Included in this issue:

- **Livestock, Environment and People** – a look at Meat and Meatless Foods at the Consumer Behaviour and the Healthy Foods Roundtable
- Abstract submissions for Early Career Scientists (ECS) first global symposium, closing 31 July
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- Do traditional food cultures play a role in COVID-19 for health and immunity?
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**Consumer Behaviour and Healthy Diets** was the subject of The IAFoST Scientific Roundtable Discussion (SRD) organised by the Academy Council on July 1, 2021.

*Livestock, Environment and People*, presented by Professor Sir Charles Godfray, included insights into consumer behaviours around meat and meatless products. The presentation was followed by questions from the panel to the population biologist. For his comments related to developing and developed economies, traditional foods and implications and millennials, ecologists' choices regarding meat footprints and sustainable diets, please see the video and Q&A on the [IUFoST website here](https://www.iufost.org).

More speaker insights from the *Consumer Behaviour and the Healthy Diets* Roundtable, including Dr. Sebastiano Porretta, Dr. Caroline Smith DeWaal (EatSafe-GAIN) and Dr. Petra Klassen-Wigger (Nestle) will be available soon. For more information on the programme and speakers, visit the [IUFoST Website](https://www.iufost.org).

**LAST CHANCE for PhD Candidates to submit abstracts** for the first Early Career Scientist Competition and to present in the 1st International Symposium, organized by and for the Early Career Scientists Section on September 15 and 16, 2021.

Selected Early Career Scientists of IAFoST/IUFoST will present keynotes and PhD candidates who are chosen will also have an opportunity to present their work. Early Career Scientist Section members should contact the [ECS Council](secretariat@iufost.org) to the Attention of ECS Council members Dr. Chibuike Udenigwe and Dr. Elizabeth Arenas) to register their interest and involvement.

The abstract submission system is open to PhD candidates [here](https://www.iufost.org/early-career-scientists) until July 31 (criteria at bottom of webpage). Awards will be presented. Selected Symposium papers will be featured in a Special Issue of a major journal.

**Global Food Systems Governance – the Role of Food Science and Technology** was presented by invitation of the UN Food Systems Summit for Science Days by IUFoST and IAFoST on July 5. An integrated approach to capacity building, food safety, healthy diets, and future earth through sustainable local solutions to global problems was the focus. Boosting the profile of the science-to-policy process is more urgent now than ever given the disruption caused by coronavirus pandemic and the manifestations of climate change. We recognize that demand driven production and productivity of food commodities in the country need innovative food Technologies from farm to consumer to reduce food losses and waste and promote efficiencies in energy and water usage. The application of Food Science and Technology and global integration through IUFoST and its growing partnerships are necessary parts of the policy to determine resilient and
sustainable future food systems. Register organisational and personal and professional support for our work here. [Sign up to work with us](https://www.iufost.org).

The initial report outcomes from this meeting are available on the IUFoST website.

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**Do traditional food cultures play a role in COVID-19 for health and Immunity?** is the title of the published report in the latest issue of the *Journal of Food Bioactives* on the subject of the IUFoST Food Culture and Traditional Foods Scientific Roundtable that was held on April 29. [The summary of the findings is available here](https://www.iufost.org).

**University Recognition Application and updated Renewal process is now ready.** IUFoST Education Working Group 1.1 has initiated the new system, available through the IUFoST website here. We look forward to hearing from you.

**IUFoST expresses its condolences to FOSTA,** IUFoST Adhering Body in Myanmar, for the loss of their President Daw Tin Swe Aye on 18 July.

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**EVENTS and Activities to note:**

1. **The Chinese Institute of Food Science and Technology (CIFST) and IUFoST** join together again for the *11th International Forum on Food Safety and Health*, August 11 – 13, 2021. Among the distinguished speakers is Frank Yiannis, Deputy Commissioner for Food Policy and Response, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the USA, who will speak about ‘A new era of intelligent food safety’. For more programme information, please contact CIFST or IUFoST through their Secretariats.

2. **IUFoST Members Meeting**, August 27, 2021. For those involved, please contact the [IUFoST Secretariat](https://www.iufost.org), Subject Members Meeting.

3. **1st International Symposium of IUFoST/IAFoST Early Career Scientists Section, Food Innovations for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, September 15 and 16 from 07.00 to 09.30 Eastern Time North America (GMT-4). Abstracts from PhD candidates accepted until July 31. [For more information](https://www.iufost.org).


5. **IUFoST Japan is presenting an Online International Symposium on 3D Food Printing Technology** this September. Full details will be available in August.

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