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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 bi-
annual 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

[Sharing is caring amongst some plant species](#). 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 [smallholder oil palm plantations](#) to find out more about farming practices.

[We interviewed the Nottingham Good Food Partnership](#) 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 [our cocoa project](#) at events in [London](#) and [Nottingham](#).

Congratulations to Prof Malcolm Bennett on [being amongst the world's most highly cited researchers](#) in 2019!

Read about the experiences of being a UoN - Rothamsted PhD student in [a series of reflective posts](#) from our first cohort of students.

Food Tales

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

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**Doing things differently:
can a small bakery contribute to
big changes in our food system?**

Kimberley Bell, Small Food Bakery

**Wednesday
26 February, 1pm**

Lakeside Arts, University of Nottingham
Free. All welcome.

Further information and booking:
lakesidearts.org.uk/SmallFood



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**Food and poverty:
a challenge for our time**

Panel discussion with:
Dr Tereza Campello, Future Food Senior Fellow
Dr Megan Blake, University of Sheffield
Georgiana Nica-Avram, Ohio
Marsha Smith, Coventry University

**Wednesday
25 March, 1pm**

Lakeside Arts, University of Nottingham
Free. All welcome.

Further information and booking:
lakesidearts.org.uk/FoodPoverty



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.

[eauc conference: CLIMATE 2020](#) June 23-24 2020, University of Bath. Deadline for submissions: January 31 2020.

Register to attend the [7th EurOMA Sustainable Operations and Supply Chain Forum](#) 10-12 February 2020, Nottingham.

[International Conference on Vertical Farming: Smart Green Growth](#) 7-8 April 2020, Nottingham. Register your interest for updates.

[Cultivating Connections: exploring entry points into sustainable food](#) 27-30 May 2020, Athens, Georgia, USA. [Abstracts due 31 January 2020](#).

2020 HCDA conference [New Horizons: Sustainability and Justice](#) 30 June - 2 July 2020,
Auckland, New Zealand. [Abstracts due 15 December 2019.](#)



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 [funding opportunities](#) available for researchers working across the food system, from soil to waste, and all in-between! 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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