference open until May 25.

Developing a new National Food Strategy for England, 7 July.

The meetings below have not yet been cancelled or changed to our knowledge.

Precision imaging: transforming healthcare and nutrition with pioneering imaging 23 September, Nottingham.

Food futures in the anthropocene: place-based, just, convivial 7-10 November, Launceston, Tasmania.

New publications from Future Food

Three Dimensional Root CT Segmentation using Multi-Resolution Encoder-Decoder Networks, Soltaninejad et al. (2020).

The doing of ethnographies of eating: writing, observing, and eating chip butties during ethnographic research in primary schools in England, Earl (2020).

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

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