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IUFOST Policy Briefs are accepted by the UN Food Systems Scientific Group Chair Dr. Joachim von Braun. IUFOST is recognised now as an official Partner of the Scientific Group in its preparations for the UN Food Systems Summit in September.

IUFOST members and partners prepared three Briefs. Central to each is the importance of the discipline of FS&T for policy development at all governmental levels to ensure future food systems that are resilient and sustainable. Two secondary Briefs exemplifying this position were on the subjects of Traditional Foods and Processing and Food Science and Technology Education and Training for Capacity Building. Food Pilot Plants are just one of the critical needs, as well as research funding, local and national system support. Join IUFOST, as your global representative, in speaking out about our key role in securing healthy and sufficient diets. [Sign here.](#)

Indoor Farming is the subject of a new Scientific Information Bulletin (SIB) just released by the Scientific Council on behalf of IUFOST. The SIB, *Sustainable and safer indoor farming of produce using new technologies: challenges and opportunities* looks at how the popularity of indoor farming is increasing with growers of fresh produce who wish to use minimal amounts of land and water. Soilless indoor farming methods include hydroponics, aquaponics and aeroponics. [Read all about it here.](#)

Student Motivation and Engagement in Synchronous Online Teaching is the Webinar organised by the IUFOST Education Working Group on 17 June at 07.00 – 09.00 (GMT-4) Eastern Time North America, Central European time 13.00.

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, schools were closed all around the world. Education suddenly changed and the shift towards online teaching became crucial to ensure completion of the classes. This webinar focuses on how to optimize online teaching in terms of resources, assessment, student motivation, and other aspects through experts in the field. The webinar speakers include Professor James Lyng, University College, Dublin, Ireland; Professor Samuel Godefroy, University of Laval, Quebec,

Canada; Dr. Yunfei Xie, Jiangnan University, China and Professor Lourdes Canos, Universidad Politecnica de Valencia, Spain. [Programme and registration here.](#)

The Call for Abstracts is now open for the Young Scientists Research Pitch

Competition, in the First International Symposium *Food innovations for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)* of the IUFOST/IAFoST Early Career Scientist Section to be held on 15 and 16 September 2021. The themes for the Pitch Competition are i) Processing for food preservation ii) Nutritional and health enhancements iii) Food packaging iv) efficient resource use. Further details and the abstract submission system are available [here](#). Deadline for receipt is 15 July. [Enter your abstract here.](#)

To let the ECS Council know that you would like to support and sponsor this symposium and competition contact: secretariat@iufost.org, attention ECS Council.

IUFOST Scientific Roundtable Discussion on Food Culture and Traditional Foods,

the 8th in the IUFOST series, attracted a great deal of attention and featured scientific experts from industry, academia and government from all parts of the world. A brief look at the findings confirmed the special advantages of food materials unique to different regions and the need to protect them. It was agreed that scientific methodologies need to be further developed and used to strengthen the connection between food and health. The understanding of food as a part of culture needs to be enhanced. Innovation is needed to build sustainable capacity for traditional foods and healthy diets. Actions in the form of publications, further related Roundtables, investigation into industry innovation, research opportunities and collaboration across disciplines mark the next actions.

WHO Launches consultation on Global Strategy for Food Safety

WHO has launched a public web-based consultation on the WHO Global Strategy for Food Safety. Please note that the public consultation is open until 18 June, 23:59, CEST. Please refer to the WHO webpage (<https://www.who.int/news-room/articles-detail/public-consultation-on-the-draft-who-global-strategy-for-food-safety>) for the full draft strategy and also the general guidance for the submission of comments.

IUFOST and IAFoST People in the News:

IAFoST Fellow is the New President of the University of Campinas, Brazil

IAFoST fellow **Antonio José de Almeida Meirelles** was inducted as the President (Rector) of the University of Campinas for 2021-2024 on Monday, April 19, 2021. He was the Director of the School of Food Engineering (Faculdade de Engenharia de Alimentos) when UNICAMP's Food Engineering undergraduate course received international accreditation from IUFOST. He holds Bachelor and Master degrees in food engineering from UNICAMP, a doctorate in Thermal Processes Engineering from the Martin Luther Universität (Germany) and doctorate in Economic Science from UNICAMP. UNICAMP has

1,971 professors, 92 researchers, 18,127 undergraduate students, 3,956 Master students and 5,530 doctoral students. It places second in the list of the leading universities in Latin America.

The “Dehydrator Bible” makes ‘Top 28’ list of the New York Times

The “Dehydrator Bible” co-authored by Jennifer Mackenzie, Jay Nutt, and **Donald Mercer** was selected as one of “The 28 Best Gifts for Mom” for Mother’s Day 2021 according to the *New York Times Wirecutter Magazine* (May 3, 2021). The Dehydrator Bible was recommended as an inspirational companion to a home food dehydrator. Don Mercer, an IAFoST Fellow, also recently published “Concepts of Small-scale food processing” through the Royal Society of Chemistry.

EVENTS and Activities to note:

1. **Superheated Steam Drying of Foods: Some Recent Advances**, a webinar presented by Sakamon Devahastin, King Mongkut’s University of Technology, Thailand, on behalf of ISFE (International Society of Food Engineering*). Tomorrow - 21 May, 09.00 Mexico, 14.00 UTC. Register here: <https://itesm.zoom.us/j/84439934977>. [Programme details here.](#)
2. **Student Motivation and Engagement in Synchronous Online Teaching**, a webinar presented by IUFOST Education Working Group 1.2, 17 June 2021, 07.00 Eastern Time (GMT-4), 13.00 European Central Time, 19.00 Beijing. [Information and registration](#)
3. **11th Annual IUFOST/CIFST International Forum on Food Safety and Health**, 11-13 August 2021 presented in Beijing and virtually. More news coming.
4. **INNOVA 10, 10 International Symposium of Food Innovation and Development**, 27 September - 1 October 2021, Uruguay. See <https://innova-uy.com/site/reglamento?refresh=gKeGoa> for information regarding abstracts.
5. **35th EFFoST* International Conference: Healthy individuals, Resilient Communities, and Global Food Security**, 1-4 November 2021, Abstract submission deadline is 28 May. For more information <http://www.fffostconference.com/>

1. ISFE- Special Interest and Disciplinary Grouping associated with IUFOST
2. EFFoST- European Regional Grouping of IUFOST

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