



## NEWS BRIEF 7 - June 2019

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### Greetings to the IUFoST Community!

In this edition we feature IUFoST's presence and engagement in three global events held in Egypt, China and Switzerland respectively, demonstrating the truly global nature of our engagement in Food Science. We also take this opportunity to announce that Dr. Mansel Griffiths, Professor Emeritus at the University of Guelph, Canada has been appointed at the IUFoST Treasurer. In addition, IUFoST has announced the recruitment of a new Executive Director. Finally a reminder to please send your news worthy contributions for future editions to [secretariat@iufost.org](mailto:secretariat@iufost.org).

### AFRICA FOOD MANUFACTURING CONFERENCE IN EGYPT

Africa Food manufacturing was held on April 7, 8, & 9 2019 at Egypt International Exhibition Centre, Cairo, Egypt. The event included a section for exhibitors to showcase their services and products, and a section for a scientific conference to discuss food safety and food manufacturing issues in the region.

The conference hosted professors from various universities, food scientists, industries, and students, local and abroad. Mr Atef Idriss represented IUFoST at this prestigious conference.

During the first day, there was a press conference to open the exhibition and conference, as well as launch Food Ingredients Exhibition in the MENA region which will be held during 2020. The first track which was titled 'Food science & technology: Pre-harvest factors, tools, techniques and instrumentation', and was opened by Mr. Atef Idriss, MEFOSEA CEO, who tackled sections specific to IUFoST areas of focus, namely food safety, food security and education..



### IUFoST/CIFST INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON FOOD SAFETY and HEALTH

The 10th edition of this annual Forum was preceded by a seminar on hygienic design to facilitate the healthy development of the fermented milk industry held 16 and 17 April. The Forum brought together international and Chinese experts to discuss a broad range of topics in plenary and 10 sessions devoted to specific issues, such as the sustainable development of palm oil.

IUFoST was represented by the President, Professor Mary K. Schmidl who served as co-chair of the Forum and gave a lecture on obesity in children. Past President of the International Council for Science, Dr. Gordon McBean, presented a lecture on integrating strategies for addressing food and health within Agenda 2030. IUFoST Board members Drs. Gerald Moy and Vish Prakash also gave plenary presentations. In addition, a number of IAFoST Fellows participated in the Forum, including Dr. Leon Gorris, Dr. Pingfan Rao, Judith Meech and IUFoST Board member Dr Wang Shou. The Forum was attended by over 600 international and domestic food scientists and technologists.

For more information, see [ifofs.org](http://ifofs.org) .

### INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON FOOD SAFETY & TRADE IN GENEVA

This Forum follows on from the FAO/WHO/African Union Conference on Food Safety that was held in Addis Ababa in February 2019 in which IUFoST was represented by Dr. Leon Gorris who reported on this conference previously. The Forum was opened by the Directors General of WTO, FAO, WHO and OIE and examined the challenges and opportunities arising from rapid technological changes and digitalization in food systems. With about 500 participants from over 180 countries, the forum will result in discussions and recommendations of the key thematic areas, namely th digitalization and its impact on health and trade; ensuring synergy between food safety and trade facilitation and promoting harmonized food safety regulation in a period of change and innovation. IUFoST was represented at this meeting by IUFoST Board member Dr. Gerald Moy who promoted the IUFoST Food Safety Curricula as an essential capacity building component.

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## New IUFOST Treasurer

On 16 May 2019, the Board of Directors of IUFOST confirmed the appointment of Dr. Mansel Griffiths, Professor Emeritus at Guelph University, Canada to be the new Treasurer of IUFOST. He has a long relationship with IUFOST and has most recently served as a member of the IUFOST Education Committee charged by the World Bank to develop global food safety curricula at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Dr. Mary K. Schmidl, IUFOST President, stated that she was pleased that the Board had selected someone of Dr. Griffith's stature to serve in this important position of the organization, which also includes membership on the IUFOST Executive Committee and Board. The Board also gave a special thank you to the outgoing Treasurer, Dr. Margaret Patterson, for her excellent contribution in up-grading the financial software and her untiring service to IUFOST.

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## Vacancy Announcement of IUFOST Executive Director

**Location/Position:** Working from home with good internet connectivity, but some international travel  
Full time fixed-term, initial 6-month contract, renewable; US\$45,000 per annum with health benefits.

### Role in Brief:

The Executive Director (ED) provides leadership and administrative continuity from administration to administration of the Union. This leadership role involves day-to-day interaction with the President and ensures that the Union delivers its activities and programs in accordance with its By-Laws and its Strategic Plan through best practices in good governance. The ED works closely with the President, the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors and liaises with IUFOST Adhering Bodies (national food science and technology institutes and organizations) as well as other key stakeholders. The ED assists the Union in obtaining financial support from donors, such as governments and industry and coordinates the marketing and promotion of IUFOST. The ED's priorities and objectives are determined from time to time jointly by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. The ED will report on activities and performance at Executive Committee and Board meetings to keep them apprised of progress against plans and budgets.

Note: The ED may not be elected to Office in the Union or be a voting member of the General Assembly. The ED is expected to attend Executive Committee, Board and General Assembly meetings as a resource person. The ED must act in the best interests of the Union, treating all Adhering Bodies equally. Responsibilities: include:  
Governance

- Working with the President, the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, Scientific Council, Academy Council and governance committees, ensure that the activities of IUFOST are consistent with its Articles, By-Laws and Board-approved operating policies and procedures.
- Work with Articles and Bylaws Committee to assist that committees develop changes to the Articles and Bylaws to keep those consistent with best practice and the Not-For-

Profit Corporations Act of Canada and regulations of Canadian Revenue Agency.

- Monitor the work of committees, including guiding the chairs as required, and report to the President, the Executive Committee and Board any concerns identified.
- Maintains official records and documents and ensures compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
- Jointly, with the President, the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, writes official correspondence on behalf of the Union, and jointly, with designated officers, executes legal documents within delegated authorities, such as sponsorships, website/social media services, newsletters and financial services.

Strategy and business planning:

- Supports the Board of Directors in developing the Strategic Plan and policies and procedures that enable IUFOST to successfully meet on its goals.
- Supports the President and the Executive Committee in implementing of the Strategic Plan and related policies and procedures as defined in the bylaws and the Board of Directors.
- Creates and manages a rolling business plan in line with the Strategic Plan which delivers IUFOST's ongoing work as well as developing new programs of activity through the cooperation and involvement of the Union's Adhering Bodies and other stakeholders.
- Provides information and reports for the Executive Committee and Board of Directors to monitor performance of activities and projects against the agreed plan, as necessary, for the Board to function effectively and make informed decisions.
- As needed, interacts with Regional Groups and Adhering Bodies and other entities within IUFOST, such as committees and task forces.

Financial Management, Performance and Controls:

- Together with the Treasurer and Finance Committee, develops and maintains sound financial policies and processes.
- Together with the Treasurer, Finance Committee, Audit and Risk Committee and the Board of Directors, prepares a budget and ensures compliance with budget.
- Monitors and reports on funding to ensure the Union continues to remain financial viable to carry out its work.
- Maintains a Risk Register together with the Audit and Risk Committee notifying the Executive Committee and the Board of any undue risks.

External Representation

- Enhances IUFOST's reputation by representing the Union externally in the community and by working closely with other stakeholders, such as governments, international organizations, non-governmental and donor organizations, etc.
- Is responsible for ensuring public and media relations, communication and marketing activity ensuring that the Union's activities are communicated effectively.

Other responsibilities as agreed with the Board of Directors.

In addition, the incumbent will perform other duties as agreed with the IUFOST Board of Directors

Applicants should send the curriculum vitae to Dr. Mary K. Schmidl, President, IUFOST [mschmidl@umn.edu](mailto:mschmidl@umn.edu)

**Closing dated: 20 June 2019**